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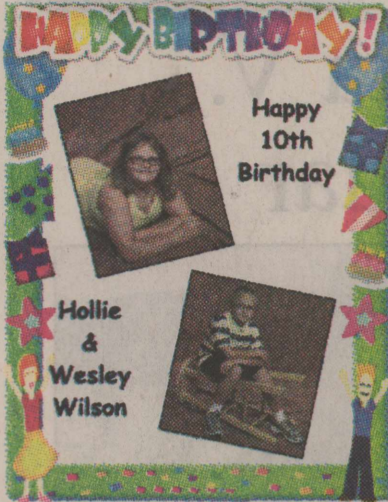
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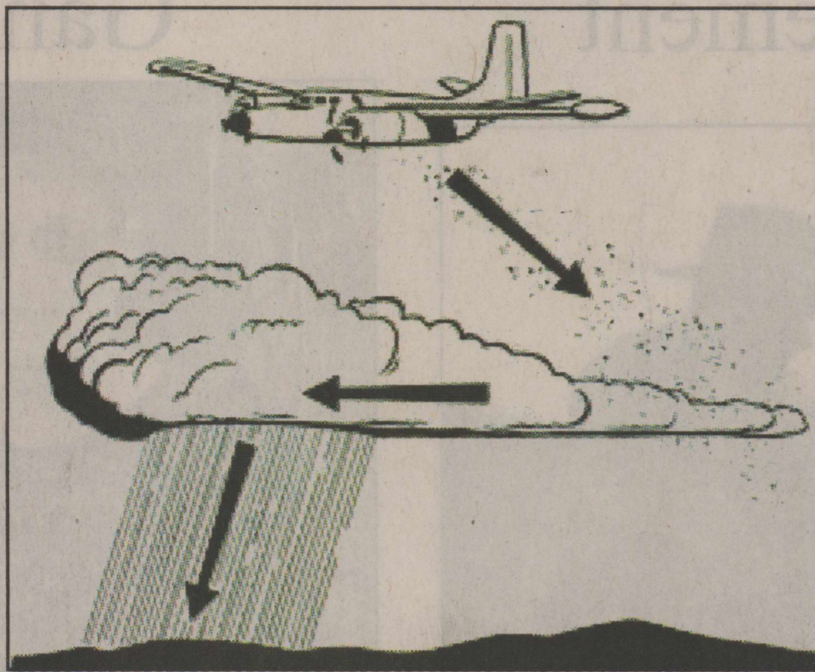
SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, August 4, 2011

Clouds Everywhere, But No Rain In Sight — Why Not Seed Those Clouds?



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Jim Polonis

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District (Sutton County UWCD) has been a member of the West Texas Weather Modification Association (WTWMA) for 15 years. This association conducts cloud-seeding projects over 6.4 million acres, which includes Sutton, Glasscock, Irion, Sterling, Reagan, Crockett, Schleicher, and a portion of Tom Green Counties. The WTWMA is located at the San Angelo Regional Airport where it monitors the weather happenings across the described region.

The WTWMA meteorologist uses sophisticated radar and computer programs to locate and identify candidate clouds that could benefit from cloud-seeding. When conditions are right, ideal rain clouds develop, the meteorologist dispatches pilots flying modified airplanes to the site to seed those clouds. Not any cloud will produce rain; they must be the type that build to heights of 30,000' feet or more and hold a lot of moisture. The light puffy clouds we see in the morning are not the type of clouds that are good candidates for cloud-

seeding.

To give you a better idea about cloud-seeding and the history of it Messer's Robert Rhodes and Jonathan Whitehead the meteorologists at WTWMA have contributed the information presented below. Mr. Whitehead will be the new meteorologist for WTWMA; Mr. Rhodes is taking a new job in Virginia.

Vincent Shaefer is credited with the discovery of the principles of cloud seeding. On 13 November 1946, after several failed attempts through various chemical compounds, Shaefer successfully modified the microphysics within a cloud after dropping 1.5Kg of dry ice pellets (solid CO2) from a light aircraft into a supercooled lenticular cloud in western Massachusetts. In Texas, the first attempt at cloud seeding was in 1891 by patent attorney Robert Dyrenforth, who was given a \$2,000 grant by the U.S. Congress to do a series of rain making experiments near Midland. It was not until 1997, that the State of Texas made its initial commitment to sponsoring rain-enhancement projects by devoting \$550,000 to cost-share cloud-seeding activities.

