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Sonora Graduates Make Deans List:

Angelo State University:

David A Buitron
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Vickie Torres
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Bronco Stadium Renovations Underway



Photos and Story
By Ray and Nancy Glasscock

If you've driven by, or have recently walked the track at Bronco Stadium, you couldn't have missed the changes that are taking place since the final home football game in November. There is a large sign on the fence notifying

the public that Waldrop Construction Co. of Brownwood won the bid to construct a new concession stand with state of the art restaurant equipment inside.

The old concession stand has been gutted and will be the home side restrooms with improved lighting and sinks. The original restrooms will be converted into visitors' restrooms. Both the special gates and fencing installed in 2001 by members of an SHS welding class and the engraved pavers will be preserved.



A new visitor handicapped accessible route with a walk-in gate and sidewalk to the visitor side is in the current plans. Additionally, a new landing and visitor stands access will be constructed.



3rd place winners in the Texas Big Bobcat Contest held January 17 and 18th out of San Angelo Texas. Left to right: Eldorado Resident-Rocky Huichapa, Christoval Resident-Allen Marth, Eldorado Resident-Steven Pena, and Sonora Resident-BJ Ramon. The bobcat shown in this picture weighed 30 pounds and 9 ounces. This third place team got to split 4,376 dollars.

Troop 19's Winter Adventure in 2014



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LMH Says Goodbye Nancy Pittman, Interim CEO



In the leadership world, much emphasis is placed on the first 100 days on the job. During this time, a leader is expected to be visible, transparent, optimistic, and action-oriented. In September of 2014, Nancy Pittman accepted the role of

Interim Chief Executive Officer of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and exceeded every expectation the first 100 days demands. Nancy (top row, 4th from the left) is pictured with many

from LMH. But, it was not only the staff and the board that admired and respected Nancy's personable approach; many people in Sonora had the pleasure of meeting Nancy during her

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Tall Class To Visit Sonora

The Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (TALL) class will be visiting Sonora this weekend. TALL is a practical, action-oriented, two-year program in which participants meet eight times. Six of the meetings are held at different sites across the state. Seminars with experts and group discussions enhance partici-

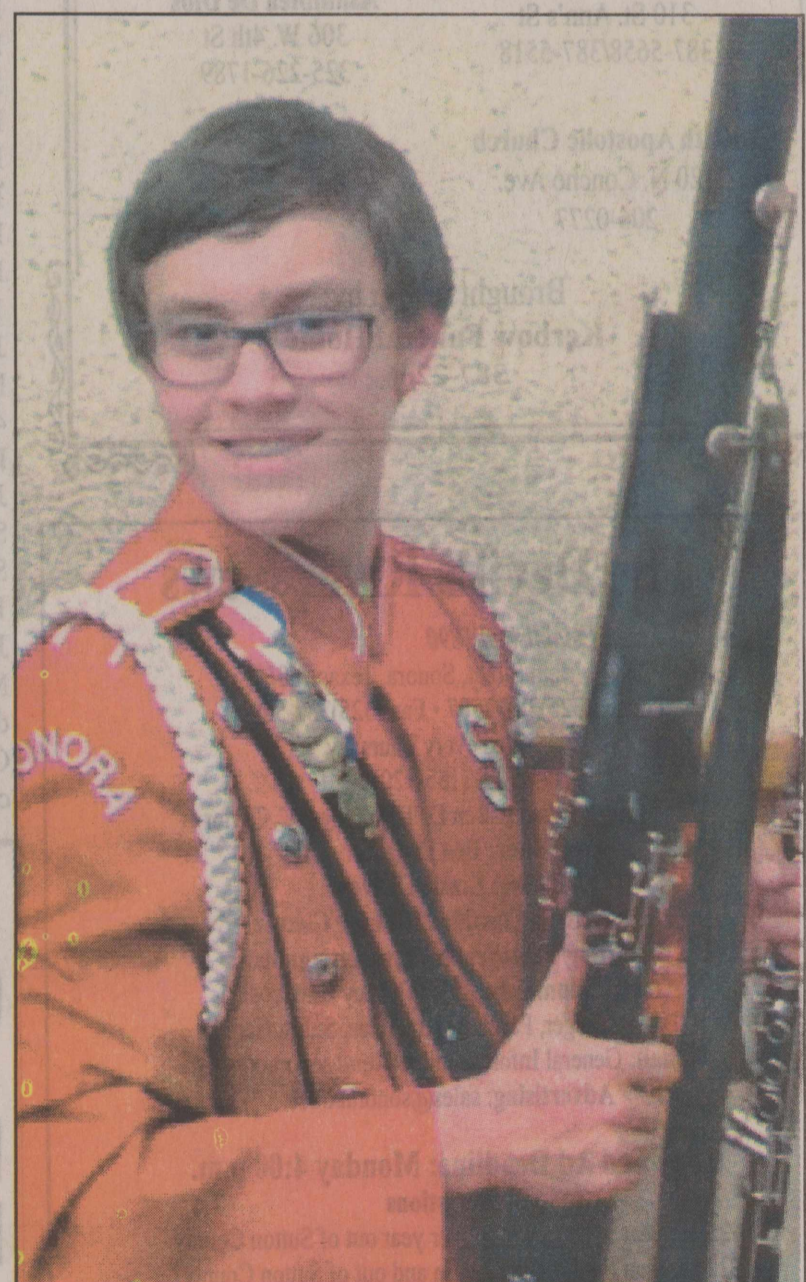
part's knowledge and understanding of key subjects for today's agricultural leaders. Topics include leadership development, communication skills, economics and policy, international trade, agricultural institutions and agencies, urban/rural relations and issues affecting agriculture, such as water and energy.

