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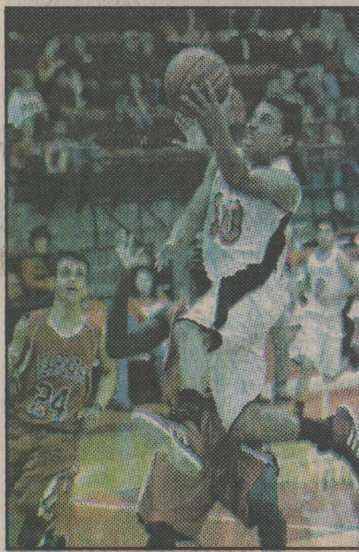
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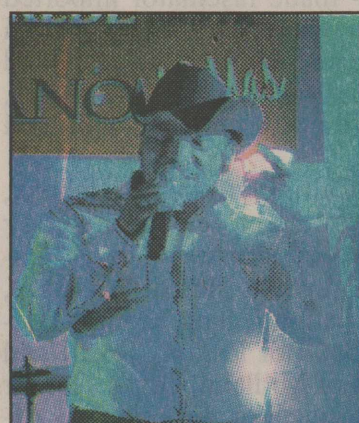
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New Superintendent Takes The Reigns Of Sonora Schools



By Ben D. Taylor

The new Superintendent of Sonora's School, James Hartman sees his newest appointment as an opportunity for him and his family. A Santa Anna native and graduate of Angelo State University, Hartman looks forward to being back in West Texas.

"Taking this position in Sonora is good for me professionally. I grew up in West Texas and my oldest daughter is at Angelo State University. It's nice to be in this part of the world with my family closer to us. We still have two children in school, and we feel that Sonora is a quality district, and our children would benefit from Sonora ISD".

I asked Mr. Hartman what his immediate plans were for the District.

"I hope to spend the spring semester evaluating all aspects of the District. Once I have a better grasp on the whole picture we will start to look at improvement. Immediately however, I would like to place a strong emphasis on

involving both the parents and the community when it comes to educating our youth."

I asked Mr. Hartman about the status of the bond recommendation process.

"Right now we are assessing facility needs. Right now we are looking at science labs across the district, infrastructure needs associated with safety, and technology upgrades. The board will be taking that list back to the Capital Improvement Committee for their recommendation. I don't see us getting that recommendation back by May. More realistically I would expect to get something back by November or next May".

Mr. Hartman expressed his excitement about getting involved in the community.

"We are excited to be a part of the Sonora ISD family. I'm really looking forward to get to know everyone in town. I think people will find that I am pretty open and direct. I want people to tell me what they think and I'll do the same. I do not have the answers to every question, so I feel it's important to get as many different heads looking at a problem in order to find the best solution".

Mr. Hartman was the Region 13 Superintendent of the year and has worked for Midland ISD, Booker, Aspermont, Bangs, and Marion.

Use, Management of Devils River Outlined in Collaborative Report

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission was briefed today on recommended steps to provide public access to the Devils River in Val Verde County, while preserving the river's precious natural and cultural resources and protecting adjacent landowners' privacy.

The report by the Devils River Working Group, chartered last year after the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acquired the roughly 18,000-acre Devils River Ranch, identified conservation challenges and issues of concern among river users and riverside landowners, and how they might be addressed to satisfy various stakeholders. Represented on the 25-member stakeholder group were landowners along the river, the paddling community, angling community and TPWD staff.

Working group chair Scott Boruff, TPWD's deputy director of operations, provided the commission with an overview of the efforts to arrive at a consensus and how the group worked through specific issues during four meetings last year to come up with the 20-page report. He said the meetings allowed different perspectives to be voiced and resulted in "an increased understanding among the private landowners, conservationists and recreational users."

Boruff said that while the report provides requested feedback to TPWD regarding protection of the Devils River and surrounding environments, the group believes its recommendations may be useful in the TPWD's preparation of the General Management Plan due in September that will guide future use of the Devils River State Natural Area complex.



Michael Salgado performs in front of a packed house at the Civic Center.

