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School
Bond
Election
Results:
For: 158
Against: 179

Can You Say "Back to Back"? Chavarria a State Champion



By Thomas Hanson

On Monday, May 9, the quest for another state golf championship for Liz Chavarria began. Playing in the last group of the day, the first round started out a little rough with bogies on the first two holes. After settling down and relaxing, Liz commenced to playing the best golf of the tournament. At the completion of the first day, Liz had shot

a 75 and was leading the field. Taking her three shot lead into the second day, Liz now had one of the earliest tee times. Playing some of the steadiest golf of the year, Liz would not give the other girls a chance to catch her. The closest competition would come from two girls from Melissa. They tried to put the pressure on Liz to make a mistake, but she would

not. Liz carried a two stroke lead for most of the last nine holes. Clutch pars on the last three holes secured the two stroke victory and gave Liz Chavarria (75-75-150) back to back state 2A state championships. Congratulations Liz on a super year!!!! Can you say "threepeat"?!

Allison Park

Sutton County Commissioners are doing their best to keep Allison Park open. We understand that people like to go to the Park and the Commissioners are committed to allowing that to happen. We are, however, having some serious problems that must be addressed so that the Park can continue to be enjoyed.

There are signs at the Park asking that people please carry away their trash (as there is no trash service at the Park) and that people start no fires due to the extreme drought. Having any kind of open fire is punishable by a \$500.00 fine. In addition, latrines or make-shift bathrooms are not allowed. Although many folks follow these rules, there are other who do not.

Please take care of your park so that we may keep it open.

Take your trash out!
NO open fires of any kind!
NO latrines or makeshift bathrooms!
Obey traffic laws!
Be courteous to others using the park!

Images From Cinco De Mayo

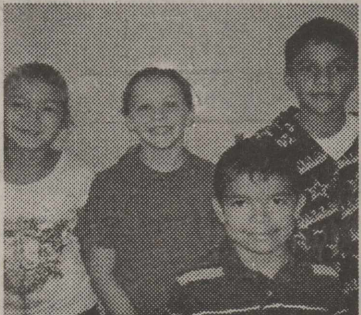


Lions Roar



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Students of the Week



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Varsity Boys Track Showcased At The State Meet

By Eddie Favila

The Sonora Varsity Boys Track Team travel to Austin this past weekend to compete in the State UIL Track and Field meet. The competition was very tough but they were able to bring a bronze medal and some personal best times back with them.

The Sprint Relay team of Darien Lopez, Jesse Guerrero, Zac Badeaux, and Gunter Pennington started the meet with a time of 43.26 to place seventh. The team ran their second fastest time of the year and competed hard against a real fast field. The team will return three of the legs next year and hope to return to the state meet next year. In the next race Jesse Guerrero ran a 49.68 to bring home the bronze medal. Jesse's medal was the first medal in track and field since Brett McDaniel placed second in the discus in 2006. Jesse has represented Sonora at the State Track meet the last three years and has represented Sonora with a lot of pride. Dallas Payne competed at the State Meet in the 300 hurdles. He placed fifth with a time of 39.64. This was Dallas' first trip to the meet and it was the first time that the alternate was allowed at The State Meet. He had the

best time of all the third places and was able to compete at the meet. Dallas took advantage of his fortunes and was able to beat out a lot of first and second places from the other regions. The 4X400 Meter Relay team of Will Dunn, Robert Chavez, Dallas Payne and Jesse Guerrero ran to a fifth place finish. The team was able to run their best time of the year and they were able to break the school record in the process. The relay's time of 3:20.15 broke a record that stood for 13 years. The team that held the record was Graham Bloodworth, Terry Stone, Kasey Wood and Justin Mathews. The team's time was a 3:21.03 that they ran at the Regional Meet in Odessa. The track team had a great season by winning their second consecutive district title and winning The Regional Meet for the first time in nine years. The track team is bringing back many of under classmen but they team will have to replace some good seniors that will be graduating this year. We wish the seniors good luck in the future and good luck to Jesse Guerrero, Will Dunn, and Ethan Morriss that will move on to compete at the college level!!!

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for Results
and Pictures
of the
Industrial Arts
State
Competition

Lady Broncos Finish The Season In Austin



By Tiffany Weston

Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell

The Lady Broncos had a GREAT finish to a GREAT season! Not very many people have the opportunity to compete at the state track meet and for us to take a bus load of kids to Austin is a great accomplishment. We had 4 girls who got the chance to experience competing with the VERY best. Three of those girls are seniors and will forever take with them the memory of their very last high school track meet being the state meet. They also take with them a couple of very

impressive school records. These three seniors are Nicole Lipham, Morgan Smith and Chelsey Lou Campbell. They have run the sprint relay together since they were sophomores. Together they have broken the school record about 5 times in the last 2 years. This year, with the help of sophomore Jacinda Sanchez, they earned a gold medal and regional champion plaque in this event as well as a trip to State. At regionals they ran a time of 49.8 and blew away their competition.

At the state meet, they ran a perfect race and bettered their time to a 49.6 and finished 8th in the State. Chelsey Lou also competed in the 300 hurdles as the 9th qualifier from regionals. She ran a personal record and re-broke the school record with a time of 45.62. She finished 6th in the State. Jacinda Sanchez qualified in the Long Jump. She jumped 17'8 1/2" and finished 5th. Jaye has a lot to look forward to in the future with 2 years to go. She will be a great leader next year and eager to get back to the state meet. Brianah Creek and Melissa Freeman both traveled with the relay as alternates. They warmed up with the team, wore their uniforms and took in the whole experience the same as everyone else. They will also be looking for a chance next year to be a part of this again. I'm so proud of my whole track team and look forward to my future with these girls.

Class Of 1961 Honors Local 2011 Graduate

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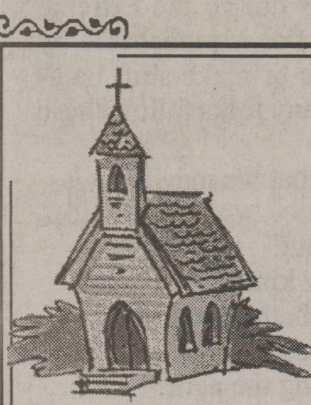
Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. May 19 - Free Hearing Tests w/ New Sound
- Fri. May 20 - Cooking w/ Kelly
- Mon. May 23 - Bingo
- Tues. May 24 - Exercise Video
- Wed. May 25 - Blood Pressure Checks

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. May 19 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot salad, oatmeal cookie, milk
- Fri. May 20 - Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, milk, green beans, wheat roll, angel food cake
- Mon. May 23 - Beef tips w/gravy, white rice, wheat bread, Brussels sprouts, apple, Oreo cookie, milk
- Tues. May 24 - Herb baked chicken, seasoned corn, milk, mixed veggies, wheat roll, apricots
- Wed. May 25 - Chopped steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, Capri veggies, wheat bread, banana pudding

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



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Community Members:

I would like to thank the members of the Sonora ISD Bond Committee for the many hours you served developing needs assessments and areas to be addressed by a proposed bond. Your service was invaluable and I appreciate your time and input.

I would also like to thank the members of the community who agreed, in the event of a successful bond election, to serve on a Bond Oversight Committee. I appreciate your interest and willingness to serve.

Thanks to all of you.
 Sincerely,
 Don Gibson, Superintendent
 Sonora Independent School District

Dear Editor,

Over the last few weeks, I have watched the drama over the school bond election play out in your paper. As a parent, a taxpayer, a former student, and the wife of a school board member, anything involving the school, also involves me.

I think that the debate goes beyond the bond, it involves many years of frustration. Since the bond failed to pass last Saturday, I feel quite sure that the school board will try again on the November election date. I understand that the school needs the money; however, I do not feel that we have been given enough of a guarantee as to how the money will be spent. It is a "slush" bond; the school board can spend it on whatever they want. I also understand that, while it should not be a matter of academics or athletics, it usually is.

