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The Celebration of Life: With A Celebration of Survivors



By Stacy Fisher

On Saturday, May 21 survivors, family and friends came together at the Sonora High School Commons Area of a Survivor Celebration, fiesta style. This isn't our typical American Cancer Society event, Relay For Life, but due to lack of sponsorship and limited team sign-up, we had to modify our plans for 2011. Despite the last minute change we still have a good turn out and a good time with FANTASTIC people.

We started the evening at 6 p.m. with a few welcoming words followed by a blessing of our food by Don Longoria. Thomas Donaldson, Patient Services for American Cancer Society in San Angelo,

was kind enough to talk about the services that they are able to offer and update us on any changes.

A fantastic enchilada dinner was served by many volunteers including two junior high young ladies, Jomayra Gutierrez and Myranda Thorp, which was catered by Maria's Kitchen and donated by NALCO. The delicious meal was completed with a piece of cake before we headed into the auditorium.

Before beginning the annual slides how that Jody Luttrell works so hard on each year, we had a very special presentation for 2011. Kristin Garrett, 11, daughter of Scott and Donna Garrett, donated about 12

inches of her hair to Locks of Love. Kristin's grandmother, Roberta James, a cancer survivor, did the honors by making a cut, but not before saying a few words to the crowd. It was an emotional moment and we were honored to have such an amazing young lady participate in our Survivor Celebration. Lorelei Reagan, owner of Pretty In Pink, generously donated a haircut and style which Kristin was able to schedule immediately following Saturday night's events.

After watching the slides how Lewis Allen kindly said a closing prayer before we exited the building to our Luminaria Ceremony. The night

sky wasn't quite dark enough but that didn't change the impact those flickering lights have in the white bags labeled with the names of those that have survived their battle and the names of those that have lost their battle with cancer. We remember, not just each year but everyday.

After Saturday's event we were able to raise an approximate gross total of \$20,412.25.

Also, the winner of the raffle for the Brinkman Dualzone BBQ Pit and 42" Sanyo flat screen TV is Mr. Ron Bueckman. He was so excited when we called him with the news. We hope he enjoys it all.

There are so many people to thank. Sonora Independent School District, Don Gibson, Raul Chavarria, employees of SISD that helped us clean up afterwards, ladies of the First United Methodist Church, Glen and Linda Fisher, Beverly Arnwine, Donna Hill, Delia Samaniego, Shannon Sadler, NALCO, HighMount, Maria's Kitchen, Janice Grid-

er Caruthers for the decorations, Pam Thorp, Kendra Vyvlecka and Jimalee Dutton (generously joined our effort last minute when we ended up being shorthanded), Jomayra Gutierrez, Myranda Thorp, Don Longoria, Lewis Allen, Kristin Garrett, Roberta James, Mary Ann Pajestka, Sonora Elementary School, Sonora Intermediate School, Sonora Middle School, all the kids that participated in Hats Off to Cancer Survivors on Friday, all the employees at SISD that participated in the Jeans fundraiser, Doug and Suzanne Huddleston for putting on the Rope for a Cure each year, and last but not least, our 2011 committee, Brandi Kuykendall, Jody Luttrell, Wendy Robertson, Dani Dillard, Janey Dillard, Erin Burnham, Beverly Brown, and Noemi Samaniego.

If you are interested in participating in 2012 events please contact the American Cancer Society office in San Angelo at (325) 944-2509

Eaton Hill Nature Center Presents: The Third Annual Outdoor Photo Contest

Eaton Hill Nature Center is sponsoring our Third Annual Outdoor Photo Contest. This year's categories are: Wildlife in the WILD, Plants in Nature, Insects, Natural Landscapes, Makes Me Smile, Fire & Water, Up on Eaton Hill, and just for fun... Sonora, My Hometown. The deadline for entering is 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 20th. Entries will be accepted at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office and Eaton Hill Nature Center beginning May 30th. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 x 7 inches and the entry fee is 2.00 per photograph.

This year we will experiment with displaying matted, UNframed photos. Mats will be available for purchase or contestants may provide their own. Photo Display and Contest Awards will take place during the annual Sutton County Days Celebration, with details to be announced.

Age groups are as follows: Youth 12 and under / Youth 13 - 2011 graduates /Adult Non-pro/ Adult Professional. Each category will be judged for each age group with ribbons for First - Third Places. Best in Show, Runner-Up and Honorable Mentions will also be acknowledged.

Entries are judged on Subject and Technical Merit. Subject includes consideration of the photograph's composition, creativity and overall impact while Techni-

cal Merit evaluates the use of lighting, exposure and focus.

"Fire & Water" and "Sonora, My Hometown" are new categories this year. "Fire and Water" was added due to the current relevance and importance of both fire and water to our region and entries should express something about these two natural elements. "Sonora, My Hometown" is a broad category and photographs can reflect anything that relates to living in Sonora, Texas, but must be taken outdoors.

Humor is often captured in photographs, and the category "Makes Me Smile" is for those images.

Good luck, be creative and help us make this our best contest yet!

For more information contact the Eaton Hill Nature Center at 387-2615.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS: Mr. James Ricks, Journalism Advisor and Photography Teacher for Sonora High School will be holding a five day Digital Photography Workshop on June 13-17th. The class will meet mornings at the Nature Center on Eaton Hill and is the perfect opportunity to brush up on your digital photography skills or finally learn how to get that camera off the "Auto" setting! Sign-up is available at the Devil's River News, Eaton Hill Nature Center, or by calling James Ricks at 387-4454.

Reflections of a Culture Fair



Submitted by a 6th Grade Student

This last Monday, May 16, 2011, we had our 6th Grade Culture Fair. The 6th grade

students had a great trip around the world to visit other countries without leaving the High

School commons area. This year we had to make a power point for the countries we were assigned. Our points included pictures of different things from those countries. We also had to make a tri-fold poster with information about our countries. My favorite thing was getting to dress up as a citizen of our assigned country. Everyone looked funny, but we have built some good memories from the day. And last, but not least, we got to make a dish that is eaten in each country we assigned.

We all had a blast and these memories will be with us forever.

Agriculture Competitions Find a Home In Sonora This Summer

SONORA - Plans are being finalized for three annual wool-related competitions along with a host of other contests scheduled for June at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center in Sonora.