The Sonora Charity Bash Brings in Grammy Nominee

By Ben D. Taylor

The 4th Annual Charity bash was held last Saturday, January 28th and boasts its most successful year yet. Event organizer Tabitha Abrego commented that, "We had about 600 people show up last weekend. This year has been the best turnout by far. We feel it's because of the quality of the entertainment. Each year we try to pick entertainers that are known and will draw a crowd".

This year's entertainer was 2012 Grammy Nominee Michael Salgado. Michael is a well known Tejano artist, but has recently released his first country song. Abrego commented that, "Michael's music is well received by everyone. He plays everything from Country to Tejano (and just about anything in between)".

Michael's ability to draw a crowd reached farther than the borders of our community, as Abrego commented that, "This was very successful not only because a lot of people came, it's important to note that a lot of the people there were from out of town. That is good for everyone in Sonora's tough economic conditions".

Abrego emphasized the importance of these kinds

of charity events, and plans on making sure the Charity Bash continues to grow. "We hope to be able to contribute to the community again with future such events. In the past we've contributed to St. Ann's Catholic Church, The Ministerial Alliance, Volunteer Fire Department, and now we are pleased to be able

to establish the First Annual KLDE and Sonora Charity Bash Scholarship for the youth in our community.

We would like to thank everyone that came out, and especially Paula and Danny Boyer from KLDE. They played an intricate part in the success of this event."

Correction For Last Week's Edition:

On The Still Time To File Article:

There are some omissions in it that are fairly crucial. To begin with, a number of the parties have already filed, as have opponents. The end filing date is still in question due to the ongoing court battles. Obviously, the time for registering with a party chairperson was not prior to Dec. 15th. The primary date is no longer March 6th. It was moved to April, but even that date is now in question due to the litigation. The State of Texas is still working out the details on the timing of the upcoming primary election, and we will keep everyone posted for any new changes. Much apologies for any confusion.

The Importance of Voting

By Dusty Padilla

The time has come to make a very important decision. Should you register to vote? It's a very important question to ask. It comes with a responsibility and freedom that some people wish they had. It's one of the things we are allowed to do as American's; use our voice and opinion to choose who leads us whether it's on a Federal, State or City level. Since the dawn of government's it has given people the chance to ensure that their needs are taken care of and heard. So it comes to no surprise when I tell you that, not everyone understands why they should. Even if you think your vote doesn't count; it does. You should never think that one person cannot change anything. It has come down to single votes in lots of past elections which is why I would like to try and encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming polls. There is no room for anyone to dislike the outcome if we don't make the conscious effort to make a difference. I understand it's hard, with all the information out there, to keep up with what's going to be best for us. However all it takes is a little awareness in the matter. Start with what is going on around the city. We have upcoming elections for different city official positions and what better place to start then where you live.

I would like to bring up another topic based around the same premise as the one above. It is just as important for every 18-25 year old male to be registered with the Selective Service. In fact it is a Federal Violation punishable by imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of not more than \$250,000 if you are not registered. Even if you are thinking about serving our country in one of our military branches it is still necessary that you do selective service. I'm sure we have all heard of the draft that took place during the Vietnam War/Conflict. However a draft like that has not happened since and there are stipulations within the laws that only allow for certain people to be drafted. As you can deduce from all this females are not required to register but are still given the option to do so. I can't emphasize how important it is and what you will miss out on if you do not register. You will be denied a driver's license in most states as well as be disqualified for student aid, federal job training and federal jobs. Again awareness on this topic is the greatest tool to understand what some of the advantages are to doing this.

I will provide any information I can in order to help you not only better understand these two topics but get the right help. Below are websites that should put you on the right track for both voting and selective service. You can also visit your local Post Office to pick up either respective form.
www.sss.gov www.usa.gov

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Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. February 2 - Happy Birthday *Joe Valera*
- Fri. February 3 - Happy Birthday *Myrtle Armentrout*
- Mon. February 6 - Bingo
- Tues. February 7 - Happy Birthday *James Parks*
- Wed. February 8 - Craft Ideas?