By building a new field house, which costs have run over \$4 million, and filling it with \$90,000+ worth of new equipment because, "you wouldn't put used upholstery in a new Cadillac" and \$5,000 worth of flat screen T.V.'s, while our science and chemistry labs are in serious need, we are telling our children that athletics is more important than academics. We are telling them that if you are not involved in sports and are more academically inclined, you are not as valuable, and less worthy of our funds and attention than the student who is also an athlete. I would like to know which will take you further in life, the lessons you learn in Algebra, Chemistry, History, English, etc., or the biceps you built up in the off-season? Why was a field house put before the science labs and windows? I know that the science lab conditions were purportedly not made known to the school board until after construction had already begun on the field house. My question is, isn't it your job as a school board member or administrator to know these things, and let the powers that be know these things? The main purpose of any school is to educate a student. I understand that athletics play a major role in teaching important life lessons; I am not saying that our children should not have "extracurricular opportunities". What I AM saying is these opportunities should be EXTRAcurricular. I am also saying that when we have the same number of coaches as a 5A school (21), and we are spending money we don't have to replace equipment that is perfectly safe and in good working condition, for 27% of the student population, and the athletic department budget is 4.5% of the entire school budget, you are correct. It is NOT a matter of academics or athletics; academics already lost. From 1965-1971, the Sonora Broncos went to the State Championship football game five (5) times. There were six (6) coaches, two junior high, two j.v., and two varsity. From 2005-2011, the Sonora Broncos went to the State Championship football game zero times. There has been an average of 17 coaches per school year, in the last six years.

In a recent conversation with Sonora ISD's superintendent, one student's grandparent (who happens to have won 3 gold and 2 silver medals at STATE track meets and who played in at least two state football games) was told that instead of accommodating or challenging his grandson, who has an IQ of 149 (Einstein's was 145), the student was considered a discipline problem and should be enrolled in a private school with "more strict schedules and rules". If this student showed potential as an athlete, would the response have been different? Do you know how many professional athletes have come out of Sonora High School since its first graduates in 1902? Very few, if any!! Do you know how many doctors, lawyers, engineers, and successful business people have graduated from Sonora High School? Hundreds!! Would it not make much more sense to employ one less coach and one more academic instructor? Why don't we have anyone who can teach those kids, pre-k through 12th grade, who are very intelligent? Those kids who are tired of listening to the same lesson being taught for the seventh time? Those kids who are no longer learning because they have tuned it all out and have become "discipline problems"? Last week, I received four applications for my child to attend a summer camp at Sonora High School; all of them were athletic camps; football, basketball, volleyball, and track. Where are the applications for music, art, and science camps? Oh yeah, we don't have the facilities! Where are our priorities? Are we more concerned about our children's athletic career or their future in the real world, the one they will pursue after they leave Sonora schools?

Thank You,
 Erica Berry

First United Methodist Church

201 NW Water Ave.
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 Ray Wells, Pastor

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:55 Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Worship available from 9:30 - 12:30</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p>12:00 Lion's Club</p>
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Wednesday

6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall	6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House
7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House	

Thank You Notes

The Junior Class would held the 2011 Junior Senior Prom - Light Up the Night, April 30, 2011, at the middle school gym. The prom turned out a huge success. There are many parents, students, teachers, and businesses that contributed in some way to making this year's event a hit.

Some of these parents included Carol Leonard, David and Kay Creek, Rachel Aguerro, Kaci Lankford, John and Sharon Creek for loaning us all your tables, chairs, and trailer to haul everything. Still more Junior parents donated money and/or food for the prom. Certainly some parents may have been overlooked but are still very much appreciated.

In addition, Parker Lumber donated items for decoration. Electric by Deb loaned the Juniors their Genie lift, which without it, would have been impossible to have held the event at the school. Thank you to Mr. Chavarria for being so agreeable during decorating time. Thank you to the Seniors for showing up and making this year's prom so much fun. Good luck to next year's Junior Class.

Sonora Intermediate School would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2 - May 6, 2011. Thank you to all the parents that brought us goodies and snacks for us to enjoy during the week.

Thank you to Anna Johnson for organizing this wonderful treat. We also want to send out a big thank you to The Bank and Trust of Sonora for providing us with a delicious noon meal.

We thank each of you with gratitude in our hearts for your thoughtfulness.

There are about 20 eighth grade students going to Washington and New York this May/June for an educational trip.

We have received donations from several businesses here in town to help pay for our luggage/airport fees and would like to thank them publicly for their generosity.

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Serena Allison	Rose Karnes
James Bean	Nicole Lipham
Amelia Butler	Lizette Lira
Chelsey Lou Campbell	Damian Lopez
Daniela Cano	Preston Lopez
Leandra Castaneda	Matthew Martinez
Osbauldo Castaneda	Kashmiere McGee
Dustin Crittendon	Ethan Morris
Colyer Dermody	Shane Patlan
Jesus Garcia	Bailey Joe Pennington
Ryan Garmon	Ashley Perez
Jorge Gaytan	Marilee Reyna
Ashley Guerra	Christina Robbins
Yaricxa Guerrero	Christina Rodriguez
Austin Hampton	Caleb Shurtum
Crystal Hildalgo	Morgan Smith
Rebecca Ann Hudson	Cody Snyder
Stephanie Hulse	Ariella Trevino
Kallie Humphrey	Morgan Vyulecka

Out of Town:
 Brandon Velez - San Antonio

Lions Roar



L to R: Coach Keith Hudson, Isaac Fraire, Brianna Jarrett, Andrew Martinez, Coach Cades Pope

Submitted

Our Lions Club had a wonderful group of distinguished and hard working guests at our luncheon program last week - three Students of the Week from our Middle School graced our meeting and all spoke to the assembled membership. They were: 8th grader Isaac Fraire, 7th grader Brianna Jarrett and 6th grader Andrew Martinez. These young student/athletes spoke of their families and academics as well as their athletic endeavors.

Joining our students were the coaches who will lead Sonora's 7 on 7 Football Team to College Station and the 2nd

consecutive appearance in the State Championship in July. Volunteer coaches Keith Hudson and Cades Pope spoke on the qualification process and the need for local support. In a move to foster the Sonora economy the coaches, with community support, will host a State-Qualifying Tournament (SQT) at Bronco Stadium on May 28, 2011. The teams that will appear are: Ozona, Iraan, Llano, Crane, Sonora, Alpine, Bangs, and Ingram. Financial support is needed from the Bronco Nation in order to offset the anticipated cost of this tournament to the Community. UIL rules prohibit the SISD from playing any role in these tour-

naments. This is a Community event. Cades Pope/Carol Pope @ 226.3303, 226.3205 will coordinate the pick up of donations. The Tournament starts @ 9am with four games: Sonora vs. Ingram, Ozona vs. Bangs, Crane vs. Alpine & Llano vs. Iraan. Games will also be played at 10am & 11am with the Championship game @ 2pm at Bronco Stadium. Mark your calendar... come out and support your Broncos.

The Sonora Lions Club announces the following scholarships and awards to deserving Sonora High School Seniors as selected by our board. Awards will be presented at the Lions Lunch honoring these Students at the 1st United Methodist Church - 11:50 am on May 24, 2011.

LION'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

\$1000.00 George D. Wallace Memorial Scholarship
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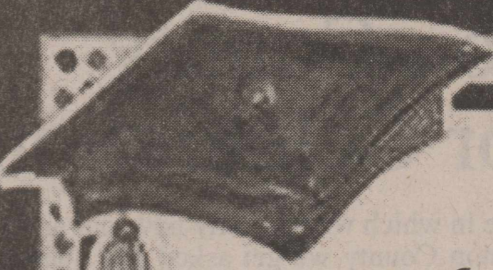
\$1000.00 John A. Ward Memorial Scholarship
Christina Rodriguez

\$1000.00 Virgil Polocek Memorial Scholarship
Jesus Garcia, Jr

(In alphabetical order)
\$ 500.00 Dulce Acosta
\$ 500.00 James Bean
\$ 500.00 Luanda Castaneda
\$ 500.00 Ashley Guerra
\$ 500.00 Kasha McGee
\$ 250.00 Colyer Dermody
\$ 250.00 Courtney James
\$ 250.00 Preston Lopez
\$ 250.00 Ethan Morriss

SERVICE AWARDS

\$1000.00 Marissa Prieto
\$ 500.00 Rose Karnes



Senior Selections

Dulce Acosta	Rose Karnes
Amelia Butler	Nicole Lipham
Dustin Crittendon	Kash McGee
Colyer Dermody	Ethan Morriss
Austin Hampton	Bailey Joe Pennington
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Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 4th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 17, 2011. Your support is appreciated!