The 74th annual Wool and Mohair Show will be held in conjunction with the 51st annual National 4-H Wool Judging and 11th annual FFA Wool Judging contests June 21-23.

"The show and the judging contests are meant to encourage profitable livestock production, knowledge of rangeland vegetation, and proper wool and mohair preparation," said Pascual Hernandez, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Sutton County. "We offer a fun learning experience that's geared to ranching practices common in our range production area."

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

"Entries to the fleece show must be from youth only, as there is no longer an adult division," Hernandez said. "Wool and mohair fleece entries will be weighed and tagged starting at 10 a.m. on June 21. All fleeces must be in by 3:30 p.m. that day."

He said registration on June 22 will start at 7 a.m. Livestock judging competition will begin at 8:15 a.m., as will the judging of the junior wool and mohair entries.

Range judging participants will depart from the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 10 a.m. All other contests and

all registrations for all other contests will take place at the center.

Teams may register for the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests until 5 p.m. June 22 at the civic center.

On June 23, activities will begin at 8 a.m. with the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

The day will conclude with an 11:30 a.m. awards luncheon at the civic center.

The Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the luncheon.

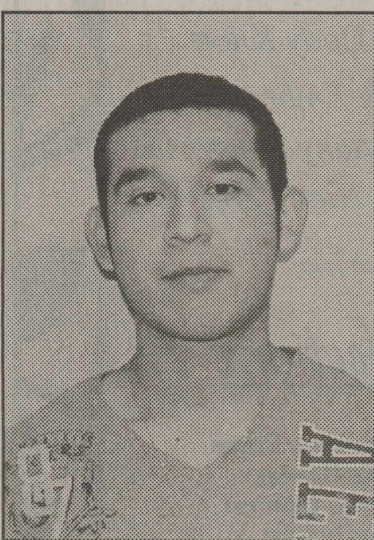
Sponsors for all the events are AgriLife Extension, Sonora Lions Club, Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

The Devil's River News Will Be Closed Noon May 28, and Will Re-Open Tuesday, May 31.

Texas Drought Losses to Agriculture Approach \$1.5 Billion

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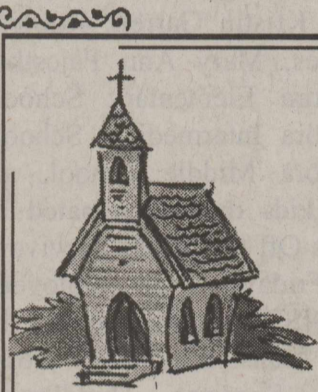
Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. May 26 - Birthday Cake for May
- Fri. May 27 - Graduation
- Mon. May 30 - Memorial Day - Center Closed
- Tues. May 31 - Bingo
- Wed. June 1 - Work on Puzzle

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. May 26 - Glazed ham, sweet potatoes, roll, milk cooked cabbage, apple crisp
- Fri. May 27- Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, brownies, potato chips, pineapple Waldorf salad, milk
- Mon. May 30 - Memorial Day - Center Closed
- Tues. May 31 - Chicken nuggets w/gravy, potato wedges zucchini quash w/tomatoes, pears, milk
- Wed. June 1 - Pork chop w/gravy, beans, corn bread seasoned spinach, tapioca pudding, 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).



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387-2466 |
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Death Notice

Geraldine A. Steimling

Geraldine A. Steimling, Mattie Nix's sister, passed away May 14, 2011.

When services were held in Harrisburg, PA, I chose not to attend, but to remember all the happy and fun times we shared, such as, a late night walk in the snow in PA, a sunset ride in a helicopter over the ranch in Texas. "See you Later, Gerry!"

Love,
 Mattie

Letter to the Editor

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Sonora and Sutton County:

Fifty years ago this month, I graduated from Sonora High School in the Class of 1961. In 1949, our class was the first to start school in the newly constructed elementary building. I recall how hard my mother worked to see this facility become a reality amidst much controversy. There were many in the community who felt it was not necessary. However, sixty-two years later, this building continues to serve the needs of our elementary school students. I have come full circle with the Sonora school system and my opinions and observations are drawn solely from personal experience and not "hear say".

I attended Texas Tech University and received a BS degree in education. My husband and I returned to Sonora, where we chose to live and raise our family. I taught in our school system and then served as a Trustee on the Board of Education for 9 years. During that time, there were many difficult decisions to make: bond elections to pass, construction of new facilities (including a new Middle School and also a new High School). I know first-hand the countless hours that board members spend in and out of meetings to provide what they believe to be the best, well-rounded education for each and every child that attends our schools. So, to all board members of the Sonora Independent School District both past and present, I applaud you!

Both our daughters graduated from Sonora High School in the 1980's. Anita attended Texas A&M, where she received her degree in Agricultural Economics. Anna graduated from Texas Tech University Magna Cum Laude with a degree in accounting. The degrees my daughters and I pursued in college were quite diverse; however, I feel the Sonora school system provided the educational foundation required to be successful in any field of study. I believe Sonora's schools continue to adequately prepare our children for higher education. Our oldest grandson just completed his second year at the College of Charleston and excelled in academics as well as athletics. I want to say thank you to the Sonora ISD for the education you have provided and continue to provide for my family.

Our school system continues to be the envy of our peers and a model for achievement. As citizens, we should be proud of our successful students as well as our exceptional administrators, teachers and coaches. Our wonderful facilities provide an environment where our children are able to learn and succeed. I feel that our school system continues to strive to provide the best education possible for our young people while operating within the guidelines mandated for public schools by the State of Texas. Our community is blessed to have a caring school that perseveres to develop our children's true potential in academics, athletics, and the social skills necessary in today's world.

Sincerely,
 Mary Adele Balch

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sonora family and friends:

We feel like we are very fortunate to have a man like Don Gibson at the helm of our school's ship. His experience, sense of right and wrong, ability to get things done PLEASANTLY is way beyond anything else we have seen in recent years. We have had 11 "chief executives" in the past 15 years, with Don Gibson serving in this capacity the past three years. He manages the largest group of employees in Sutton County as well as a budget of about \$20.6 million (\$12.6 for SISD & 8 million for redistribution from Sonora to poorer school districts).

Mr. Gibson is charged with educating Sonora's youth in accordance with the rules and legislation of the State of Texas... "no child left behind".