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. February 2 - Sweet & sour port, fried rice, milk mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fruit parfait
- Fri. February 3 - Breaded chicken breast, peas, milk baked potato w/sour cream, pineapple tidbits
- Mon. February 6 - Beef stew, tossed salad, cornbread, milk orange juice, pumpkin custard
- Tues. February 7 - Baked fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly, milk
- Wed. February 8 - Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed vegetable wheat roll, winter fruit cup, 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).

Obituary

Ethel Mae "Poochie" Alley Olson

Ethel Mae "Poochie" Alley Olson peacefully left this world on January 30, 2012 at the age of 82. Her service was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at St. John's Episcopal Church with Father Christopher Roque officiating. Burial followed at Sonora Cemetery, and arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Poochie was born in Liberty Hill, TX to her mother, Eula Myrl Proffitt Alley and her beloved father, J.V. Alley on October 6, 1929.

Poochie is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Darrell "Warty" Alley and Eugene "Gene" Alley; sister-in-law, Bonnie King Alley; and her husband, Richard Elton Olson. She is survived by her son, Eric Olson, of Midland; daughter, Lorie Powers, of Sonora, Jackie Johnson Olson, daughter-in-law; granddaughters, Anna, Erica, Zella, and Callyn; great-grandson, Kanen; niece, Suzanne Whitworth; nephews, Scott and Steve Alley; and her many friends.

Poochie grew up on ranches in Sutton County. Her father taught her the important things in life like pulling bitter weed, riding for wormies, and belt lunches by a water trough. She was no stranger to a hard day's work or fun dip in the stock tank. She graduated from Sonora High School at the ripe age of 16. She began her studies at the University of Texas, where she was introduced to her first love, bridge. Transferring to Sul Ross University and taking her bridge skills with her, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in education. She taught in many small towns in Texas. Always the adventuress, she took a job in Germany as a teacher, where her love for travel began, visiting many places that she would later take her children. She eventually landed as opportunity to teach in Saudi Arabia, working for Armco, where she met and married Richard. Both of their children were born in Saudi Arabia. She continued to travel the world with her children in tow. Later trading in sand for silicon, she returned to the States and pursued additional schooling in computer program with her sister-in-law, Bonnie. Tragedy struck when her father died unexpectedly. Without another thought about computers, she packed up her two children and moved back home to Sonora and helped her mother with the ranch.

Poochie's friends encouraged her to take up golf, which she did with the same ambition that she did everything in her life. Golf became her second love, encouraging other to play. Always looking for another challenge, she took up sewing and quilting to express her creativity.

Poochie was a gifted storyteller, devoted mother and grandmother, as well as an amazing friend. We will miss her wit, bright eyes, contagious smile and her strong convictions to the greater good.