LIONS CAMP AT KERRVILLE FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED is available on a first come basis and is free. This one week camp is for Diabetics children on insulin, Physically disabled children and Down Syndrome children. For additional information contact Col. Pete Bradley 325.387.6282 or go to Lions camp.com

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Sutton County Survivor Celebration

As we near the time in which we normally have our annual Relay For Life in Sutton County we get asked one question regularly, "When is Relay For Life this year?" Sadly, we are not going to have Relay For Life in 2011. We were not able to secure enough teams to participate to coordinate an event. The teams that did register were full of enthusiasm and very supportive.

This year the committee decided to have a Survivor Celebration Dinner that is open to our entire community on May 21, 2011 at the Sonora High School Commons Area from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As usual, survivors will dine for FREE and all others will be asked to donate \$10 per enchilada dinner catered by Maria's Kitchen and donated by NALCO. You can either dine with us or just stop by and pick your plate. Please purchase meal tickets at Maria's Kitchen by May 18th for \$10. We plan to have a wonderful meal, celebrate our survivors, view Sonora's photo slideshow, and last but not least, the Luminaria Ceremony.

The committee has also coordinated a raffle for a Sanyo flat screen HDTV and a Brinkman Dual Zone BBQ pit. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each at the Bank & Trust. The drawing will be held at the Survivor Celebration and you need not be present to win.

Sun Safety Tips For Kids And Teens

(StatePoint) There's no such thing as a healthy tan, say experts, especially among kids and teens.

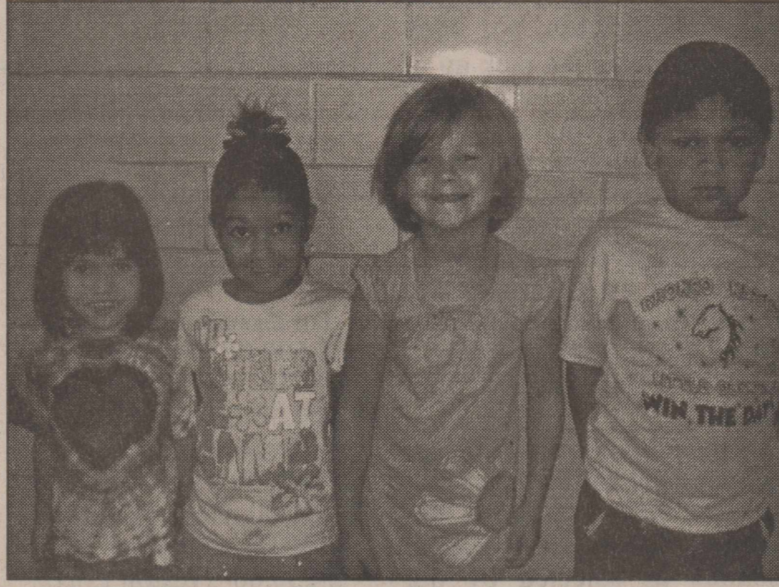
"Children need to be protected from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, even on cloudy days," says Dr. O. Marion Burton, president of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "Parents should make sure kids and teens are using a waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher when outdoors."

The AAP also strongly cautions teenagers against using tanning salons. While it may be a growing fad among teens today, artificial tanning is not risk-free and can cause skin cancer and eye damage just like sun tanning.

For more information, visit www.healthychildren.org.

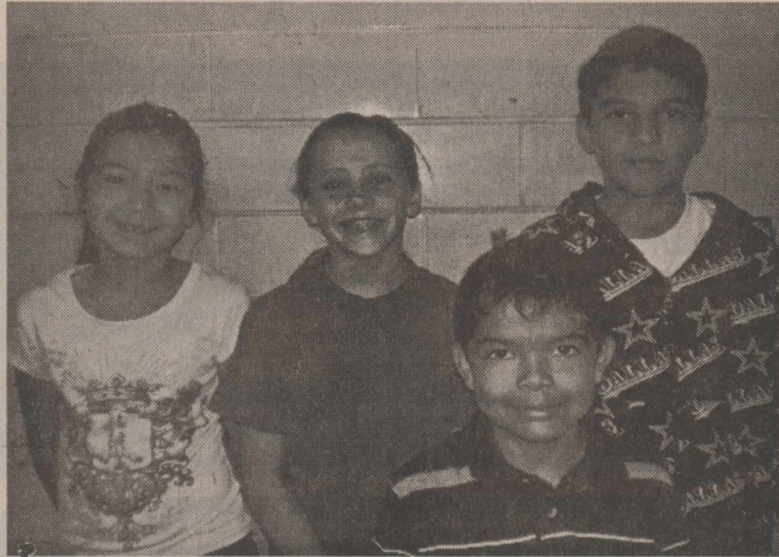
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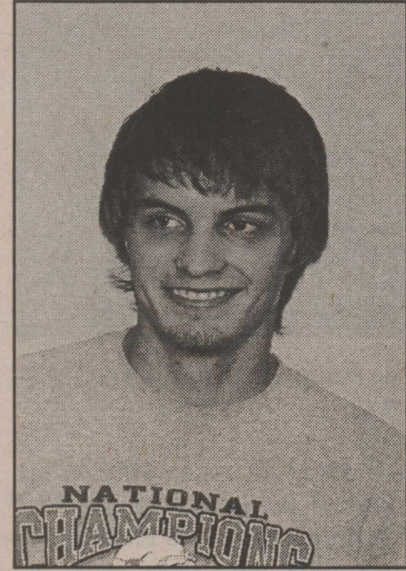
L to R: Rylie Thorp, Alyna Saenz, Kristina Zabecki, Miguel Meza

Intermediate

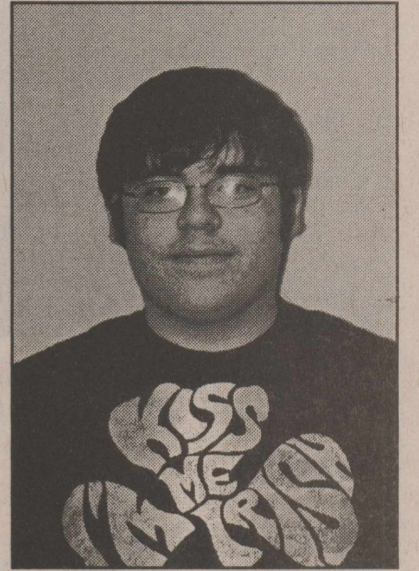


L to R: Jacqualine Baez, Reagan O'Brien, Elias Perez, Marcos Talamantes

High School



Senior Austin Hampton is the son of Steven and Marcie Hampton. His favorite class is Mrs. Sadler and his favorite teacher is Ms. Ann Morriss. Austin likes sour gummy worms and dislikes Al-Qaeda. Austin is in One Act Play, Basketball and part of the football team, he also plays guitar on his spare time. Austin moved here from Levelland, Texas after freshman year and his favorite thing about Sonora high is great people. His plans are to go to SPC then transfer to Texas Tech



Junior Jesse Amador is the son of Chris Gonzales and Jesse Amador Sr. His favorite class is Photojournalism and Newspaper and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Martin. Jesse likes UIL, Pizza and hanging around with friends, and dislikes homework and those annoying peacocks by the high school. Jesse is in band and UIL. He moved here in the 1st grade from San Angelo and his favorite things about high school is the teachers and hour lunch on Fridays. He plans to go to college after graduation.