His responsibility is not only to the youth, but the resources provided him.

We all know in later life - a character building aspect of being part of a team is very important in "getting the job done" - well.

According to a recent contributor to the Devil's River News, our school district has turned out hundreds of Doctors, Lawyers, Engineers and successful business people - we are pretty proud of our wonderful District Judge Gomez, too!

We feel our total education package meets the needs of future leaders for our community / country.

We believe people continue to CHOOSE Sonora to raise and educate their families due to the reputation we have as a caring, loving community with strong Christian values and our very excellent school system.

Thank you Mr. Gibson and staff, Mr. Chavarria, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Leamon, Mrs. Dermody, Coach Sine, our elected, hard working uncompensated school board, all of our dedicated, professional teaching staff - past and present, and all who represent our school system for ANOTHER year of EXCELLENCE!!

Sincerely,
 Jimmy Cahill

We love our Sonora public schools and its teachers, coaches and administrators for all they do to educate our children and to serve our community. A very wise man once said, "Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." (Albert Einstein 1954)

Acquiring "it" for our most precious resource in Sutton County (our children) is the driving force for our parents, teachers, coaches, administrators and citizens. "It" is the center of the Sonora ISD solar system. Our Sonora schools are different than many schools in larger districts serving multiple communities. Our Sonora schools and all they stand for are more accurately described as a community trust. A trust in which we all have a vested interest, and one we have entrusted with our children.

We feel compelled to say "Thank You" to everyone at Sonora ISD for a job well done. Please know how deeply we appreciate the challenges you continually face and how honored we are to have our children in your caring trust.

We are Sonora, we are Proud, and we are Bronco Nation!

Respectfully submitted,
 Brady Johnson & Anna Johnson

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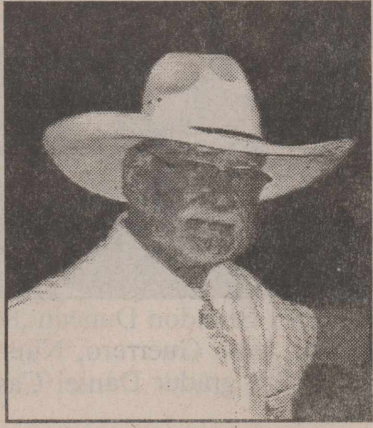
Senior Selections

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Out of Town:
 Brandon Velez - San Antonio

Obituary

William Joseph Reidy II



William Joseph "Joe" Reidy II was born on June 10, 1941 to W. J. "Bill" & Vergie Rose Reidy. He attended Lubbock area schools and upon graduation from high school, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After an honorable discharge, he worked as a farrier for many years, and then began work with El Paso Natural Gas as a welder. Joe settled in Bandera Texas, after retirement, and with his partner in business, Kenneth Stroud, operated The Bandera Forge. In September 2008, he was inducted into the Bandera Music Hall of Fame. Joe enjoyed artistic welding, chuck wagon cooking, kayaking and playing his bass fiddle at a variety of places. He loved playing music to entertain people. He lived his life with enthusiasm and loved to tell stories.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his true love Mara, of Bandera, Texas; children, He was a father figure to Michelle and Dale Coon of Shippensburg, PA., Vanessa and Jason Hampton of Hondo, TX, Brandon Millsap of Kerrville, TX; sister, and brother-in-law- Mary Alice and Dan Ratliff of Cat Spring, Texas; grandchildren, He was "Papa Joe" to eight grandchildren, Emily, Owen, Adam and Austin Coon, Andie, Hailey and Zoe Hampton and Kaci Millsap; nieces, Ann White and Lisa (Brad) Murray of Sealy, Texas, Gretchen (Michael) Reuwer and Karen (Mark) Reber of New Braunfels Texas, nephew: Bill (Sherri) Ratliff of Acworth, Georgia, aunt-Sara Johnson of Dallas, Texas and uncle-Wallace McCleskey of Carlsbad, New Mexico, 6 great-nieces, 4 great-nephews, 1 great, great niece, 1 great, great nephew and numerous cousins and friends. Joe's Dixie Dude Ranch family, Clay Conoly & wife, Diane & their two sons, Alec & Sharp, who is Joe & Mara's God child. Joe made many contributions to the Dixie Dude Ranch by being a friend, chuckwagon cook, musician, story-teller, artist and blacksmith. He also practiced his healing methods and participated in many purification ceremonies at the ranch over the years.

A celebration of Joe's life is planned for Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 Am at The Bandera City Park, Riverside with Clay Conoly officiating. A Tribute To Joe Reidy will follow immediately at the Longhorn Saloon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made In Memory of Joe Reidy to the Bandera Music History Project and Hall of Fame at Bandera County Library, 505 Main St., Bandera, Texas 78003, Please contact Doug Livingston @ 830-796-7456.

You are invited to send your condolences to the family by selecting the "Send Condolences" link, at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com

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Mathews ~ Hobbs Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Hobbs of Sonora, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Diane Hobbs to Justin Ian Mathews, the son of J.J. and Cindy Mathews and Jan and Greg Moore, all of Andrews, Texas.

Morgan is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy C. Hampton of Graford and Mr. Everette Hobbs of Abilene, Texas.

Justin's grandparents are the late Mr. Dwayne Turner and Barbara Turner of Lake Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mathews of Sonora, Texas.

The couple will marry on August 4th, 2011 on the Devil's River with a wedding celebration on August 6th, 2011 in Sonora.

Morgan is a 2003 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Texas A&M with a degree in kinesiology. She is employed with Sonora Independent School District as a Teacher/Coach.

Justin is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2003 graduate of Angelo State University. He is the owner/operator of Mathews Processing and World Class Taxidermy. The couple is proud to call Sonora home.