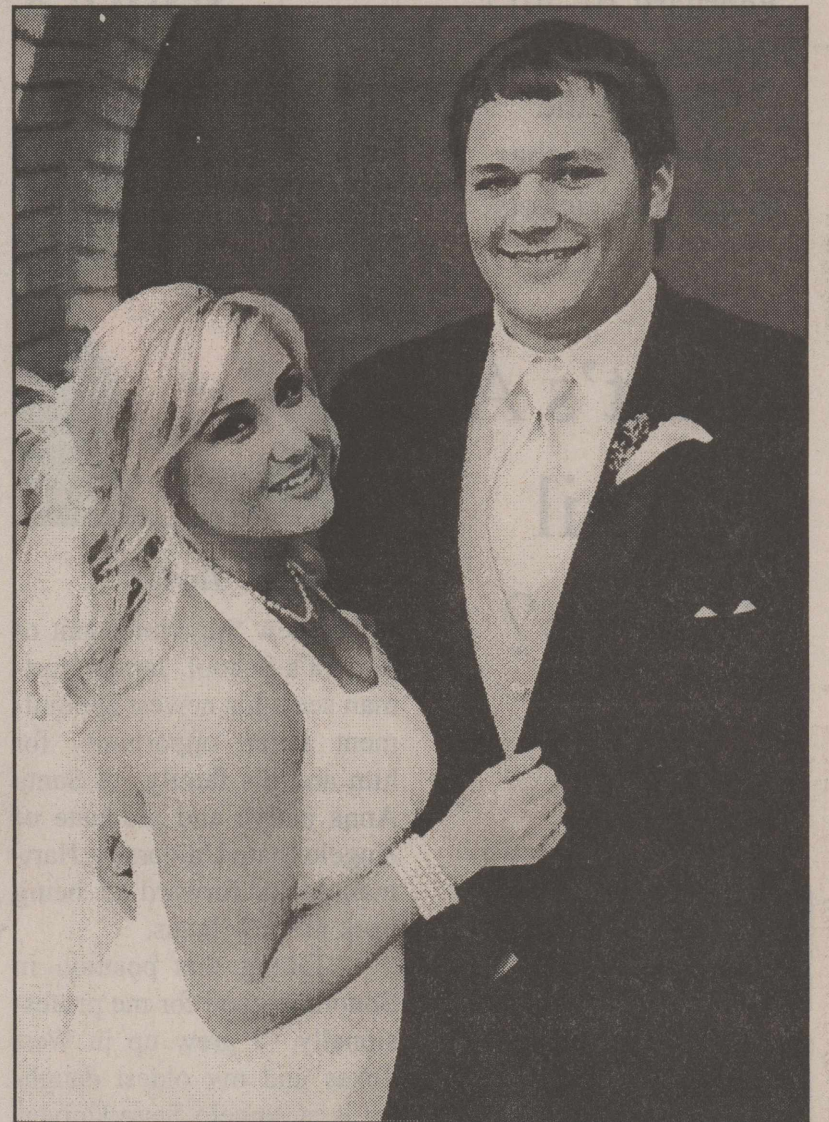
Pallbearers were Gus Ward, Larry Finklea, Scott Alley, Steve Alley, David Hickman and Mickey Powers. Honorary Pallbearer was Gary Lee.

We extend a very special thanks to Maria Galindo for her friendship, devotion and kindness; HOSA for their understanding and encouragement; additionally, Crockett County Care Center for their caring commitment to their residents and families.

Please consider donations to HOSA or Alzheimer Foundations in lieu of flowers.

Wedding Announcements

Miss Amy Catherine Warren Weds Mr. Cash Wilson Jennings



Miss Amy Catherine Warren and Mr. Cash Wilson Jennings were united in marriage on Saturday, the seventh of January, two thousand and twelve, at seven o'clock in the evening at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland, Texas. The Reverend John Wedgewood-Greenhow, the parish rector, officiated the double ring ceremony. Music was provided by Steve Spain. Scripture readings were given by Janet Pollard and Lee Harley, dear friends of the bride's family. After the ceremony the bride's family hosted a reception with dining and dancing at Midland Country Club. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Clear Springs for the wedding party.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Bud and Beth) Warren. She is the granddaughter of Mr. C. Elmo Cummins, Jr. and the late Mrs. C. E. (Kitty) Cummins of Midland, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon Warren of Ft. Worth, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Glen Jennings of Sonora, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Jennings, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mathews, of Sonora, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, Catherine wore an a-line gown of embroidered and hand beaded organza and taffeta. It featured a custom Queen Ann neckline and chapel train. A hand-made fascinator imported from England of feathers and fresh water pearls and a custom cathedral length veil edged in crystal and pearls completed the ensemble. Catherine carried a bouquet of green roses, hydrangeas and calla lilies hand tied with French ribbon and pearls.

Serving as maid of honor was Callie Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, while Jennifer Kuhn, sister of the bride, was honorary matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Hunter Jennings, sister of the groom, of Sonora, Texas, Lauren Pitts of Ft. Worth, Texas, Laura Williams of College Station, Texas, Melissa Bigelow of Lubbock, Texas, Kelsey Scott of Belton, Texas, and Kapri Leary and Kendall Warren of Midland, Texas. Junior bridesmaids were Elizabeth Kuhn, niece of the bride, of Allen, Texas, and Sky Jennings, sister of the groom, of Sonora, Texas. Robin Blakely Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, served as flower girl.