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Nerf Commando Represents Sonora In World Championship

Sonora's own Jacob Knight was selected to participate in the 2011 NERF Dart Tag League World Championship in Orlando, FL.

A nationwide, open enrollment was held from April 01, 2011 through July 10, 2011.

Applicants had to answer 5 multiple choice questions about Nerf Dart Tag, and submit 2 essays answering

1. Why is it "NERF or NOTHIN'" in your life?
2. What skills do you possess that could make you a Dart Tag champion?

The top 200 contestants for each age group (8-12 and 13-17) were chosen and notified in mid July. Based on further dissection of the essays, commitment to family, charitable giving, athleticism, and brand loyalty to NERF, only 4 applicants for each age group were selected per region. Our region, the South Midwest, includes Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Jacob was one of the four selected (out of over 15,000 applicants nation wide) to represent our region.

On August 18, NERF will fly Jacobs father and Jacob to Orlando, FL for the competition. He will be assigned to a team with the other 3 winners from our region. Jacob has won, so far, a round trip airfare for 2 to Orlando, a one day "park hopper" pass to Disney World, hotel accommodations, and the entrance to the World Championship where he will play for a chance to win the grand prize of \$25,000 to be split among his team of 4.

Ongoing Drought Affecting Urban Wildlife

Texans are seeing more wildlife in the city because of the ongoing drought, but it's something of an urban myth that wild animals are coming to the city from the country in search of food and water.

"Actually, the animals people are seeing already live in the city," says Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist John Davis. "No question, the drought is stressing wildlife, but a field mouse or rabbit that lives out in the country has no concept of cities or that they will find food or water if they go there. That's a common thought process, but it's more anthropomorphic than people realize."

Still, the lack of water is definitely affecting the behavior of resident urban wildlife from deer and coyotes to raccoons and opossums. Even snakes and insects are affected. All are in search of scarce water and food.

"Animals that are normally nocturnal are being seen more during the day because they're out looking for water or something to eat," Davis says.

In considering the impact of an extended drought on wildlife, Davis says, the key is the overall population of a particular species.

"It's easy to get caught up on individual animals and have a heart-felt desire to help them, but since it's the weak who don't survive, in the long run a drought strengthens a species' population," he says.

While most wildlife species will come out of the drought OK, Davis said he is worried about short-lived species that require rain to breed.

Chavez Travels to England to Play Soccer



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Favila Took Bronco Nation Cheer to Hawaii



Young Cowboy Competes at State

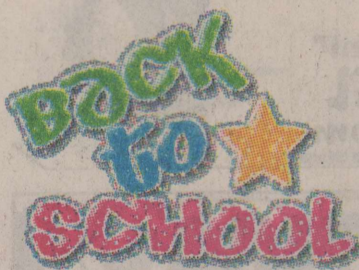
Robert Zapata Jr. just came back from competing in the TYBR State Finals in Saginaw this past 22nd-24th of July. After all the sweat, blood and hang-ups he was determined to come home with a buckle and that is just what he did. He placed 4th in his region and 10th in state on senior steer riding. We would like to thank the Lord for taking him this far as well as his sponsors; Parker Lumber, The Ramsdell Family and 2 Ranch.

Robert we are very proud of your determination and accomplishments this year!
Love You,
Dad, mom, Daniela and Gaby.

Cheer Hawaii USA is an organization that helps high school cheerleaders get ready for cheering on a college level. They select 100 girls from the US to attend their camp held at the University of Hawaii. June 29 thru July 6, 2011 was a life changing experience for me. I learned so much in a short period of time. We were coached by Penn State, South Florida State and University of Hawaii cheer coaches. Our daily schedule included dance, cheer and stunt workouts. We attended lectures given by the college coaches. We also took time to visit the beautiful sights in Honolulu, the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, the North Shore Beach and the Polynesian Culture Center. We also performed the hula dance at the Culture Center. We entertained our family and friends with a showcase of the material we learned.

I would like to give Kate Jennings special thanks for nominating me to cheer Hawaii USA and encouraging me to attend. Also, my parents, Eddie & Tammy Favila deserve a special thank you for allowing me to attend a camp that will enhance my cheering for a college one day.

School Supply Lists



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Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. August 4 - Blood & Sugar Checks at Noon
- Fri. August 5 - Run errands
- Mon. August 8 - Happy Birthday *Lupe Jimenez*
- Tues. August 9 - CEAP Energy Assistance
- Wed. August 10 - Call to Volunteer!