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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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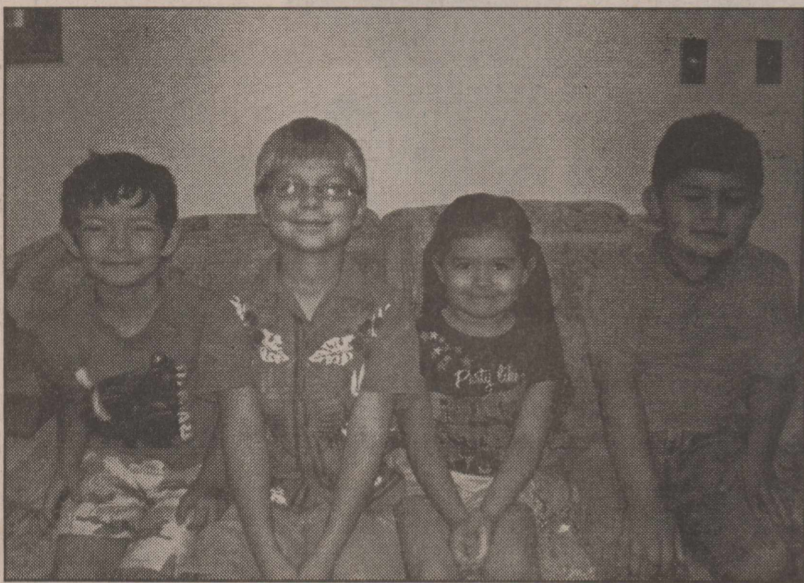
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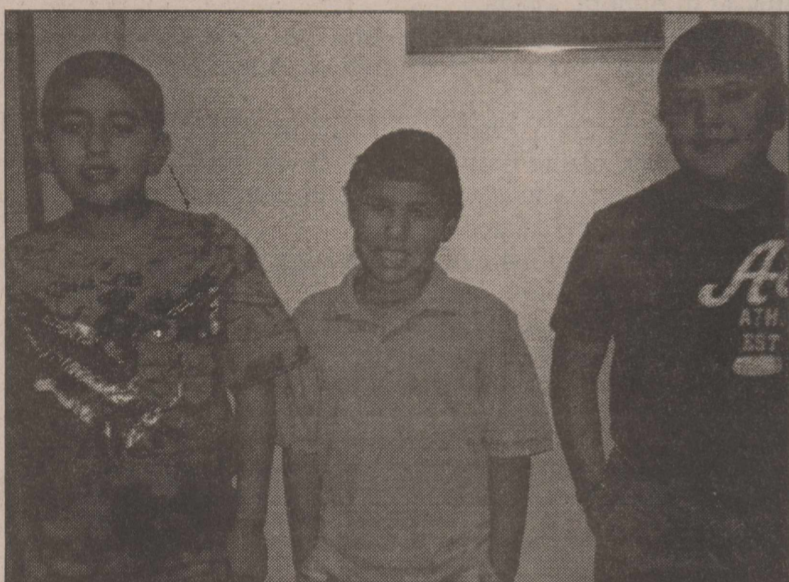
L to R: Joey Telles, Zachery Kinard, Ileana Baker, Aaron Perez

Freshman Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Allison Freeman, and Sophomore Josue Dominguez have been chosen as Sonora High School's students of the week for May 17th.

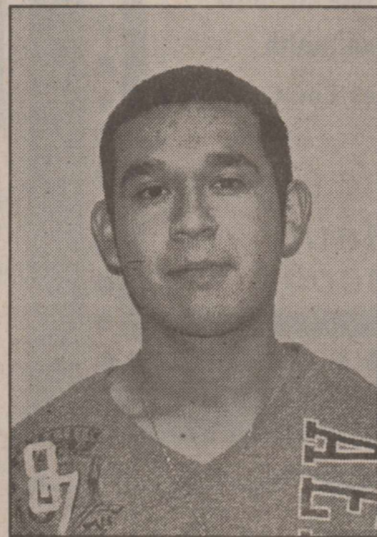


Allison Freeman is the daughter of Kathleen and Paul Freeman. Her favorite Teacher is Ms. Morriss. Her favorite class is accounting. She has lived in Sonora all of her life. Her favorite thing about Sonora High School is her classmates. Allison's plans after Graduation are to attend Howard Payne University to major in Forensic Science.

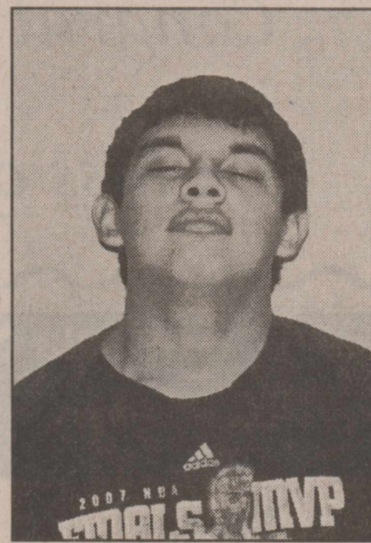
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L to R: Ezequiel Gutierrez, Jesus Gayton, Martin Alvarez

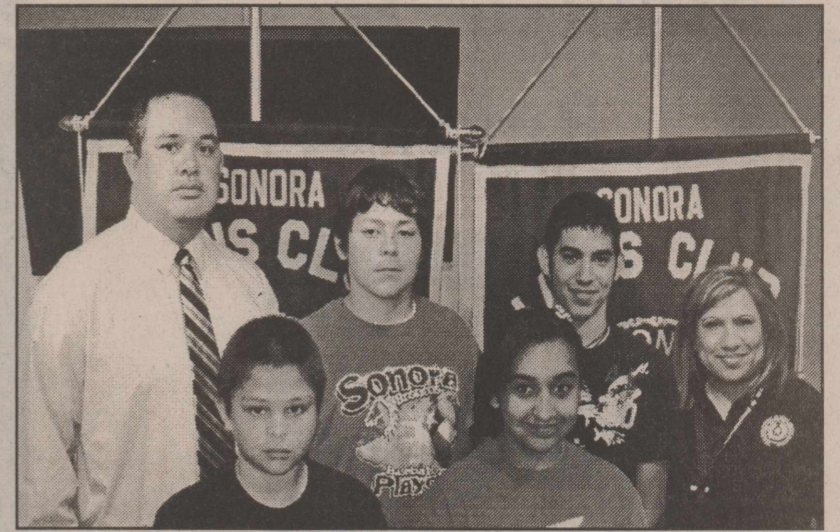


Josue Dominguez is the son of Jose and Irma Dominguez. His favorite teachers are Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Waites. His favorite class is Art. One of his favorite ways to pass the time is drawing. He moved from Sonora from in after 4th grade to Denton then moved back his 8th grade year. His favorite thing about Sonora High is the people. His plans after graduation are to make a living and have a family.