Mr. Tyler Creek of Sonora, Texas, served as best man. Groomsmen included Josh Gammill of Belton, Texas, Dustin Neff, Will Anderson, Dylan Castillo and Ethan Morriss, all of Sonora, Texas, and Jeremy Warren, Joel Warren and Chandler Warren, brothers of the bride, of Midland, Texas. Junior groomsmen Christopher Kuhn and Zachary Kuhn, of Allen, Texas, and Jaiden Warren, of Midland, Texas, along with the ring bearer, Hagen Warren, of Midland, Texas, are nephews of the bride. Karl Kun of Allen, Texas, and Blake Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, ushered the guests.

A native of Midland, Catherine is a graduate of Midland Lee High School. She attends the University of Mary Hardin Baylor where she studies Studio Art and Visual Communications.

Cash is a native of Sonora, Texas, where he is a sixth generation rancher and graduate of Sonora High School. He is seeking a degree in Exercise Sports Science from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas.

Following their honeymoon to Hollywood, California, the couple will reside in Belton, Texas.

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Hierberto (Gilbert) Martinez, Sr.

Sonora- Hierberto (Gilbert) Martinez, Sr. 85 of Sonora died Sat. Jan. 28, 2012 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be Tues. Jan. 31 at 10:00a.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include son Gilbert Martinez, Jr., and grandchildren Tino Martinez, Gilbert Martinez III, John David Martinez, Sandra Romero, Richard Martinez and wife Vonna, Manuel Martinez and wife Leticia, Janelle Martinez, and Debra Martinez, and numerous great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Marcos Martinez, and son Tino Martinez. Pallbearers will be Gustavo Campos, Jessie Gomez, Lalito Martinez, Jr. Castilleja, Esau Martinez, and Juan Pablo Romero, Jr.

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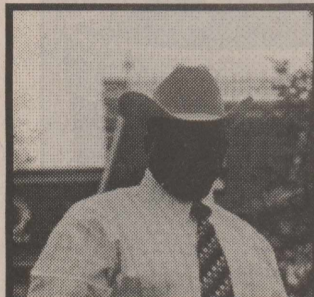
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Letter to the Editor

The 2011-2012 City budgets of \$2 million General fund dollars reflect a revenue of about \$400 thousand dollars it appears will be made up of by using reserves. The use of reserves to take care of shortfalls in revenue is becoming a standard operating procedure for our elected officials in the City. Additional revenue can only be raised via higher taxes and fees. City taxes for this year were raised to the maximum (53.99/\$100) allowed by Texas State law.

Editor's Note: Last weeks letter to the editor submitted by Brigitte R. Rogers was printed with a typo. In the 8th paragraph the opening line stated that, "The 2011-2012 City budget of 1\$ million General fund dollars". The actual budget for the general fund is not \$1 million dollars, its \$2 million dollars. The corrected paragraph is printed above this note.



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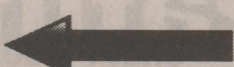
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Daddy - Daughter Date Night will be held February 10, 2012 at the Sonora Middle School Cafeteria from 7:00PM - 9:00PM. FMI contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Fling Ding Members Fling Ding Invitations are ready to be picked up. Please see Shanna Petty at First National Bank, 102 Main Street, to pick them up for the dance on February 4, 2012.

Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo registration deadline is April 30, 2012. Contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust for FMI.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to be made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Are you interested in praying for our country, our city, our loved ones? You are most welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 10:00AM. Bring a chair please. All are welcome. FMI call 325-387-3246.

Sonora Lions are ready to sponsor our youth who are disabled or who have TYPE 1 diabetes to attend a 1 week camp. For more information contact Col. Pete Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Lion. Further information on all Lions Camps is online @ Texas Lions Camp. Camp dates are in June for disabled and July diabetes.