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. August 4 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, roll carrot salad, cookie, milk
- Fri. August 5 - Catfish, hominy, hush puppies, milk okra/tomato gumbo, apple crisp
- Mon. August 8 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes peas & carrots, roll, peach cobbler, milk
- Tues. August 9 - Polynesian salad, sweet peas, wheat bread golden salad, vanilla pudding, milk
- Wed. August 10 - Pork Florentine, parsley, noodles, broccoli wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, 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).

Letter to the Editor

I would like to inform all of the good people of Sonora what I have recently learned about our superintendent Don Gibson. Through an attorney friend in Ft. Worth, I was informed that Mr. Gibson has discussed filing a lawsuit against me for the letters to the editor I submitted to this newspaper. This tells me a lot about the character of this man and how he deals with those who disagree. I want to warn everyone that if you object, you too might face some form of retribution. In light of this news, I feel he should have zero say in selecting our next superintendent.

Brian Blackbird

Death Notice

Alline Doran Wester

Sonora- ,86, of Sonora died Thurs. July 28 in Eldorado. Grave-side services were Friday, July 29 in Garden of Memories cemetery in Kerrville. Survivors include son Bill Doran and daughter Jo Ann Jones ,both of Sonora.

Obituary

Juanita V. Gandar



Sonora- , 86, of Sonora died Monday, July 25 in Sonora. Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 28 at 10:00a.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Juanita was born to Elijeo and Josefa Virgen May 16, 1925 in Sonora, Tx. She made her life in Sonora with Celestino Gandar, who she married on April 6, 1947. Juanita was involved with the Catholic Church and made her living as a beauty operator fo 52 years until her illness kept her from contiuing her job which she dearly loved. She will be joining her husband Celestino and son Freddie in Heaven to finally rest. She is survived by her daughter Edna and husband Fernando Aguirre, grandchildren Fernando, Nicole, Alanna, and Alexis Aguirre, daughter-in-law Edna Aguirre, grandchildren Cynthia Gandar Perez, and Lee Gandar, great-grandchildren Christopher, Annalisa, and Elias Perez, Charlie Galindo, David Lee and Olivia Gandar, Fernando Aguirre, Jr. Nevaeh Carrasco, and Andrew Aguirre. She is also survived by her brother Joe Virgen, sisters Odelia Gomez and Esperanza Torres, all from Sweetwater, Tx.

Engagement Announcements


McKissack ~ Buell Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McKissack, Jr. of Sonora, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Thia Dawn McKissack to Rowdy L. Lee Buell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Van Veghel of Sonora, Texas and the late Mr. Raymond Buell of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McKissack, Sr. of Abilene, Texas and the late Mrs. Kathleen S. Moore of Sonora, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. Gene Lasky and the late Mrs. Barbara Lasky of Sonora, Texas and Mrs. Marie Hobbs and the late Mr. Shorty Hobbs of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.


The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo, Texas.



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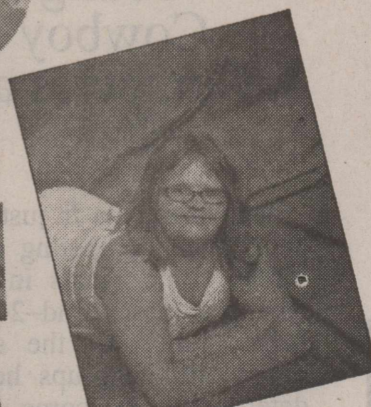

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Cloud Seeding: Continued from Front

Conservation District member Dale Bates made progress promoting weather modification operations throughout the state. Cloud seeding efforts were enhanced in the early 2000 when an analysis of cloud seeding and efficiency provided evidence for sustained operation. Texas Weather Modification also developed Silver Iodide flares in conjunction with analysis that suggested various formulations were more efficient than

others. Dr. William Finnegan was the lead chemist developing the various flare formulations.

Method
There are two methods of cloud seeding; the most popular and most widely used being seeding from airplanes. The other method uses ground-based generators. Both methods have their advantages and disadvantages. Ground-based generators are more effective when cloud bases are

relatively close to the ground such as snowpack augmentation at mountain tops. For this reason, most generators are found in mountainous regions of the west where they are placed right on the upwind slope of the mountain close to the cloud base.