Community Spotlight

Father Chris Roque

Chris Roque has been a peace officer for over 10 years, but he serves in a second capacity as the Police Department's Chaplain and pastor of the St Johns Episcopal Church.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."
Matthew 5:9



The Business Meeting

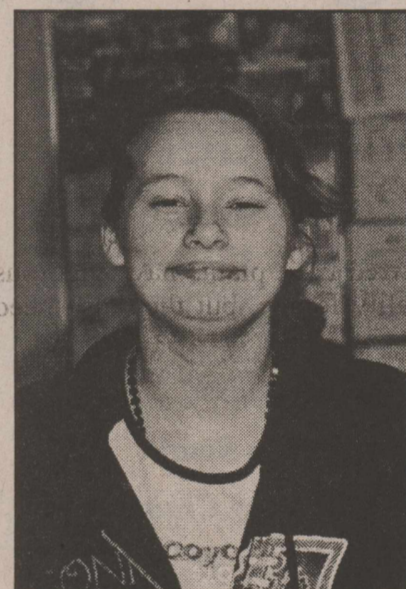
A business woman named Cindy was in the airport VIP lounge on her way to Los Angeles. While in the VIP lounge, she noticed Donald Trump sitting on the sofa enjoying a brandy. As luck would have it, Cindy was meeting with a very important client who was running somewhat late.

Being a bold business woman, Cindy decided to go ahead and approach Mr. Trump, and introduced herself. Much to her surprise Mr. Trump turned out to be very nice. Encouraged by this she explained to "the Donald" that she was about to close a very important business deal and that she would be very grateful if he could say a quick "hello Cindy" to her when she was with her client. Mr. Trump consented to do just that.

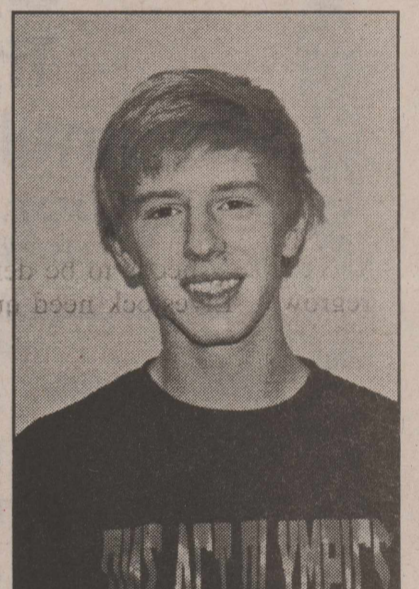
Ten minutes later while Cindy was speaking with her client, she felt a rap on her shoulder. It was Donald Trump. Cindy turned about and looked at him as Trump said.

"Hi Cindy, what's going on?"

To which Cindy glibly replied, "Not now, Donald, can't you see I'm in a meeting!"



Junior Natasha Burrage is the daughter of Bobby Burrage. Her favorite classes are Art and English 3. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Cummings. Natasha likes cats, movies, ice cream and video games while disliking clowns, spiders and Math. She has lived in Sonora for over a year moving from Ringgold, Georgia where she was in the J.R.O.T.C. Natasha's favorite thing about Sonora H.S. is the teachers, the library, and off-campus lunch. Her plans after graduation are to attend college for Forensic Psychology.



Junior Zachary Leonard is the son of Gary and Carol Leonard. His favorite class is theatre productions and favorite teachers are Mrs. Morriss and Mr. Scroggins. Zach likes Speech, Debate, Theatre, and Basketball. He is involved with 4-H, Student Council, NHS, Spanish Club and FCS. He also takes time away from school to attend Youth Group at FBC Sonora. Zach has lived in Sonora for 8 years, moving from Del Rio. His favorite thing about Sonora H.S. is being able to be involved in everything. After high school he plans to pursue theatre in college.

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Burned Rangeland Needs Proper Management

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



There have been numerous wildfires in our area, and though we haven't had significant rainfall yet, it will come some day. Land managers should remember to exercise caution when it comes time to graze livestock on recently burned pastures. Proper management is necessary to prevent serious grass damage after a fire.

With any fire, prescribed or wild, ensuring grass survival is a primary management goal. Livestock benefit nutritionally from the tender green forage regrowth fire provides. But if post-burn grazing is not done correctly, the grass will suffer and any short-term livestock nutritional benefits will be lost. Grasses need enough green growth to produce food for a healthy root system.

Top growth supplies food for the roots to function and grow, and the roots absorb the water and nutrients needed by the above-ground growth to manufacture food. When overgrazing occurs, root growth stops. When root growth stops, the root system shrinks. Small root systems weaken the plant and make it unable to compete with neighboring weeds and brush for water and nutrients.

Fire makes new green plant material available by removing old growth. Grazing animals prefer this new growth. If a fire doesn't remove the old, coarse growth from an entire pasture, livestock will concentrate on the burned patches and avoid the unburned areas. Animals will keep grazing these burned patches and eventually damage the plants. Uniform burns across a whole pasture remove all old plant growth and level the playing field, allowing new growth from all the grasses.

Less desirable grasses and unpalatable old-growth plants are more likely to be grazed after burning. The new growth makes them more palatable, and higher in protein. This improved forage quality can benefit livestock performance, but it only lasts three to six months. Young cattle, thin animals, and those in early lactation benefit most from the improved nutritional quality following a fire. Of course, post-burn grazing depends on adequate rainfall to stimulate grass regrowth.

Grazing needs to be deferred until plants have vigorous regrowth. Livestock need quality forage, but they also need adequate quantities to meet their nutritional requirements. In addition, grazing should be gauged according to available regrowth. No more than 50 to 60 percent of a grass plant's new top-growth should ever be removed. The bottom line though, is that burned pastures will recover with enough rainfall, time, and proper grazing management.

Texas Survival Stories Show Need for Disaster Plans

The Texas Department of State Health Services has released its Surviving Disaster: How Texans Prepare documentary series about Texas disasters and emergency preparation.

The series is now available to view online at TexasPrepares.org.

"The series puts a human face on disasters and reinforces how to prepare," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS commissioner. "We are putting the documentaries into the hands of people across Texas so they can hold a screening locally, share them with others and create or improve their disaster plans."

This short-documentary series shows the impact a disaster can have on a community. The series features Texans telling stories of survival and sharing lessons they learned. Six eight-minute stories, produced in English and Spanish, make up the series. They are called:

- Surviving Hurricanes: Grab It and Go – Galveston and Bolivar Peninsula
- A Community Rebuilds: Recovering From Wildfires – Montague County
- Back to Business: Planning for Disasters – Beaumont
- Ready for Anything: Preparing for the Next Flood – Del Rio

•Winds of Destruction: A County's Lessons – Maverick County

•Facing Disasters: A Plan for Work and Home – Rio Grande Valley

The videos will be used as a tool for preparedness workers and community organizations to promote disaster preparedness in their areas. The contents of the DVD "extras" folder and documents at TexasPrepares.org can help viewers create their plans.

"Each year brings the threat of disasters and emergencies to Texas – from hurricanes and floods to tornadoes and wildfires," said W. Nim Kidd, Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management. "Being prepared for emergencies can help save lives and protect property. These videos are an excellent tool to help build public awareness about the need for everyone to have emergency plans in place."

"The series helps people visualize the impact of disasters and compels them to make a plan," Lakey said.

The series was produced as part of the state's Ready or Not campaign. Originally launched in 2007, Ready or Not is an ongoing multilingual public education campaign of DSHS to encourage Texans to prepare for emergencies. Through the campaign, the state provides resources that can be used locally to help Texans prepare, respond and recover if disaster strikes.

House Bill 1831 of the 81st Legislative Session directed DSHS to establish a program to educate Texans on disaster preparedness and appropriated funds for the effort, which includes the documentary series.