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Thank You Note

Halle,
I want to thank you for the invitation for your Quinceanera. What a thrill!
All the people that were there love your daddy so much. A lot of us felt his presence. I know he was there for you & Pokey.
I'm so proud of you. Your smile shows how happy you were. It was a joy. You looked like a little princess.
Una princesita, your dress was perfect and the meal was delicious. Mija, I enjoyed your fiesta so much.

Love you,
Irene Friess

comprehensive Devils River Use Management Plan that should ensure the long-term sustainability of resources; protection of private property and public access rights; natural biodiversity-based aquatic and terrestrial habitat management; recreational management; and increased river-wide law enforcement oversight.
-Development of a permit system that educates and prepares Devils River users and encourages safe and responsible river behavior.
-Creation of a coordinated outreach and education campaign informing the public of appropriate river etiquette and legal issues regarding recreational use that might include such things as uniform signage and mandatory orientation for state park visitors intending to use the river.
-Reviewing all avenues to enhance law enforcement presence on the ar-

ea's rivers. (TPWD has eight game wardens assigned to Val Verde County and a full-time state park police officer at the Devils River SNA complex. Other law enforcement entities with a presence include the Val Verde Sheriff's Office, National Park Service, Department of Public Safety, U.S. Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.)
-Development of a River Patrol Program utilizing volunteers to help monitor river use and river health.



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Supplementing Protein in Winter

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Though our rangelands have been greatly de-stocked, remaining livestock must still be fed this winter. Feeding livestock during the winter can be a challenging experience. Usually forage can provide most of the nutritional requirements of a herd during the winter, except in a dry year as we just had. Many folks are feeding hay this year, and the challenge becomes the management of supplement due to variations in forage quality.

Many factors must be taken into consideration when feeding livestock — frame size, body condition, age, time of the year, stage of gestation, types of feed, feed quality, rainfall, etc. Providing the correct quantity and quality of feed, at the proper time, is what producers must do to maximize production, maintain livestock in proper body condition, and keep costs under control.

Let's take cattle as an example. A beef cow needs a minimum of 7% crude protein in her total diet. At levels below 7% crude protein, growth of the rumen bacteria population suffers and forage digestibility is hindered. As digestibility declines, forage intake also declines. This is because low quality forages are digested more slowly and remain in the rumen longer. As these low-quality forages exit slowly, animals may not eat enough of them to meet nutrient demand. That's why with low-protein forages, a protein supplement is usually fed to increase forage intake. Otherwise, as intake declines, so goes performance (weight maintenance or gain, milk production, etc).

To make another point, when dietary crude protein is less than 7%, the primary need of the rumen bacteria is degradable intake protein. Feeds such as cottonseed meal, soybean meal, and corn gluten feed are just a few options for supplying a natural source of degradable intake protein. Supplemental protein facilitates greater intake of low quality forage. With increased forage intake comes increased energy intake and improved animal performance.

Livestock go through many physiological changes during a year. The winter/early spring feeding period is one of the most critical times to provide adequate nutrition for the breeding female because of her needs at this time.

For more information on livestock supplementation, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton.agrilife.org>.

What's A Quail Worth?

By Steve Byrns

Drs. Dale Rollins, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at San Angelo, Jason Johnson, an AgriLife Extension economist at Stephenville, and Kelly Reyna with the department of biological science at the University of North Texas, conducted two surveys of quail hunters in 2000 and again in 2011. These surveys yielded response rates of 47 percent and 9 percent respectively.

"The dramatic drop in respondents to this latest survey reflects a difference in survey methodology—mail-out in 2000, electronic in 2011, but it's also indicative of what's happened to quail hunting in Texas," Rollins said.

"The number of resident quail hunters in 2010 has decreased by 79 percent since 1981, which was the first year records on hunter participation were collected by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department."

Rollins said the survey also revealed that 97 percent of Texas quail hunters are white males with reported household incomes of over \$100,000. Each averaged spending about \$8,606 for 8.8 days of quail hunting during the 2010-2011 season.

Combined with harvest estimates the respondents provided, this resulted in the \$253 per bird bagged - or a dollar increase of 24 percent over the 10 years since the first survey. Those surveyed in the earlier work were all Quail Unlimited members who resided in Texas. The 2011 participants were members of the Quail Coalition, the former group's Texas successor.