Processes
There are two processes used for cloud seeding known as hygroscopic seeding and glaciogenic seeding. Hygroscopic seeding involves the use of salt flares in clouds that have most of the droplets below the freezing level within the cloud. With hygroscopic seeding we are essentially pumping the cloud full of added condensation nuclei, or microscopic particles that help in the formation of

raindrops. Raindrops form through a process known as collision-coalescence. As more condensation nuclei are available within the cloud, the better chance water droplets can collide and coalesce with the condensation nuclei to become large enough to be called a raindrop. As the raindrops continue to grow, they eventually become large enough that they are too heavy for the cloud to hold and fall out of the cloud. Glaciogenic seeding on the other hand involves the use of silver iodide in clouds that have a mix of warm cloud droplets and supercooled water droplets. Supercooled water droplets are vapor droplets within the cloud that are in liquid form below 0°C. It is these

supercooled water droplets that cloud seeding is targeting in the use of silver iodide. The injection of silver iodide into a cloud with supercooled water droplets stimulates the ice-particle growth within the cloud. Once the silver iodide is injected into the cloud, the supercooled water droplets collide with the chemical compound and freeze on contact through vapor deposition because silver iodide has a crystalline structure that is very similar to ice. At some point within the cloud,

you have millions upon millions of ice crystals within the cloud and they eventually fall out and melt into raindrops as they pass through the melting level within the cloud. Through these processes, goals from weather modification in Texas are for rain enhancement and in some cases, hail suppression. Rainfall on average through the state of Texas is increased by 10-20% and is better than 10 years into operational success.

**Firefighter Appreciation Dinner
August 9 in Ozona**

A Firefighter Appreciation Dinner will be held Aug. 9 at the town square. The event will be sponsored by the town of Ozona. Volunteers are needed to help cook and make homemade ice cream. Cooking will start around 3 p.m. and eating will be around 6:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs. Special performance by Crossing Tyler. Businesses and individuals are also welcome to help donate food or monetary donations. Ozona Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters, Area Volunteer Firefighters, Texas Forest Service and all Cooperators are invited. Also included are the many Volunteers we have all had. Please help us show our appreciation, and make this a success! For more information, call Shelly Childress at (325) 277-5381. Monetary donations may be payable to Shelly Childress PO Box 1008 Ozona, TX 76943 For more information, call Shelly Childress at 277-5381.

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Sutton County Gamer Dinner Assn. is having a meeting on Monday, August 1 at 7:00PM at the Sonora Vol. Fire Department meeting room. Anyone who is interested in helping with the dinner and/or raffle is invited.

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!

Eldorado Game Dinner & Drawing 11:00 AM, November 5, 2011 at the Schleicher County Civic Center on US Hwy 277 South in Eldorado. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and BBQ brisket and sausage plates are \$10 and include 2 raffle tickets.

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Chavez Travels to England to Play Soccer



Andres Chavez, a Stanton High School Junior, will be one of 18 boys representing the United States as a member of the Super Club National Soccer team. The U-17 Boy's team consists of players from all over the United States of which four are from Texas. They will be in London and Manchester, England for the duration of two weeks. While in England, the United States team will be training and partaking in soccer matches with England's prestigious youth teams.

Chavez has been playing organized soccer since the age of four. He has played competitive soccer with the Dallas Texans West Texas division for the past six years. Andres has also competed in the United States Regional Olympic Development soccer team out of Alabama.

Chavez is the son of Albert and Bonnie Chavez. He is the grandson of Victoriano (V.L.) and Rosalba Chavez and the late Margarito (Maggie) and Estella Gamez of Sonora. A special thanks goes out to Creek Swabbing of Sonora for their support.

Lions Roar



The Sonora Downtown Lion's Club received a letter from Manuel Zavala of San Angelo. He told of his struggle and finally losing his eye sight. It was a real struggle both mentally and physically to go on with my life and provide for my family. That is until I met Dave Wells, the Lighthouse Director, and he offered me a job. In 2009 I was Employee of the year and promoted to Material Handler. I have lost my vision but I have my dignity and the job I need to provide for my family. This is a project which "Creates Jobs and Changes Lives". A big thanks to all who help make this project possible.

Honoring Lion Beto Duran

Beto Duran came to Sonora for the meeting this week. He was brought by his son Bob of Houston. Beto now lives in Kerrville where his wife is in a care facility there. He was born the same year that the Downtown Lion's Club was founded, 1928. He is Mr. Sonora Downtown Lion's Club and has a real spirit of service typical of outstanding Lions. He has been a member of Lion's Clubs since 1961 and has years of perfect attendance since. He is also well known for his Hot Sauce which he donates a gallon for the Auction each year. He has also contributed outstanding service to the local Senior Citizen's Center.