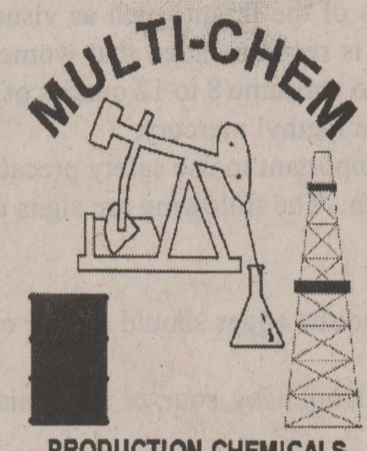
Mango Effective In Preventing, Stopping Certain Colon, Breast Cancer Cells

COLLEGE STATION - Mango. If you know little about this fruit, understand this: It's been found to prevent or stop certain colon and breast cancer cells in the lab. That's according to a new study by Texas AgriLife Research food scientists, who examined the five varieties most common in the U.S.: Kent, Francine, Ataulfo, Tommy/Atkins and Haden. Though the mango is an ancient fruit heavily consumed in many parts of the world, little has been known about its health aspects. The National Mango Board commissioned a variety of studies with several U.S. researchers to help determine its nutritional value.

"If you look at what people currently perceive as a superfood, people think of high antioxidant capacity, and mango is not quite there," said Dr. Susanne Talcott, who with her husband, Dr. Steve Talcott, conducted the study on cancer cells. "In comparison with antioxidants in blueberry, acai and pomegranate, it's not even close."

But the team checked mango against cancer cells anyway, and found it prevented or stopped cancer growth in certain breast and colon cell lines, Susanne Talcott noted.

"It has about four to five times less antioxidant capacity than an average wine grape, and it still holds up fairly well in anticancer activity. If you look at it from the physiological and nutritional standpoint, taking everything together, it would be a high-ranking super food," she said. "It would be good to include mangoes as part of the regular diet."




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Did you know heart disease can be prevented with the intake of seafood? Seafood intake in the United States is currently at about 3 ½ ounces per week, but according to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010, 8 ounces per week is recommended. Nutrients in seafood such as omega-3 fatty acids, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), are associated with reduced cardiac deaths among those with or without cardiovascular disease. Consuming a variety of seafood in amounts recommended outweigh the health risks associated with methyl mercury. Seafood varieties that are commonly consumed in the United States that are higher in EPA and DHA and lower in mercury include salmon, anchovies, herring, sardines, Pacific oysters, trout, and Atlantic and Pacific mackerel. High methyl mercury content seafood includes tilefish, shark, swordfish, and king mackerel.

Besides the health benefits of the general public, seafood is also important for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding due to positive health outcomes of the infant, such as visual and cognitive development. It is recommended that women who are pregnant or breastfeed to consume 8 to 12 ounces of a variety of seafood that are low in methyl mercury.

When buying seafood it is important to use safety precautions whether it is fresh or frozen. The following are signs to look for when buying seafood:

Fresh

- No darkening or drying around the edges should appear on the fish.
- Smell should be fresh and mild, not fishy, sour, or ammonia-like.
- Eyes should be clear and bulge a little.
- The flesh should spring back when pressed.

Frozen

- Avoid buying seafood in open, torn, or crushed packages.
- Avoid buying packages above the "frozen line" or top of the freezer case.
- Don't buy fish that has signs of frost or ice crystals.

Properly thawing seafood is also important and should be done by placing the frozen seafood in the refrigerator overnight. If you need to thaw the seafood quickly, place it in a tightly sealed plastic bag and immerse it into cold water.

It is important to keep your seafood safe until you eat it. If you plan to use it within two days, store it in the refrigerator. If the seafood will not be used within two days, store it in the freezer in a tightly, moisture proof packaging.

Cross-Contamination can easily occur between raw seafood and ready-to-eat food. To avoid cross-contamination:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water before and after handling raw food.
- Wash the cutting board with soap and warm water to remove any contaminants.

Some individuals are at greater risk of developing food borne illnesses, and should not eat raw or partially cooked seafood. These individuals include pregnant women, young children, older adults, immune-suppressed individuals, and individuals with decreased stomach acidity.

Whether you buy and eat fresh or frozen seafood, take advantage of its health benefits and consume at least 8 ounces per week.

A Farmers Law

One weekend a lawyer from New York decided to go bird hunting in Vermont. The lawyer drove to Vermont and found a good hunting spot near a farm. The lawyer sees a bird, shoots it and watches fall to the ground on the other side of the barns fence.

The lawyer, thinking to himself that's my bird I have to go get it, climbs the fence retrieves the bird and climbs back. Just as he gets back over the farmer comes up to him and says, "give me my bird." The lawyer says to him " your bird no no no I shot this bird it is mine."

"No" says the farmer, "it landed on my property it is mine." "Look" says the lawyer, "I am a lawyer, I will sue you , you will lose and I will get the duck." "No" says the farmer, "that's not how we do it here in Vermont, we use the three kick rule."

"Ok" says the lawyer, how does that work?" "I kick you three times as hard as I can, than you kick me as hard as you an three time and we keep going until one of us gives up." "Fine" says the lawyer, "let's go." "I'll go first" says the farmer. So the farmer kicks lawyer as hard as he can in the groin.

And just as lawyer is bent over in pain the farmer kicks him right in the face. now just as the lawyer is thinking what did I get myself into the farmer kicks him in the stomach. after the lawyer gets over the agonizing pain he says ok now it's my turn. No the farmer says, "I quit you can have the duck."

Lasers to Be Used to Help Document, Preserve Ancient Rock Art Project

COMSTOCK – Fragile and fading rock art painted thousands of years ago in rock shelters and caves by indigenous peoples at Seminole Canyon State Historic Site will soon benefit from the latest in laser technology.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, working in partnership with the National Park Service and SHUMLA Archeological Research and Education Center, has embarked on a technologically advanced program of documenting, monitoring, and preserving the rapidly deteriorating prehistoric rock art at Panther Cave.

Beginning on May 19 contractors at Seminole Canyon west of Comstock will employ LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) mapping techniques to create a 3-D map of Panther Cave, a large rock shelter just above the point where the canyon intersects the Rio Grande River along the banks of Lake Amistad. Panther Cave in Val Verde County is well-known for its dramatic Pecos River Style pictographs, including a large leaping cat and a number of anthropomorphic, or human-like, figures. The site is jointly managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and National Park Service.

Tim Roberts, TPWD's cultural resources coordinator for the region, says extremely detailed digital photos of the site's rock art will be overlaid onto a 3-D model of Panther Cave. The rock art site can be accessed by boat, but a chain link fence across the mouth of the shelter protects the fragile paintings within.

"The model will be used to help monitor the deterioration of the rock art and be available to visitors who are otherwise unable to access the site, initially at computer stations, at Seminole Canyon State Park and Amistad National Recreation Area," Roberts explains. "It also will be available to researchers at SHUMLA in Comstock and the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory."

The Panther Cave pictographs, which date as early as 4,300 years old based on available radiocarbon dates, have faced increased deterioration in recent years due to apparent increased wasp nesting activities and possibly higher humidity levels within the shelter since the impoundment of Lake Amistad in the late 1960s.

Each year thousands of visitors from all over the world find their way to the limestone canyons of the Lower Pecos River country. The main reason most visit is to see the large, vibrant, multicolored paintings of pictographs of shamans, animals and other fantastical figures decorating the walls and ceilings of rock shelters in the area. Guided tours are available to some of these sites, including one to the Fate Bell Shelter in Seminole Canyon State Historic Site, that requires a short hike down from the park's visitor center on the canyon rim.