"These surveys underscore the passion and commitment quail hunters have for their favorite game birds," Rollins said. "Such commitment equates to the quail's high value and this segment of hunters' willingness to pay for a quality quail-hunting experience."

Johnson said the dollars spent by those involved in the sport and the traditions surrounding it truly position quail as one of the most coveted hunted species in the U.S.

"The impact that these hunting expenditures have

on quail-hunting destination counties and those communities within those counties is huge," Johnson said.

"The latest survey showed that 46 percent of the quail hunting dollars are spent at the hunting destination with another 18 percent going to communities located between the hunter's home and destination. This represents a tremendous economic impact to largely rural communities. In fact, it's one of the rare instances of money flowing from the urban areas where the hunters live to the rural areas where the quail are."

Johnson said these expenditures come as merchandise sales, hotel stays, restaurant and fuel purchases and sales tax revenues.

Documenting those expenditures is important, but Johnson said detailing the location where those expenditures occur is even more so. The figures show the real value of a 'prime quail hunting destination' not only to the hunter, but also to those in the communities benefiting from the added hunting-dollar influx.

But there is one huge dark cloud weighing heavily over all hunters of wild quail and the communities they impact and that's the lack of birds, Rollins said.

"Today, bobwhite abun-

dance is only a remnant of what it was just 30 years ago for most of the southeastern U.S.," he said.

Rollins said bobwhite and scaled quail, the two most popular of Texas' four species of quails, declined to record lows in 2011.

"There are several more nuggets of bad news here. First is the increasing price and decreasing opportunity for quail hunting especially for anyone but the most affluent hunters. Second, there is a considerable disconnect between hunters and landowners about what factors are decreasing quail numbers, resulting in a sometimes weakened sense of trust between the two. Lastly, many economically-strapped rural West Texas communities who once realized a real economic boost from quail hunting have watched as that revenue steam has virtually dried up over just the past decade."

Rollins said quail hunters as a whole are discouraged about the future of their pastime. The mostly older group is increasingly losing hope that the quail situation is ever going to rebound.

"As a quail hunter myself, and as a researcher, I feel their pain," Rollins said. "But I'm not ready to throw in the towel yet."

"At the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch or RPQR, which I direct near Roby, we

are focused squarely on the quail decline which has held Texas in an ever-tightening grip since 2008. We are aggressively studying various phenomena that may be affecting quail abundance. Last year the RPQR funded a \$2 million research effort that involves scientists from Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Rollins said the research effort, called 'Operation Idiopathic Decline' focuses on diseases and parasites possibly involved in the quail's widespread demise. He said "idiopathic" literally means the experts don't know what's causing quail populations to fade.

Rollins says habitat loss is the likely culprit in east Texas, but he's less certain in West Texas, leading his team question whether something else is involved.

"We're currently sampling quail from 21 counties across West Texas and ten sites in western Oklahoma and subjecting the birds to a battery of various tests. Initial results confirm quail from these areas are heavily parasitized, but additional results are pending."

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Lady Broncos Play Inspired Basketball

Sonora Lady Broncos came up short Tuesday night in an entertaining and exciting overtime game against Ballinger 44-46. The "never say die" Lady Broncos went on a 9-0 run in the last 1:50 seconds of the fourth quarter. Avery Nolen made a great pass to Kylie Love for a layup late in the 4th to force overtime. Brianah Creek (15 points) and Avery (5 assists) paced the offense while Gracie Dozier (6 steals), Abby Creek (9 rebounds) and Brianah (8 rebounds) led the pressure defense attack that forced 32 turnovers. Macie Freiss (2), Gracie (1) and JoJo Gutierrez (1) all scored from three point land. Friday night the Lady Broncos went to Wall and just could not get it going. Gracie Dozier led the offense with 8 points and Avery Nolen dished out 5 assists. Macie Freiss pulled down 7 rebounds. Gracie hit the only 3 pointer for the Lady Broncos.