Lion Jim Stephens told the story of the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club. Virgil Polchek was District Governor that year and Beto was honored with a "Belly Dancer". You can't say that Lions don't have fun!

Beto recently gave four Service Scholarships and they were awarded this week at the meeting. Our club honored Beto this week for his great love and dedicated commitment in the spirit of Lion's service. It was a small token for the many years of dedicated service.

Texas Universities Listed in World Wide College Guide

There are more than 2,200 four-year colleges in the United States. This year 12 colleges in Texas have been included in the resource that millions of parents, counselors, and college-bound students have turned to for more than 25 years—Fiske Guide to Colleges.

Compiled by former New York Times education editor Edward B. Fiske, this guide is a selective, subjective, and systematic look at 300+ colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain.

Texas schools featured in the Fiske Guide to Colleges 2012 are:

Austin College

The second-most famous institution in Texas with Austin in its name. Half the size of Trinity (TX), runs neck-in-neck with Southwestern to be the leading Texas college with fewer than 2,000 students. Combines liberal arts with strong programs in business, education, and health fields. Austin College is actually near Dallas.

Baylor University

Come to Baylor, and mom can rest easy. The largest Baptist university anywhere, Baylor is avowedly Christian, which means less debauchery than is found elsewhere. It's also one of the least expensive private universities in the country.

University of Dallas

Bulwark of academic traditionalism in Big D. Despite being a "university," UD has

fewer than 1,300 undergraduates. Except for the Business Leaders of Tomorrow program, the curriculum is exclusively liberal arts. The only outpost of Roman Catholic education between New Orleans and San Diego.

Rice University

One of the few elite private colleges that keep tuition relatively affordable. Rice is outstanding in engineering, architecture, and music. With about 3,000 undergraduates, Rice is smaller than applicants realize. In lieu of frats, Rice has a residential college system like Yale and University of Miami.

Southern Methodist University

SMU is all but the official alma mater of the Dallas business and professional elite. The university is best known for business, performing arts, and upscale conservatism. Though tuition is moderate by national standard, SMU is pricey compared to rivals Texas Christian and Rice.

Southwestern University

Southwestern is one of the top liberal arts colleges in Texas. Compare to Austin and Trinity. Southwestern is about half the size of the latter and prides itself on individual attention and down-to-earth friendliness. Offers an unusually rich array of interdisciplinary and student-centered learning.

University of Texas at Austin

UT is on anybody's list of the top 10 public universities in the nation. The Plan II liberal arts honors program is one of the nation's most renowned. Though it is also the capitol of Texas, Austin ranks among the nation's best college towns while being a progressive enclave in a conservative state.

University of Texas at Dallas

A rising star in the Lone Star state, UTD is now the most selective of the regional campuses of the UT system. Has put on a full-court press to attract top students in science and technology. Good living conditions and a serious honors program. Football here is of the flag variety.

Texas A&M University

Coming to A&M is like joining a fraternity with 43,000 members. In addition to fanatical school spirit, Texas A&M offers leading programs in natural science, business, and engineering. To succeed in the mass of humanity, students must find their academic niche. The student body is 95 percent Texan.

Texas Christian University

The personalized alternative to Texas-sized state universities. Tuition is less, and the student body less affluent, than that at archrival SMU. Though affiliated with the Disciple of Christ, TCU goes lighter on religion than, say, Baylor. Strengths include the fine arts, business and communications.

Texas Tech University

A child of the remote West Texas plains, Texas Tech in finally emerging from the shadow of Texas A&M. Though engineering is its specialty, Tech is a full-service university. It takes big-time sports to be on the map in Texas, and the Red Raiders are making a name in both football and basketball.

Trinity University

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Drought Worsens: Tropical Storm Don Came Up Short

Feral Hog Management Workshop This Month

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



An educational workshop on feral hog control will be offered at the Schleicher County Civic Center on August 17th. The morning will begin at 8:30 with CEU registration and presentations start at 9:00 a.m. Speakers will include personnel with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management System and Texas Department of Agriculture. Program topics will give an overview of feral hogs, their biology, life cycle and what landowners legally can and cannot do to control these animals.

Feral swine cause an estimated \$52 million dollars in damage to Texas Agriculture. As they can adapt to a variety of habitats, population is estimated at over 2 million for our state. The odds are in their favor. Females are reproductively mature at 8 - 10 months old and young are born throughout the year. The gestation period is only 115 days, while life expectancy is 4 - 5 yrs.