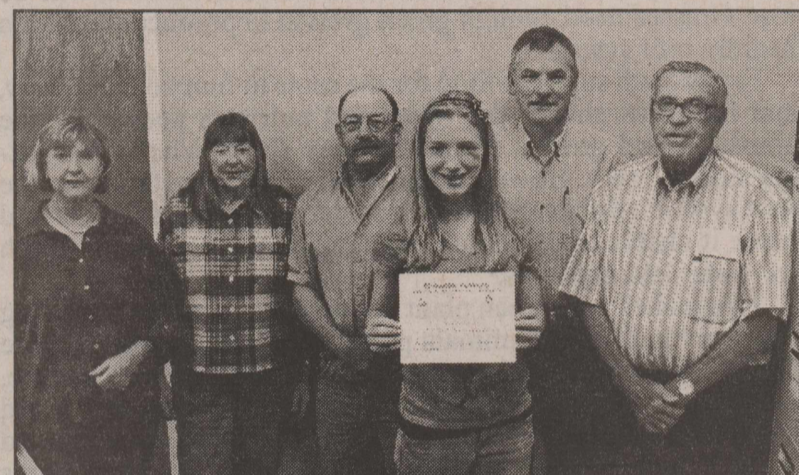
"Scientists will be able to compare the imagery resulting from this project with previous photographs to monitor weathering and other damage to the pictographs," Roberts says. "LiDAR's accuracy will allow us over time to not only see differences in the rock art, but also to better quantify the damage."

UWCD Poster and Essay Contest Winners

Every year the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors a Conservation Poster and Essay Contest. First place winners in each category received a certificate and a check for \$75.00. This year's winners are Sterling Hall, Essay for 14 yrs and up; Hazel Kent, Poster; Lillian Kent, Essay for 13 yrs and under.



Sterling Hall and Sutton County UWCD Board Members



Lillian Kent and Sutton County UWCD Board Members



Hazel Kent and Sutton County UWCD Board Members

*Go as far as
you can see;
when you get
there, you'll
be able to see
farther.*

J. P. Morgan

By: Ann Kay

Coming up events in the month May events for Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is Homecoming for Broncos Class of 1961. We are so happy to have all the class mates coming back to Sonora. We are planning some great activities for the returning Broncos. Summer is coming and we are going to plan some new summer activities in the down-

town area. I am so happy also that the 4th grades are coming to the Veterans from All Wars and Pioneer Ranch Women Museum on May 24th. Mrs. Fields has been teaching her history class about World War II. The children will learn about the heroes we have in our community. The students will also learn about some of our buildings in the historical downtown area and visit the Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum. The Red/ White/ Blue flowers will be place on the markers on Sutton County Courthouse lawn.

We have had lot visitors from out of state and I have enjoyed telling them rich Western Heritage. I would like to welcome to the Historical downtown area Sonora Air Cooled Engines & Equipment Rentals. The building that Carl and Terry Johnson has had a face lift inside and well worth the time it takes to stop in and check out the place. If you want to go fishing and you need a hook or a special item that brings the big fish your way stop in Terry and Carl's Sonora Air Cooled Engines and they will have all the supplies you need. Carl or Terry will share a fish catching stories that will blow your hat off and how they had the big one and it got away. Ha! Also if you need to tune up your lawn mower Carl is the man to do it too. Welcome to historical downtown and we are so happy to have in the old Ford house.

If you want a Bronco shirt for gradation you need to visit the Devil's River News. Ben

is not only a editor but a artist too. I was in there last week and saw Bronco shirts and lot of other things that your special 2011 Bronco will need off at college in the fall semester. We are thankful for the job he does in our downtown business area. Another shop you don't want to miss while shopping for your graduate is the Mercantile Garden and stop in and have lunch at the Mercantile on Main. The homemade goodies are great along with the orange tea.

I would like to express my appreciation to people that helped with the Outstanding Volunteers Friendly Roast 2011 and I left out one of the outstanding speaker for Jimmie Sue. It was her cousin and best friend Tommy Valliant. Tommy told us some ready cute stories about Jimmie Sue and how she is a special person in the Valliant family. It was great to have Tommy speak and I am so happy to have him apart of the evening entertainment. Thanks Tommy!

The directors on the Friends of Historic Sonora would like to express our appreciation to Ronnie & Alice Cox for watering and taking care of the Main Street Pots. The F.H. Sonora Main Street directors will be planting new plants and flowers in the Main Street Pots very soon. The F.H. Sonora Main Street Board of directors will be planting the pots on Main Street and Concho Street. Thank you FH S Main Street Director Sandi Espinosa for heading up the committee.

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Young Bronco Band Continues Tradition of Excellence

At the Sonora Band Festival held in the high school auditorium Tuesday, May 10th, both the 6th grade beginning band and the middle school band were awarded First Divisions in both concert and sight reading – making both of them Sweepstakes winners for this year.

Sonora Middle School had 40 solos performed and 33 of those earned 1st divisions (with the other 7 being 2nd divisions).

8th graders winning first division medals on solos were Tanner Esparza (clarinet), Isaac Fraire (trumpet), Michael Bell (trombone), and Hunter Hughes (trombone).

7th graders winning first divisions were Victoria Reyna (clarinet), Cip Tobias (clarinet), Victoria Acosta (alto sax), Edgar Hernandez (trumpet), McKenzie Murphy (trumpet), and JD Garza, who won a 1st division on his snare solo and another on his bell solo. 7th graders making a 2nd division were Janelle Vasques (clarinet), Juan Gamez (alto sax), Lisa Garza (trumpet), and Jonathan Hazelton (trombone).

6th graders won 22 1st division solo medals – April Fraire, Katelynn Thorp, and Abby Lopez (flutes), Rosa Araujo, Estaban Marine, Is-

ela Rivas, Kristy Sanchez, and Tate Shannon (clarinets), Michael Mungia (alto sax), Bethany Aguero, Angel De Luna, Julian Guerra, Juan Michael Jiminez, Ariel Lugo, Andrew Martinez, Blanca Mata, Mycae Smith, and Holly Sparks (trumpets), Corben Boggs and Kade Creek (trombones), Ramon Rodriguez (baritone), and Joseph Delgado (snare drum). 2nd division winners were Ronald Pincince and Robert Zapata (trumpets), and Issek Hernandez (tuba).

Seven members of the Kickin' Colt Band (Middle School) went to Brownwood Friday, May 6th, to compete in the Howard Payne Solo-Ensemble Contest.

Eight solos were played as JD Garza played both a snare drum solo and a mallet solo. Other performers were Cip Tobias, clarinet; Victoria Acosta, alto saxophone; Juan Gamez, alto saxophone; Lisa Garza, trumpet; Edgar Hernandez, trumpet; and McKenzie Murphy, trumpet.

Eight solos – six first division medals and two second divisions.

Class Of 1961 Honors Local 2011 Graduate

As graduation approaches, the Sonora High School Class of 2011 is not the only school group enjoying festivities. On May 25, the SHS Class of 1961 begins a four-day celebration of its 50th graduation anniversary with a trip to the site of the 1961 senior trip, the Bandera Flying "L" Ranch. Returning to Sonora, 28 members of the 1961 graduating class will don matching Bronco red tee-shirts and attend high school commencement as a group.

Don Gibson, SISD Superintendent, recently declared, "We are pleased to announce that the Class of 1961 established a scholarship for a 2011 graduate to be selected by the school. The scholarship will be presented during commencement Friday evening, May 27."

"This is a generous and meaningful gift the Class of 1961 is making to our schools. The scholarship will make a difference in the future of the student selected." Gibson added that the 1961 graduates will enter commencement together and be seated as a group. "When the scholarship is presented, we will recognize and thank them as a class."

Longtime class leader and Sonora civic leader Jimmy Cahill explained the scholarship. "A year ago, when thoughts turned to our 50-year

celebration, everyone wanted to do something to thank Sonora for our education. Not just the schools, but the town as a whole."

1961 graduate and reunion committee member Mary Gonzalez Munson agreed. "Several mentioned a scholarship for a graduating senior, and the idea just took off." The consensus was to honor a student who wanted further education, but was receiving little financial aid.

"We know many local scholarships are awarded to Sonora graduates – which is a good thing," said

Jo Bess Jackson. "But we wanted to reach a motivated student who perhaps was overlooked."

In addition to traditional college, the scholarship is available for trade or technical schooling, or community college tuition.