7th Grade Boys Bring Home 2nd Place Trophy

The 7th Grade Boys Basketball team traveled to Junction this past Saturday and brought home a 2nd Place Trophy. The first game the boys played Mason. We were able to jump on Mason early and never looked back. Sonora defeated Mason 47-12. In the Championship game the Colts faced off against the Junction Eagles. The Eagles started off shooting well, but the Colts soon started firing back. Closing in within 2 points in the 4th quarter, but the Colts just couldn't hold on as they fell to the Eagles, 28-34.

Varsity Boys Take Down The Bearcats



Photo By Nancy Glasscock

Imoni Cross goes up for a layup.

The boys basketball team hosted Ballinger Tuesday night and came away with a great Win. The Broncos outscored the Bearcats in every quarter. Word Hudson high pt. 24, Cadesman Pope 16, Kade Wimberley 10, Imoni Cross 4, and Davis Jimenez 2

The victory against Ballinger was savored, for a night and Wednesday the boys hit the Gym running. The boys wanted very badly to beat Wall and if you went to the game you saw a very determine team. The Broncos lead in the 1st quarter 15-13. In the 2nd the Hawks took a 31-21 half-time lead. The Broncos came out swinging in 3rd quarter and pushed the limit to only a one point deficit 37-38. The boys played lights out and gave the Hawks all they wanted, the Boys lost 54-41. Cadesman Pope (hit 5 three pointers) for 24 pts. Imoni Cross 6, Word Hudson 8, Kade Wimberley 3. The Broncos will host Ozona Tuesday night at 8:00

8th Grade Lady Colts Come in Second Place

On Saturday, the Lady Colts 8th grade team placed 2nd at the Junction Tournament. In their final game, the Lady Colts beat Junction 36-21. The Lady Colts dominated the game being up 36-11 at one point before emptying the bench. Tyler Hampton (11 points) and Janelle Vasquez (10 points) led the offense while Julia Pope and Jill Buitron anchored the defense. BJ Jarrett, Lisa Garza and Kaitlyn Lopez were very effective on the press and Cip Tobias used her stellar all-round game to spark the Sonora team to victory. Alyssa Zamora, Dionne Hinojosa and Sierra Kimbrell also saw action during the successful tournament. The tournament highlight was Kaitlyn Lopez's no look three pointer at the buzzer to end the first quarter!

Jr. High Basketball Season Ends in Brady

The 7th grade Lady Colts finished their basketball season on Monday against Brady. Both teams played with a lot of heart and aggression. The Black team lost a tough one 15-48 but the Red team had a tremendous second half and beat the Lady Bulldogs 22-8. I am very proud of these ladies! The Lady Colts will now begin training for their spring sports; track, tennis and golf.

Sonora Vs. Mason Leading Scorers

Raully Ojeda	12 Pts.
Noah San Miguel	7 Pts.
Michael Solis	7 Pts.
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Noah San Miguel	6 Pts.
Michael Solis	6 Pts.
Ariel Lugo	6 Pts.
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Sonora Vs. Junction Leading Scorers

Black Team	
Sky Jennings	9pts
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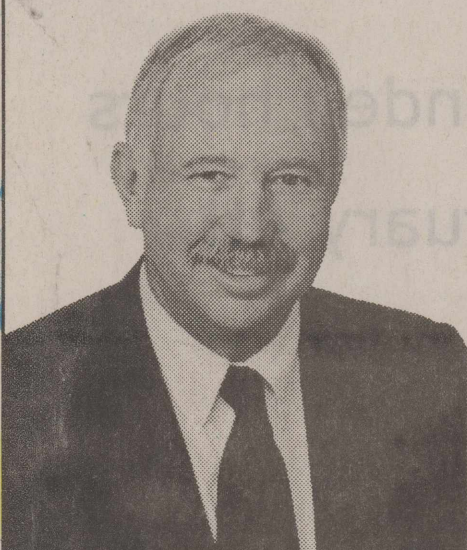
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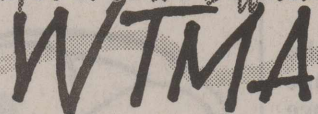
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