Swine are omnivores, and eat both plant and animal matter. As a result, they can compete with livestock and wildlife for feed and readily take advantage of wildlife feeders. Aside from the damage to crops and forages, swine are predators and devour lambs and goats as well as fawns.

Other damage includes destroying fences and damage to landscapes. But they can also carry diseases which affect domestic livestock. These include brucellosis and leptospirosis.

The scheduled workshop will discuss these topics in greater detail and provide options for combating feral swine populations. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required as a noon meal will be provided. Five (5) continuing education units (C.E.U.s), including one in laws & regulations, will be offered for those with a pesticide applicator license.

For additional information, contact Stanley Spinks at 325-450-5558. You can also register by calling the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.

COLLEGE STATION - More than 99 percent of the state was in one level of drought or another by the last week of July, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. More than 90 percent of the state was in an extreme drought; 75 percent in an exceptional drought, according to the monitor. Daytime high temperatures continued to challenge or beat historical records in many parts of the state. Throughout the state, with the exception of small pockets where there has been rain, producers continued to struggle with dropping irrigation well and stock-water tank levels, desiccated pastures and hay shortages, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel. Two-minute MP3 Audio version of Texas crop, weather for Aug. 2, 2011 "Different week, same song," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Producers are trying to run water on as many crops as possible, but the cotton is needing more wa-

ter now also. The corn crop is in dire need of water, and many producers are abandoning parts or whole fields of corn production in hopes to salvage what they can." "What small amount of cotton that is left in the county is under irrigation, but farmers are beginning to turn the water off due to the amount of money they already have in the crop. They are worried they may not get that back in the market," said Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County, east of Lubbock. "Some of the cotton under irrigation looks very good, but once out in it, farmers realize it's just not putting on the fruit like it should be." "All range and pastures are in extremely bad condition," said Lyle Zoeller, AgriLife Extension agent for Coryell County, west of Waco. "All classes of livestock were being fed heavily. Many cows are going to local market, as well as most calves 300 pounds and over. There is no hay available in area; most is coming from out of

state. Low-water sources are now forcing sales of cattle." "Producers continue to cull herds as grazing gets shorter," said Mark Currie, AgriLife Extension agent for Polk County, south of Lufkin. "Time is running out for producers to make enough hay for their herds for winter feeding — even if they survive the summer. Livestock water continues to be a problem for many producers as stock tanks and creeks get lower or dry up." "Tropical Storm Don did not bring any measurable rain," reported Mile Gibbs, AgriLife Extension agent for Val Verde County, southeast of Fort Stockton. "Sheep look very good considering the drought and lack of vegetation. Lamb crops are down. Northern portions of the county need some rain just to cover the burned ground from the April and May wildfires. The ground is still bald and scorched." More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

Central: Conditions remained very dry. Large numbers of cows were being taken to sale barns. Hay sources were hard to find. Producers were baling corn stalks and other marginal forages. Stock-water tanks were getting low. East: Temperatures above 100 degrees and little to no rain made pasture conditions very poor. Hay production halted in most areas. Producers struggled to find hay and water for cattle. Many continued to cull herds or sell out completely. As bad as conditions were, livestock that were given supplemental feed remained in fair to good condition. Grasshoppers reports continued to come in. Far West: The region was very hot, dry and windy. Irrigated cotton fields were in bloom; some in cut-out stage. Ranchers continued to supply supplemental feed and minerals for livestock. Area ranchers were praying for rain as rangeland grasses crumbled. Locoweed and twin-leaf senna, both toxic weeds, were the only green in in some areas, but there were no reports of poisoning. Calves averaging 200 pounds were being sold. There have been many reports of colic in horses.

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2011~2012 Middle School Supply Lists

6TH GRADE

- 1-Trapper Keeper notebook (with zipper)
 - 2-1 subject spiral notebook (wide ruled/70-100)
 - Large scissors
 - 4-Pocket Folders with brads
 - 2-Sets of multi-colored markers
 - 1-Pkg. assorted colored post-it notes (4 min)
 - 1-Set of 24 colored pencils
 - 5- Hard covered composition books
 - 1-Box of quart or gallon ziploc bags
 - 5-Highlighters
 - 1-Pkg. of multi-colored dry erase markers (Expo)
 - 4 -Pkg.-notebook paper (wide ruled)
 - 3-Large boxes kleenex
 - 1-CR1616 or CR1620 flat silver battery
 - 1-Pkg. of 4AAA batteries
 - 12-Blue pens
 - 2-Glue sticks
 - 6-Red pens/pencils
 - 3-8 oz. Elmer's white glue
 - 24-#2 pencils
 - 1-Tube of gel glue
 - 1-Pkg. stick on tabs (10 min)
 - 1-1 inch 3 ring binder
- ***Backpacks are not allowed inside 6th grade classrooms & if used must fit into a 9" wide x 11" deep x 26" high lockers