Passing on the Gift. Linda Spraggins Neal summed up the class goal. "We want to give everyone the opportunity to contribute. There is no minimum donation. The more of us who step forward, the more it is a true Class of 1961 gift. It's our way to pass on the gift we received, and say thank you to Sonora schools."

Sonora supporter and sometime Main Street resident Mack Mayhew com-

mented on the quick growth of the fund. "It didn't take long. We're pleased with the class and community outpouring

of support. But I'm not surprised. Sonora always has been a generous town."

Donations continue to come in from Sonora citizens and former students. Many give in memory

of past teachers, their parents or to honor a deceased classmate.

For Mary Munson, the focus is the Class of 2011. "We hope to show these new graduates that a community stands by them as they go out into the world." Mary is leading a class volunteer group assisting at Project Graduation Friday evening.

Don Gibson added, "This scholarship is significant, but we will not announce the amount Friday evening. The class has extended the deadline for contributions and believes more students and Sonora citizens wish to contribute."

Deadline Extended to June 3. To give to the Scholarship Fund, drop off or mail your check payable to SHS CLASS OF '61 SCHOLARSHIP FUND to First National Bank of Sonora. Please note if you wish a tax receipt.

Additional reunion activi-

ties next week include a Friday evening party, a Saturday evening dinner cruise and a Saturday morning reception honoring former school leaders.

The reception honoring former school leaders is a highlight of the 50-year reunion of the Sonora High School Class of 1961 next week.

On Saturday morning, May 28, class members and special guests will gather at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall to pay homage to their former teachers. While many school leaders will be represented by family, at least 10 retired teachers, administrators and room mothers are expected to participate.

The class will present a ceremony of appreciation, including a specially-prepared video of school pictures loaned to the class by the Sonora Historical Society, Main Street Sonora and private citizens. Coffee and pastries will be served.

The reception is made possible by the generosity of Main Street Sonora, First National Bank of Sonora and St. John's Episcopal Church. The class extends a special thanks to Ann Kay and to Linda Cahill/Sutton County Steakhouse Catering for their ongoing support of the class reunion.

2011 Kids Mutton Bustin



Saturday, June 11, 2011

9:30 a.m. at the Sutton County Arena

Entries now open @

Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Contestants must be entered no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wed. June 8th

** Parent/guardian must sign release for entry to be accepted. **No late entries!**

*** Contestants will be weighed***

Top 6 contestants will qualify to compete during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo on Friday, June 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

A Buckle, Pair of Boots, and Spurs will be awarded to the top 3 places

All contestants will receive a Mutton Bustin T-shirt.

\$10 Entry Fee
Ages 4 to 7
Weight limit
55 lbs.

For more information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880 or Bridget at 325-387-5220

2011 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Kid's Mutton Bustin Entry Form

The preliminary Kid's Mutton Bustin will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The top 6 contestants will return for finals in the Friday, June 24, 2011 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. It is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing 55 pounds or less. Entry fee is \$10 per child. Each Mutton Bustin finalist receives free entry into the Friday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The overall Mutton Bustin winner will receive a buckle, 2nd place will receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots, and 3rd place will receive a pair of spurs. All top 6 places to receive a youth rope!

Notes:

1. A helmet is required and will be provided.
2. Each child may have ONE helper/parent in the arena.
3. SCDA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Name of Contestant: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

T-Shirt Size (XS 2-4, Sm 6-8, Med 10-12 Lg 14-16) _____

Weight: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Must weigh in at registration

Name of parent/guardian: _____ Arena Helper: _____
(Only 1 helper/parent allowed in the arena during performance)

Telephone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

All Entries must include the hold harmless release below. It must be signed by the parent/guardian of the entrant. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Release

The undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume all risks arising out of and/or connected with his or her participation in the below named event and does hereby release the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days Association, the employees, agents, and/or officers, and all other persons associated with the organizations, from any and all claims and causes of action that may result from an injury to the undersigned which has been sustained or may be sustained, and from any and all damages to property belonging to the undersigned that may be a result of his or her participation in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Mutton Bustin. If the undersigned is a minor, the parent or guardian of said minor shall sign this release and hereby agrees to hold each of the above said persons harmless from any liability whatsoever to say minor arising out of his or her participation in the above named event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Printed name and address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

Deadline for entry is Wednesday, June 8th by 5:00 p.m. in order to receive a t-shirt

Turn in entry form to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 205 Hwy 277 N.
FMI Call 325-387-2880 or 325-387-5220 (Bridget Wardlaw) Fax: 325-387-5357 or 325-387-3813

Long-term, Wildfires have Positive Impacts for Wildlife

AUSTIN—Despite the hardship endured by those closest to the recent wildfires, time will eventually illustrate the positive ecological role that fire plays. The scarring left by wildfires that consumed more than a million and a half acres in Texas so far this year will continue to fade, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists; replaced eventually by a landscape in much healthier condition for wildlife.

How long the recovery will take depends on a lot of things, most importantly rain.

"Following sufficient rainfall, recovery of burned vegetation will be fairly rapid," said Glen Gillman, one of TPWD's Wildland Fire Program Leaders. "Wildlife species such as white-tailed deer will move back into burned areas. This may take longer in areas where brush species were hit hardest."

Initial field assessments by TPWD biologists indicate minimal losses to wildlife populations from recent wildfires, although some mortality is to be expected

during large scale fires, and plant communities are expected to recover over time. Individual ranches may see fewer animals until habitat conditions improve.

"Once rains come, forbs and grasses will respond quickly on most wildfire sites," said Chip Ruthven, TPWD wildlife management area project leader in the Panhandle. "Typically with spring fires warm-season grasses will respond better than forbs. Regrowth normally has a higher nutritive content and woody resprouts are more available for species such as white-tailed deer.

Big game animals, such as white-tailed deer and pronghorn antelope, are capable of evading fire, burrowing animals can seek refuge underground and birds fly out of harm's way.

Even on ranches having high fences, deer usually can find an escape route. During a major fire that burned 95 percent of the high-fenced Chaparral Wildlife Management Area southwest of San Antonio in 2008, relatively few deer perished, according to David Synatzske, area

manager on the Chap,

Three years later, Synatzske said deer densities on the Chaparral WMA are at record highs and other animals, such as javelina, have also rebounded.

"We have an overabundance of grass and we put cattle back on in February with the highest bid we have ever gotten for grazing rights," he said. "The woody vegetation is coming back and the brush is back to a 6-7 foot level. Wildlife recovery has been extremely good, except for quail and we can't blame that on the fire."

The impacts to ground nesting bird species, like bobwhite quail and turkey, are tougher to project because nesting cover will take longer to recover. But, they do come back.

"Game bird species evolved with fire and have been observed actively feeding in recently burned areas," noted Robert Perez, TPWD upland game bird program leader. "Seeds become easier to find not to mention the tasty toasted grasshoppers."

Since the fires occurred during drought conditions, nest-

ing attempts were already limited, suggested Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program biologist.

"The majority of Rio Grande turkeys will not even attempt to nest during drought conditions considering it a better option to put their energy into surviving until the possibility of success is higher in subsequent years," Hardin explained. "That said, on a year like this, if a hen decided to take a shot at nesting and if a nest was lost to a wildfire then I doubt the hen would re-nest. In good years like 2010 a Rio Grande turkey may re-nest several times as long as they have the energy and the temperatures do not get too hot."

Biologists suggest the greatest impacts from the fires will be to reptiles and insect populations, both of which are capable of making rapid recoveries.

"Fires are a normal and natural process," said Matt Wagner, TPWD Wildlife Division deputy director. "Wildlife, and the habitats they depend on, has evolved with fire and, in the long-term, the effect of fires is generally positive."

Time, rest and rain are the key elements to recovery.