Daniel Gonzales is the son of Maria and Javier Gonzalez. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Martin. His favorite class is Algebra. One of his likes is sports. He dislikes English class. He moved to Sonora in 2005 from Del Rio Texas. His favorite thing about Sonora High is more freedom than lower grade levels. Plans after graduation are to go to college.

Lions Roar



Back row L to R: Principal Brandon Duncan, 8th grade Ethan Patlan, Sonora Track Star Jesse Guerrero, Nurse Aurora Noriega, Front row L to R: 7th grader Daniel Castro, 6th grade Nydia Rodriguez

A full house of Lions and guests enjoyed lunch and a number of interesting speakers at last week's meeting. The Lions Scholarship Chairman Janalyn Jones officially announced the recipients of the 2010-2011 Scholarships. The scholarship recipients will be honored at our weekly meeting on May 24. A special thanks to Anne Ward, Lucy Ward and Martha Wallace for their generous donation to the Lions Memorial Fund which helps us to provide help to these deserving Sonora graduates.

Three middle School Students graced the Head Table as guests of the Club. They were: 6th grader Nydia Rodriguez, 7th grader Daniel Castro and 8th grader Ethan Patlan. Each student addressed the Club, as is the custom, in order to give them the opportunity to speak before a strange crowd. Read "strange" both literally and figuratively (laugh). All the students did a super job talking about school and their families.

A real treat was the cameo appearance of Mr. Jesse Guerrero, the State Bronze medal winner in the 1/4 mile dash representing Sonora HS. Jesse spoke glowingly of the fine training and support he received from teammates, coaches and teachers while a student athlete at Sonora HS. He credits the new field house and equipment with providing all Sonora athletes the opportunity to train together, encourage each other and more efficiently improve their physical performance. Mr. Guerrero indicated one just has to look at the collective student athlete performance in fall and spring sports to measure the benefits.

The inaugural Sonora State Qualifying Football 7on7 Tournament will be held Saturday, May 28 in Bronco Stadium at 8:30 am. This event will showcase Sonora, tourist attractions and our businesses to outsiders from 7 West Texas Communities competing in this Tournament. For Sonorans they will

get a preview of the 2011 Broncos under the direction of Volunteer Coaches Pope and Hudson. Special thanks to MAIN ST., Ann Kay & Board as well as THE CHAMBER, Donna & Tiba and Board for their untiring effort on behalf of this Sonora Spectular. To the private citizens who financed this event it could not have happened without your generosity. Thanks, Volunteers!

Nurse Aurora Noriega our local Health Services representative was our program speaker.

She reviewed her mission of Community Health and spoke of some of the programs available to eligible members of the Community. The Women, Infant, Children Program (WIC) along with all Immunization are two of the programs available at their new location on Main Street across from the 1st National Bank of Sonora. An OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for early June. Watch this paper for date and times. Sonora is fortunate to have these Health Services in Sonora. Thanks, Aurora, for sharing your time with us.

- Coming Events:
- May 24 Lions Scholarship Awards
 - May 27 Graduation
 - May 28 Lions cook breakfast for Project Graduation - 2 A.M.
 - May 28 Football 7on7 Tournament (8 communities competing) 8:30 am Bronco Stadium
 - June 23 National Wool Show - Lions fund awards, provide and serve lunch to attendees
 - June 22-25 Rodeo Slack 22-23, Sutton County Days and Rodeo 23-24; Lions assist Troop 19 Boy Scouts and Pam Crenwelge's Middle School children with Rodeo Concession Stand fund raising

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OOPS

1) An American T-shirt maker in Miami printed shirts for the Spanish market which promoted the Pope's visit. Instead of the desired 'I Saw the Pope' in Spanish, the shirts proclaimed 'I Saw the Potato.'

2) When Parker Pen marketed a ballpoint pen in Mexico, its ads were supposed to say, 'It won't leak in your pocket and embarrass you.' However, the company mistakenly thought the Spanish word 'embarazar' meant embarrass. Instead the ads said, 'It wont leak in your pocket and make you pregnant.'

3) The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-kou-ke-la. Unfortunately, the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means, 'bite the wax tadpole' or 'female horse stuffed with wax' depending on the dialect. Coke then researched 40,000 Chinese characters and found a close phonetic equivalent, 'ko-kou-ko-le,' which can be loosely translated as 'happiness in the mouth.'

4) In Taiwan, the translation of the Pepsi slogan 'Come alive with the Pepsi Generation' came out as 'Pepsi will bring your ancestors back from the dead.'

5) In Chinese, the Kentucky Fried Chicken slogan 'finger-lickin' good' came out as 'eat your fingers off.'

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Spraying for Pecan Nut Casebearers

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Generally at this time of year, those with an interest in pecan trees keep an eye on dates to spray for the pecan nut casebearer. With good reason. The pecan nut casebearer is the most common and damaging insect pest of pecan for both commercial and backyard pecan growers.

The small casebearer caterpillar feeds on the pecan fruit just after pollination in the spring. The damage destroys the newly formed nuts and leaves a mass of webbing and black waste webbed on the normally green nut clusters. They often destroy all nutlets in a cluster.

The pecan nut casebearer is most damaging in May and early June, although a later generation in mid-summer can sometimes be a problem. A single, well timed application of a foliar-applied insecticide can prevent nut loss by this pest. Looking at trap captures this year, the anticipated optimum spray date for Sutton County should fall between May 25th and May 29th.

However, for most homeowners with only a few trees, spraying for casebearer may be more trouble and cost than it is worth. They may consider letting nature take its course. Also, some nut loss due to feeding by pecan nut casebearer may be beneficial when trees have more nutlets than they can support. These insects do not damage a tree, so, if only shade rather than a pecan crop is desired, treatment is unnecessary. For the gardener who is determined to spray, call the Extension Office for a list of insecticides labeled for pecans. Or you may also consider using a landscape service.

Texas Drought Losses to Agriculture Approach \$1.5 Billion

COLLEGE STATION – Preliminary estimates of Texas drought losses have reached \$1.2 billion and are expected to escalate higher this year as livestock producers continue to sell off herds and crop conditions deteriorate, according to economists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

“Each day without rainfall is one in which crop and livestock losses mount,” said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. “Even with the severity of the current drought, estimation of economic losses is difficult given that we are still early in the growing season.”