7TH GRADE

- Highlighters (at least two colors)
- 2 - 8 oz. bottles of Glue
- 1-Ruler
- 2- Pkgs. - White notebook paper
- 1-Pkg. of Map colors
- 1-Large box Kleenex
- 1-Pkg. of #2 Pencils
- 1-2" Binder
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- 3- 1" Binder
- 1-1 Subject Spiral Notebook
- 1-Pkg. note cards
- 2-Pocket Folders with brads and pockets
- 4-Composition books
- 2- Expo markers

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- 5- Pocket folders with brads
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- 1- Composition notebook (science)
- 2- 3 ring binders (math, history)
- 2-8 oz. bottles of glue
- 1- Dry erase marker (math)
- 1- Pack 3x5 notecards (ELA)
- 1-Pkg. of 4 AAA batteries (math)
- 1- Pack of blue/black ink pens
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- 1-Pkg. dividers (history)
- 1- Black dry erase marker (history)
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- 1-Bottle of GermX
- 1-Pair of Scissors

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**6th grade- 9:00 - 10:00
7th grade-10:00 - 1:00
8th grade-11:00 - 12:00**

Ethan Morriss Starts at Safety in 2011 THSCA All-Star Game

On July 26, 2011 Thomas Ethan Morriss played high school football for the last time. The former Sonora Bronco quarterback moved to the other side of the ball and started at strong safety for the South squad in the 2011 Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game. He recorded seven tackles on the night. Five years ago, Ethan broke his leg as an 8th grader playing football for the Colts in Junior High. He has worked extremely hard throughout the years to chase a dream of playing college football. From a broken leg, to breaking Sonora Bronco Football records, to playing with some of the best high school players in the all-star game his dream is now reality. Ethan will take his talents to West Texas A&M University and continue playing the game he loves. He has been a joy to coach and has reached his goal through hard work while all the time doing things the right way. His mannerisms, character, and work ethic should be a guide for all to follow. Bronco Nation was well represented at Dallas Cowboys stadium by family, friends, and coaches. Best of luck Ethan, Bronco Nation is proud of you!

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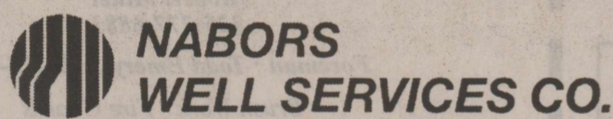
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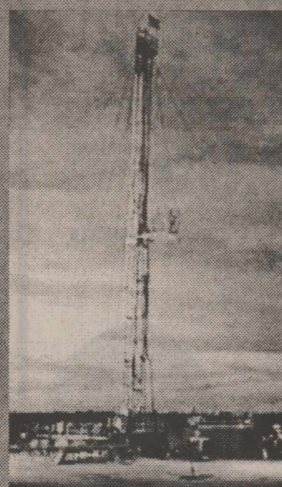
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2011 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SUTTON COUNTY, SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SONORA

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Sutton County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County FM&FC	County Hospital	City of Sonora
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,756,207	\$ 592,479	\$ 1,088,785	\$ 620,101
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,756,207	\$ 592,479	\$ 1,088,785	\$ 620,101
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,068,798,375	\$ 1,066,684,005	\$ 1,092,170,716	\$ 110,997,331
Last year's total tax rate	\$.257879/\$100	\$.055544/\$100	\$.099690/\$100	\$.510000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,756,206	\$ 592,478	\$ 1,088,784	\$ 566,086
+This year's adjusted tax base (After subtracting value of new Property)	\$ 779,881,580	\$ 777,922,423	\$ 804,207,152	\$ 112,980,709
=This year's effective tax rate	\$.353413/\$100	\$.076161/\$100	\$.135386/\$100	\$.501000/\$100
Total effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$.429574/\$100			

This year's rollback tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property and Adjusting for any transferred function. Tax increment financing, state criminal Justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent Health care expenditures)	\$ 2,756,206	\$ 592,478	\$ 1,603,768	\$ 566,086
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 779,881,580	\$ 777,922,423	\$ 804,207,152	\$ 112,980,709
=This year's effective operating Rate	\$.353413/\$100	\$.076161/\$100	\$.199422/\$100	\$.501000/\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum Operating rate	\$.381686/\$100	\$.082253/\$100	\$.215375/\$100	\$.541000/\$100
+This year's debt rate	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate For each fund	\$.381686/\$100	\$.082253/\$100	\$.215375/\$100	\$.541000/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.463939/\$100			

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If SUTTON COUNTY adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.429574 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$12,390.

If SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.135386 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$3,457.

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UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	BALANCE
Sutton County	General Fund	\$ 1,958,171
	FM&FC	\$ 534,081
Hospital District	General Maintenance	\$ 350,000
City of Sonora	Restricted Fund	\$ 1,375,000
	Unrestricted Fund	\$ 600,000

STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE FOR SUTTON COUNTY

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$27,087 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2010, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculation at Sutton County Appraisal District.

Mary Bustamante
Chief Appraiser
August 01, 2011

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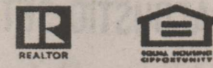
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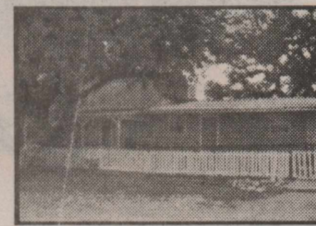
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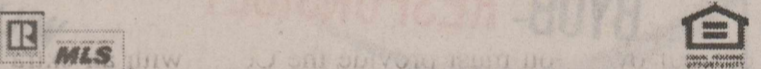


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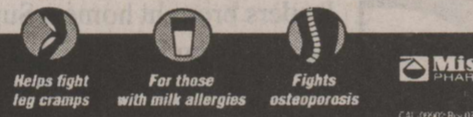
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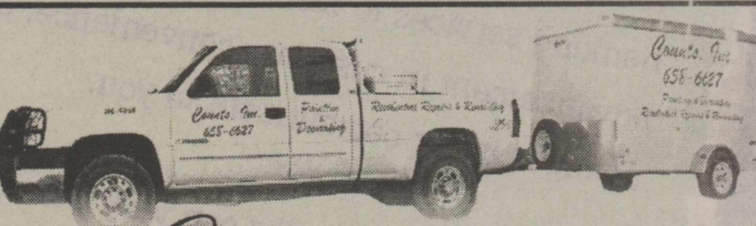
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Cheerleaders Start the School Season on A High Note



The 2011 Bronco Pep Rallies are just around the corner. Make sure you attend. They held each Friday, 2:00 at the high school gymnasium. 2011-2012 Sonora Bronco Cheerleaders are (front to back) Senior Sarah Carrillo mascot, Freshman Kaitlyn Gibbens, Freshman Kamrie Martinez, Freshman Logan Sine, Junior Kelsey Favila, Senior Brittany Morin, Senior Delilah Aguero, Freshman Annalisa Perez, Junior Jacinda Sanchez, Junior Emilce Hernandez, Freshman Logan Smith, Senior Hunter Jennings, Junior Abby Creek, Junior Avery Nolen, Junior Paige Sykes, Freshman Alexa Sykes, and (not shown) Senior Elizabeth Chavarria.

The Sonora Bronco Cheerleaders brought home a Superior Ranking from UCA cheer camp on July 26th-29th. JV

cheerleaders that qualified for All American cheerleader and have an opportunity to go to Houston to perform in the Thanksgiving Day Parade are

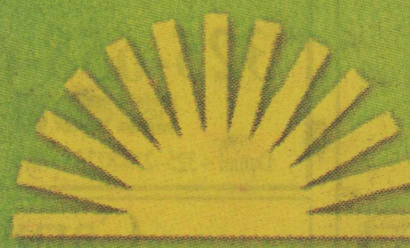
Kamrie Martinez, Logan Sine, Annalisa Perez, and Kaitlyn Gibbens. Kelsey Favila qualified for All American Cheerleader from the varsity division and has the opportunity to travel to London, England, for a New Year's parade. Sarah Carrillo brought home the most spirited mascot award and has qualified for the opportunity to try out for UCA mascot instructor for next summer. Hunter Jennings also qualified for the opportunity to try out for UCA cheerleader instructor for next summer. Congratulations girls on your Superior Rating!



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