Gov. Perry Again Renews State Disaster Proclamation Due to Ongoing Wildfire Threat

Gov. Rick Perry today renewed his emergency disaster proclamation for the fifth time since it was originally issued on Dec. 21, 2010 due to the ongoing threat of wildfires across the state. The renewed proclamation covers all 254 counties in Texas, and directs all necessary resources be made available to aid response efforts. Since the beginning of wildfire season, local and state firefighters have responded to more than 9,000 fires that have destroyed more than 400 homes and burned more than 2.5 million acres, an area the size of Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

"As Texas continues to suffer from one of the worst wildfire seasons in recent memory, we will continue providing all resources available to fight these fires and protect Texans' lives and property," Gov. Perry said. "I am thankful for the many brave Texans who are putting their lives on the line to contribute to this effort."

On April 15, Gov. Perry sent a letter to President Barack Obama requesting a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas, which would make the state eligible Direct Federal Assistance and Emergency Protective Measures from the federal government. The Obama Administration denied the governor's request on May 3. The governor's office is reviewing all options available and will continue working to secure the much-needed assistance Texas deserves to continue responding to wildfires.

The State of Texas continues to provide assistance to communities threatened by the raging fires this season, including deploying hundreds of Texas Forest Service personnel and air assets to assist with multiple fires; Texas Military Forces personnel and Blackhawk helicopters to assist fire suppression efforts; Texas Department of Transportation bulldozers and other resources as needed in the affected areas; and deploying Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and multiple communications trailers to the Texas Forest Service Incident Command Post in Merkel, Texas and other areas across the state.

Additionally, the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) was activated to provide additional resources to fight fires. TIFMAS is a network of Texas fire departments from across the state willing to provide emergency resources to neighboring communities during the threat of disasters. The State Operations Center has been partially activated and continues to work closely with the Texas Forest Service, National Weather Service and other state and local entities to monitor this severe wildfire threat.

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June 6, 2011 to June 30, 2011
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Notice is hereby given that the Sutton County Hospital District will receive bids for renovations of a District owned apartment and related repairs. Any contractor, electrician or plumber may submit a written quote, sealed and marked, "Renovation". Such applications shall be received in the office of the Sutton County Hospital District, Attention: Keith L. Butler, CEO, P.O. Box 455, 308 Hudspeth Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 2011. Applications will be opened and reviewed at this time. The Board of Directors will review and take action on the bids on June 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The Hospital District shall have the right to reject any or all bids. Bid specifications may be obtained from the office of the Hospital District Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) will receive bids for depository of the Corporation's Operating Funds for the period commencing on the 15th day of June, 2011 through the 31st day of May, 2013. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Economic Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the SEDC, sealed and marked on the outside "APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF SEDC FUNDS, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011". Such application shall be received at the SEDC Office, 307 East Oak Street, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 11:00 a.m. on June 8, 2011. Such applications shall be opened publicly and read aloud at 11:30 a.m. June 8, 2011 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sonora Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors at the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, 302 East Oak Street, Sonora TX 76950.

All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the SEDC Board Secretary and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as through fully set forth verbatim herein.

The SEDC Board of Directors will review and take action on bids on June 8, 2011 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

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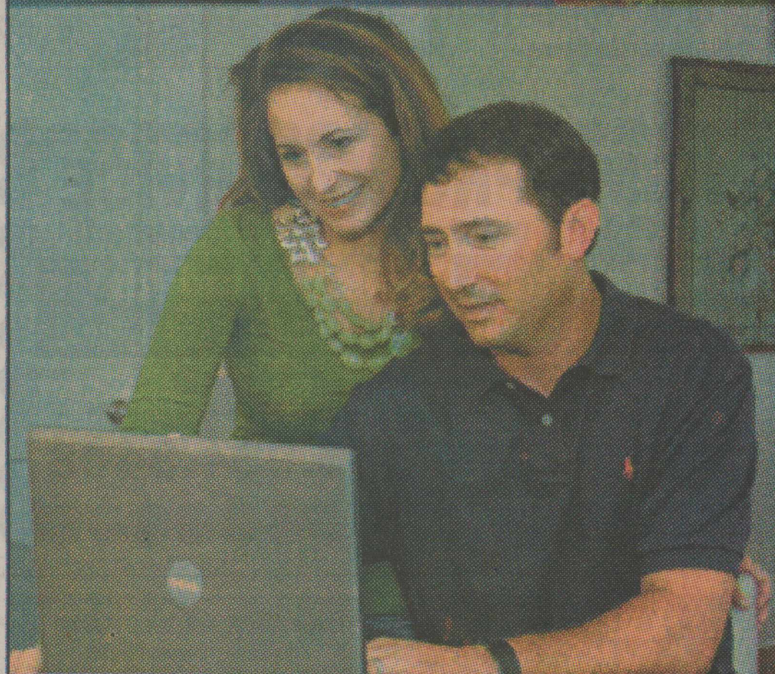
Industrial Technology Dominates State For 4th Year in a Row

Name	Project	Place
Adrian Mier	Nightstand	1
Alen Duenes	Pen & Pencil Set	3
Alen Duenes	Rolling Pin	1
Alex Solis & Serena Allison	Nightstand	1
Blake Esparza	Clock	1
Damon Evans	Pen & Pencil Set	2
Damon Evans	Pen	1
Damon Evans	Mirror with Cross	1 Best in State
Damon Evans	Coffee Table	1
Dulce Acosta	Pen & Pencil Set	1
Dulce Acosta	Pen	1 Best in State
Dustin Covey	Oak Box	1
Eric Hernandez	Fire Pit	1
Esteban Garcia	Metal Hat Rack	1 Best in State
Ethan Morriss	Metal Hat Rack	1
Gunter Pennington	Lazy Susan	1 Best in State
Jasen McBride & Jason Alaman	Stereo Table	1 Best in State
Jason Alaman	Nightstand	1 Best in State
Jesus Vasquez	Cake Cover	1
Jesus Vasquez & Morgan Vyvlecka	Coffee Table	1
Jorge Gaytan	Bronco Plaque	1 Best in State
Jorge Gaytan	Mesquite Bar	1
Jorge Villanueva	Cutting Board	1
Jorge Villanueva	Metal & Maple Bed	1
Jorge Villanueva	Pencil	1
Jose Hernandez	Boot Bench	1 Best in State
Josue Domingez	Lazy Susan	1
Kallie Humphrey & Nicole Lipham	Oak Kitchen Table	1
Kory Humphrey	Buffalo Table	1
Kyle Patlan	Mesquite Desk	1 Best in State
Kyle Patlan	Rocking Bench	1
Maria Araujo	Pen & Pencil Set	1 Best in State
Maria Araujo	Pen	1
Maria Araujo	Mirror	1
Mark Samaniego	Disco Cooker	1
Matt Martinez	Guitar Rack	1 Best in State
Matthew Martinez & Daniela Cano	20' Trailer	1 Best in State
Morgan Vyvlecka	Small Mesquite Cross	1
Morgan Vyvlecka	Mesquite Cross	1
Nathan Jarrett	Poker Table	1 Best in State
Nicole Lipham	Kitchen Table	1
Osbaldo Castenada	Pencil Set	3
Owen Friess	Cross	1
Owen Friess	Mass Production Crosses	1



The team project members consisted of: Serena Allison, Nicole Lipham, Kallie Humphrey, Morgan Vyvlecka, Jesus Garcia, Osbaldo Castenada, Stephan Domingez, Santiago Campo, and Alan Duenes.

Name	Project	Place
Owen Friess	Wall Cross	1
Owen Friess	Large Cedar Table	1
Owen Friess & Gunter	Small Cedar Table	1
Philip Onofre	Nightstand	1
Robert Hernandez	Walnut Desk	1 Best in State
Santaigo Campa	Pen & Pencil Set	2
Santaigo Campa	Rolling Pin	1
Serena Allison	Cross Keychain	1
Serena Allison	Dog Bone Cross	1
Serena Allison	Mass Production Letter Openers	2
Stella Ingham	Wagon Wheel Coffee Table	1
Stephan Domingez	Round Coffee Table	1
Team Bed		1 Best in State
Team Dresser		1 Best in State
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