Livestock losses due to drought are an estimated \$1.2 billion from November 2010 through May. Those losses include increased feeding costs and lost value of wheat pasture grazing, Anderson said.

“Texas is the largest beef cow producing state in the U.S. with more than 5 million head,” Anderson said. “More than 90 percent of the state’s beef cows are located in counties categorized as being in severe to exceptional drought.”

The ongoing drought has forced ranchers to start feeding hay earlier in the season and to increase the amount fed due to lack of pasture growth, Anderson said.

“This increased feeding cost over normal levels is a direct economic impact on the livestock producers,” he said. “The sudden severe onset of the drought has forced livestock producers to purchase even more hay, driving up prices sharply.”

The drought has been so severe that many stock tanks that provide water for livestock have become “dangerously low or dry,” Anderson said.

“This requires even higher costs to haul water daily to meet livestock needs,” he said.

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor (<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>) indicates 100 percent of the state with at least abnormally dry conditions and 82 percent classified in extreme and exceptional drought.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, said much of the state has yet to plant spring row crops, and there is still time for weather patterns to change.

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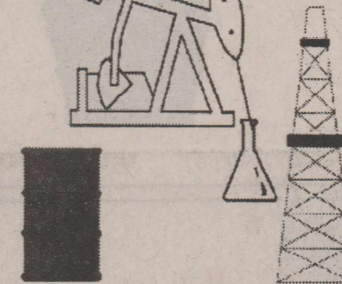


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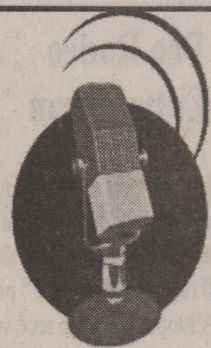
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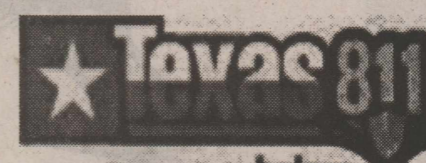


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Under this program an applicant may be eligible for payment assistance, which would subsidize the interest portion of the house payment down to as low as 1%, therefore lowering the overall monthly payment amount.

In many cases, the total monthly payment, including taxes and insurance, may actually be less than a family is paying for rent. The USDA Rural Development Sub-Area Office in Ozona will be holding a USDA Office Day on Thursday May 26, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the EDC at 307 East Oak at the Courthouse annex, in Sonora Texas. A representative will be available to discuss various Housing Programs, community program loans and grants, business and industry loans and grants, and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance.

For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Ozona Sub-Area Office at (325) 392-2301, extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Spring Car Care Tips

(SPM Wire) Spring is the perfect time for getting your car in shape before peak driving season. As such, the Car Care Council is stressing three tips for motorists:

- * Keep your vehicle clean. Regular car washes and waxes protect your car's paint and body from corrosive debris.
- * Keep on schedule. Every vehicle has a manufacturer recommended maintenance schedule. Whether you do your own maintenance or patronize a local repair shop, follow a routine service schedule.
- * Keep an eye on little things. Your gas tank is missing its cap? There's a warning light on your dashboard? Repairing small things now helps avoid more costly problems down the road

(StatePoint) When the hot weather hits you want to put colorful, healthful meals on your family's table without breaking a sweat.

Preparing meals quickly can help you keep the temperature down in your kitchen during the summer. And adding fresh seasonal vegetables and fruits to low-fat meals is a great way to get the nutrients you need to take advantage of the warm weather while staying trim in your swimsuit.

Here are a few tips for healthier seasonal meals, from the experts behind an innovative new cookbook, "The Special K Challenge & Beyond"

cookbook, which features more than 100 recipes, as well as expert fitness and nutrition tips:

* **Mix up ingredients.** Try new fruits and vegetables, grains and seafood you haven't tried before. Or, bring excitement to meals by combining taste sensations. For example, mix sweet (fresh or dried fruit); salty (capers, olives, anchovies or Parmesan cheese); bitter (dark greens like arugula, escarole or kale); and sour (citrus, grapes, vinegar, yogurt) in complementary portions.

* **Build flavor instead of calories.** Use mild fresh herbs, such as parsley, basil, chives, chervil or tarragon.

* **Instead of whole milk cheeses,** switch to reduced or nonfat versions of your favorite mozzarella, pepper jack or ricotta cheeses.

* **Instead of rice as a side dish,** try whole grains like quinoa, bulgur wheat. Or swap white rice for brown rice.

More tips and recipes can be found online at www.specialk.com and in "The Special K Challenge & Beyond" cookbook.

To get started, here's an easy recipe from the new cookbook that relies on the salty, tangy and spicy flavors of Thai cooking:

Thai-Style Chicken in Lettuce Cups

Ingredients:
 3 tablespoons orange juice
 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 tablespoon unseasoned rice vinegar
 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
 8 ounces ground chicken breast
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 cups thinly sliced bok choy
 1 1/2 cups cooked brown rice
 1/2 cup coarsely chopped carrot
 1/2 cup sliced green onions
 1/3 cup chopped water chestnuts, drained
 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
 12 medium Bibb or Boston lettuce leaves

In small food processor, work bowl or blender container combine orange juice, peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar and ginger. Mix until nearly smooth. Set aside.

In a large nonstick skillet cook chicken and garlic over medium-high heat, breaking up chicken with a wooden spoon, for 3 to 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Drain off fat. Stir in bok choy, rice, carrot, green onions, water chestnuts and red pepper. Stir in orange juice mixture. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for 2 minutes.

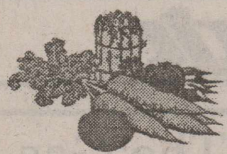
Place lettuce on serving platter. Spoon chicken into lettuce leaves. Wrap leaves around chicken, securing with wooden picks.

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

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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)

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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!!!

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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.

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Career Tips For New Grads

(StatePoint) As soon as those graduation caps hit the ground, new grads are bombarded with that toughest of questions: "What are you going to do with the rest of your life?"

Finding a job and building a career can be challenging in any economy and even more difficult during tough times. With today's abundance of career websites, job boards and seminars, it can be hard to know where and how to focus your energies.

But good career advice is eternal, stresses Jack Nadel, a

decorated World War II hero who has made tens of millions of dollars over a 65-year career. "Regardless of the economic news, actions of the government or the natural forces that oppose us, we must build within ourselves the capability to survive, prosper and feel good," he advises.

These days, Nadel is sharing the knowledge he gained in his long career with new graduates and other members of the younger generation who are looking to get ahead. And he has made much of this advice available in a new book,

entitled "Use What You Have To Get What You Want."

Here are some of Nadel's top career tips:

* Planning is as important as hard work. Hard work is important, but running around in circles gets you nowhere. With today's high rates of unemployment, it's best to focus your search on jobs you are most qualified for, instead of applying for every opening in your preferred field. You might even consider spending more time building specific skill sets while job hunting. This way, when the perfect job appears, you'll be a better fit.

* Talk to someone who's done it successfully. The Internet abounds with self-appointed "experts," but consulting with people who are respected and successful in your industry is sure to get you better results. Tap into networks you may have built from internships or part-time jobs, as well as with former teachers.

* Prepare well. Before a job interview or meeting, repeat this advice to yourself three times: Listen. Think Posi-

tive. Project Energy. After the meeting, get back to work -- either by following-up on things you discussed or by targeting your next opportunity.

* Find common ground in meetings. Try to connect with the job interviewer on a personal level. Even if it's only something as trivial as favorite sports teams, finding common ground can create a positive atmosphere at the outset of your meeting. This may help you navigate trickier waters that arise.

* Overcome your ego. Don't spend an entire cover letter listing your great accomplishments and attributes, but fail to tell a company what you can do for it.

"Having the right attitude and being aware of the opportunities around you can make fortune work in your favor," says Nadel, who employed this optimistic outlook when founding a marketing promotions firm, Jack Nadel Worldwide back in 1951.

For more information on being successful professionally, visit www.IdeasThatMeanBusiness.com.

May Landscape of the Month



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has chosen the Sonora Golf Club as Landscape of the Month for May 2011. The golf club has added extensive landscaping to the driving range with cedar fencing and benches, new trees and grass, etc. This added attraction has enhanced the beauty of the grounds tremendously. Pictured above are Tom & Vonne Van Veghel, Golf Course Superintendent-Brian Rhodes and Head Golf Professional-Andy Colunga. Congratulations to the Sonora Golf Club!

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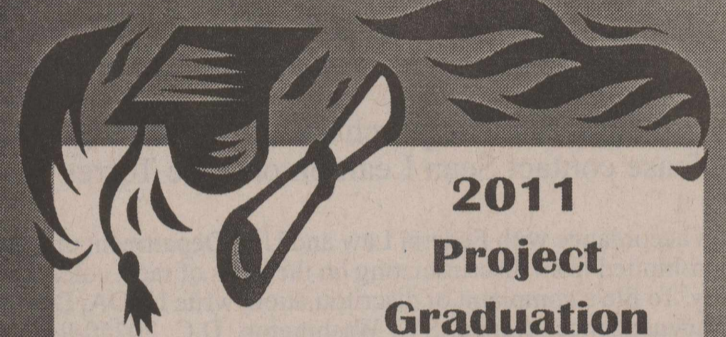
Irene Casillas at 325-387-2104

Schleicher County Rodeo Association Contributes



In their effort to recognize contributors in supporting the culture of our community, the Schleicher County Rodeo Association was proud to make a contribution for Relay for Life as an effort to thank and recognize Doug and Suzanne Huddlestone of Sonora, Texas for their unyielding kindness and support to our community.

The Huddlestone's are well known in our community for being willing and able to aide local benefit efforts. They recently held their 8th annual Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping as well as stock provider for the benefit roping supporting Juan and Lizzie Fuentes. Their continuing efforts, often quiet and unrecognized, are greatly appreciated.



2011 Project Graduation

Schedule of Events for Friday, May 27

10:30 PM Doors open-Registration

11:00 PM Games start/Store Opens

12:00 AM Guests Leave/Lock-In

(STUDENTS CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL PARENTS ARE CALLED)

1:30 AM Games end/Finish banking

1:45 AM Store closes

2:00 AM Breakfast provided by the Lions Club

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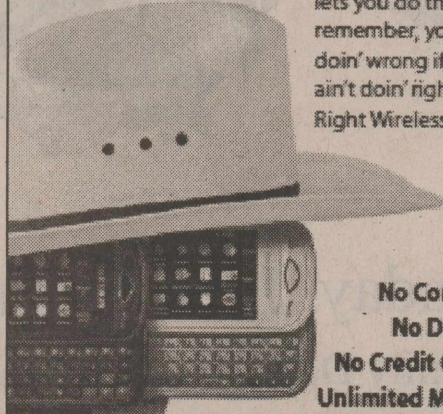
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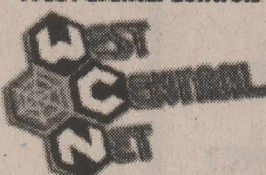


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Heading into the summer, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be trapping and attaching tiny metal leg bands on several thousand mourning

dove as part of a larger national effort coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. White-winged dove will also be banded across the state and TPWD will be banding approximately 3,000 whitewings. Banding will be initiated June 1 and concludes August 15.

As whitewing continue to expand across the state, keeping tabs on these dove populations is becoming increasingly important. Only three states are consistently banding white-winged dove, with the Texas banding program being the most comprehensive.

Main Street Traffic

By: Ann Kay

Welcome to Sonora Class of 1961! The Sonora High School letterman's jacket is one of a kind. I learned from a classmate of 1961 (Jimmy Cahill) that the jacket was designed with the black, red, and white and the jacket designed has not been repeated since 1961.

I would like to invite you to visit the display of photos, stories, cheerleader megaphone, and Sonora High School letterman's jackets at First National Bank of Sonora lobby. The display can be seen during May 24-27, 2011. The classmates of 1961 will be visiting Sonora the week of May 24-29, 2011 and will have a reception by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, First National Bank of Sonora, and St. John's Episcopal (location where the reception will be held, at 10:30am, on Saturday May 28, 2011.) Come by and visit with some old friends and have refreshment. We are so happy to celebrate with the Sonora Bronco Class of 1961 It will be fun and in-

teresting to see what folks are doing after 50 years out of school.

We are happy to have the 5th grade down downtown learning about our rich western history. Jimmy Cahill will tell them some outlaw's stories.. The student's will learn about the Musket's buildings and the National Trust of Historic Preservation. We are going to have a nice picnic lunch. The 5th graders will visit the First National Bank of Sonora to see the Sonora Bronco Class of 1961 and Veterans from All Wars and Pioneer Ranch Families. David Smith, with the Sutton County Historical Society, will show them the Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum. I would like to thank all the folks who helped with this event.

If you saw the beautiful flowers and plants on Main Street in the pots and Concho Street pots you may thank the FH Sonora Main Street Directors: Cecilia Sanchez, Sandi Espinosa, Lisa Gamez, Jenny Sue Trainer, Dee Martinez, and I. A special note of

appreciation to Terry Johnson and Carl Johnson from Sonora Small Engine Repair in the Old Ford House Building for helping with the planting of the pots and cleaning up the downtown area. We would like to thank Ronnie Cox and Domingo for watering the pots and Bank Vault Park in the downtown area. It is so nice to see someone give the plants a drink of water. We will be planting the entrance of Sonora next week and it is going to be a beautiful spot for our tourists and visitors.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is working with the Bronco Nation Seven on Seven Group and we are accepting donations for the Bronco Nation Seven on Seven. We are so happy to have the other football teams coming to Sonora on May 28, 2011. We have mail out the advertisement of the things to do here in Sonora such as Sonora Caverns, shopping, museums, and the Motels in our town. We would like to thank our Motels for the special rates.

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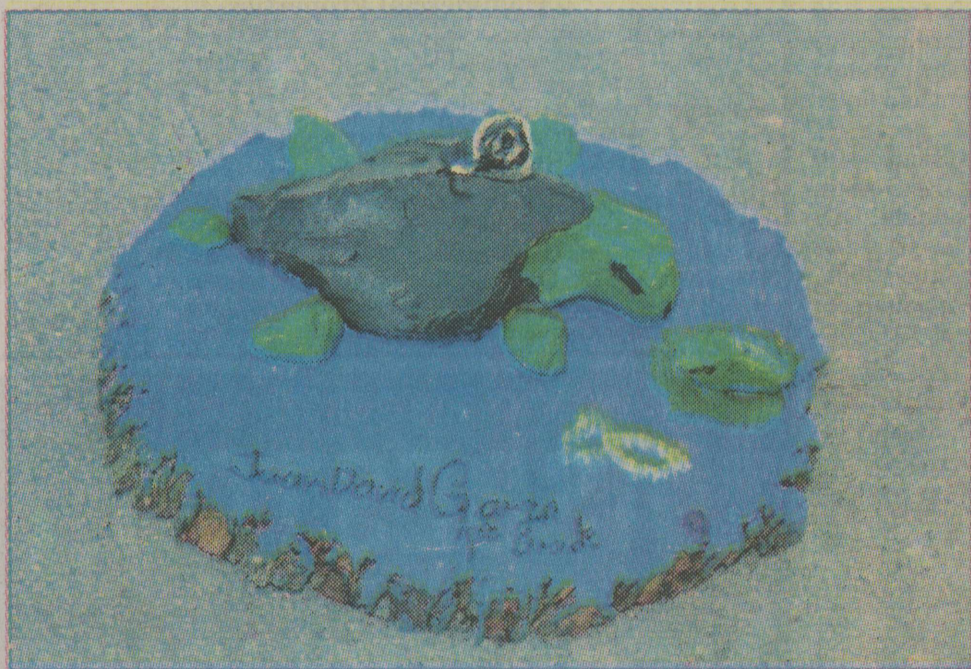
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A sampling of the fantastic artwork created by Sonora Middle School 7th Grade students on their field trip to Eaton Hill earlier this year. Students used acrylics to create paintings on limestone rock, or incorporated smaller stones for a three dimensional piece displayed on mesquite wood.

Timeless American Classics To Enjoy

(StatePoint) Looking to steep yourself in a little Americana this season? Why not catch up on some great American classics you might have missed in your youth.

The long sunny days are great for lounging and meandering through some great American classics, many of which enjoy a controversial history that makes them all the more worth exploring.

The Civil War

Historic and huge, Shelby Foote's three-volume, 3000-page history of the civil war is a must for American history buffs. Focused on the military campaigns, "The Civil War: A Narrative" was published between 1958 and 1974. Yet, it has been criticized in recent years for its neglect of political and social factors in the war, particularly slavery.

This year, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, the complete set has been reissued with commentary by Jon Meacham, a Pulitzer-prize winning author himself. But if any amount of reading about the Civil War seems dry, then check out Ken Burns's PBS documentary, The Civil War, which relies heavily on Foote's research.

Atlas Shrugged

More than 50 years after "Atlas Shrugged" debuted as a New York Times bestselling novel, it has made the bestseller lists again this year, bringing total sales to over seven million copies. And with the recent release of a movie of the same name, conservative and liberals across the country are engaging in spirited debates over the writings of Ayn Rand, a controversial philosopher who espoused individualism over collective interest.

"Atlas Shrugged" is an interesting and compelling story today," says David Kelley, president and founder of The Atlas Society, a nonprofit organization based on Rand's teachings about Objectivism and capitalism. "It provides incredible parallels with our current state of affairs."

Whether you agree or disagree with Rand's worldview, her work is a must-read for anyone interested in the political and economic history and future of America. Her books have sold a cumulative 25 million copies and even sparked a social movement focused on the championing of personal liberty and entrepreneurialism. For more information, visit www.atlas-society.org.

To Kill A Mockingbird

Celebrated and banned, Harper Lee's only published novel is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Loosely based on an event in Lee's own hometown of Monroeville, Alabama, the book is a coming-of-age novel narrated by a young white girl named Scout as she watches the trial of a falsely accused African American man, defended by her father Atticus.

The novel won the Pulitzer Prize in 1961, but has also been banned by schools for use of profanity and frank discussion of race. Yet the 1962 film starring Gregory Peck and Robert Duvall met with critical acclaim.

Through controversy and poetry, history and plot, these works continue to influence public debate in America. Whether you prefer books or movies, isn't it time you got in on the conversation?

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