The TALL class will stay in Sonora Friday and Saturday nights. They will visit the Ice House Ranch Museum and enjoy a catered meal by Taco Grill at Sonora's Historic Train Depot.

On Saturday, they will travel to the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, located between Sonora and Rock

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ATSSB All-State Band Selected



Houston - The Association of Texas Small School Bands is pleased to announce the selection of the 2015 ATSSB All-State Band. More than 9,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of five area auditions held this past weekend across the state and only 290 of these 1980 students were selected for all-state honors. The ATSSB All-state Bands will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio, Texas, February 11-14 and will present a concert beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2015, in the Lila Cockrell Theatre on the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in Downtown San Antonio.

Tate Shannon (sophomore), a member of the Sonora High School Band, was selected as a member of this All-State band. He was chosen after placing 1st at both the regional and area levels. Shannon is a private student of Dr. Jeff Womack, Pro

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Wellness Ministry

Let's face it...being disciplined about something out of our comfort zone is not fun. How many of us have already let those New Year resolutions fall by the wayside? We set these grand expectations for ourselves but often forget the most important piece of achieving success: God. Let God in on your hopes, dreams, and goals. Ask for guidance and support. He is your biggest cheerleader! Making positive changes in our life can be uncomfortable and overwhelming. But when we persevere with the hand of the Almighty helping us through, the road feels a little less rocky, and the end result that much more fulfilling...because you and God worked through it together.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

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Obituary



James "Mike" Micheal Merrill, 42, of Snyder, passed away unexpectedly at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas on January 15, 2015. A celebration of his life will be held on January 17, 2015 at 2 O'clock pm at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 12 O'clock pm, preceding the memorial service.

Born in Rankin, TX on July 21, 1972 to James and Johnnie Merrill. Mike was raised in Sonora, TX. He was a member of the rodeo team and graduated Sonora High School. He attended Western Texas College in Snyder, Tx and was a member of the rodeo team. Mike was a hunter, fisherman, rancher, welder and a frequent traveler. He was a local business man with a generous and kind heart. Mike was beloved by all who knew him. He loved life and to know him was to know him. Mikes greatest love was his children. He loved to fish, hunt and share stories of his rodeo days and oilfield experiences. He never met a stranger and was the life of any event he attended. He was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle and friend. His death will leave a huge void in his family.

Preceded in death by grandparents, F.L. and Lorain Merrill and W.W. and Avelon Harris.

He is survived by his parents James and Johnnie Merrill of Rising Star, TX

5) Sons all of Snyder, TX
Kanaan Short

Micheal Kaide Merrill

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1) Daughter of Snyder, TX

Jessica West

Mother of his children, Melinda Short of Snyder, TX

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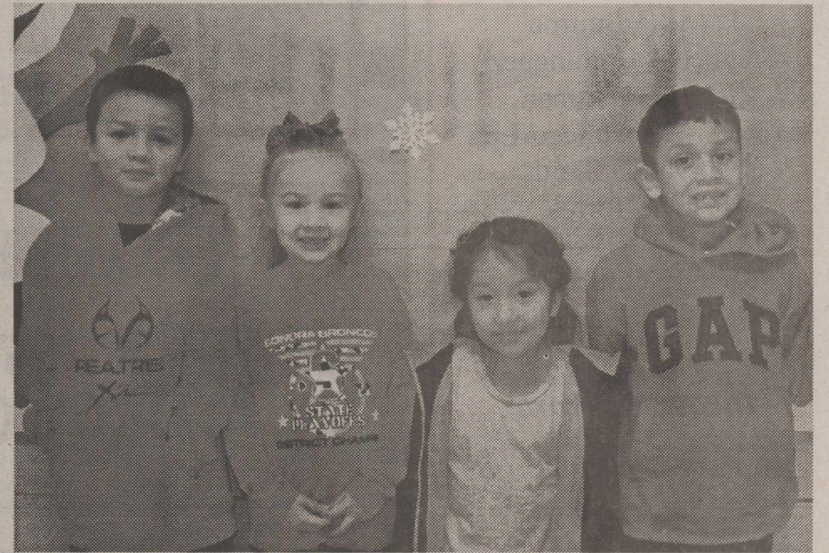
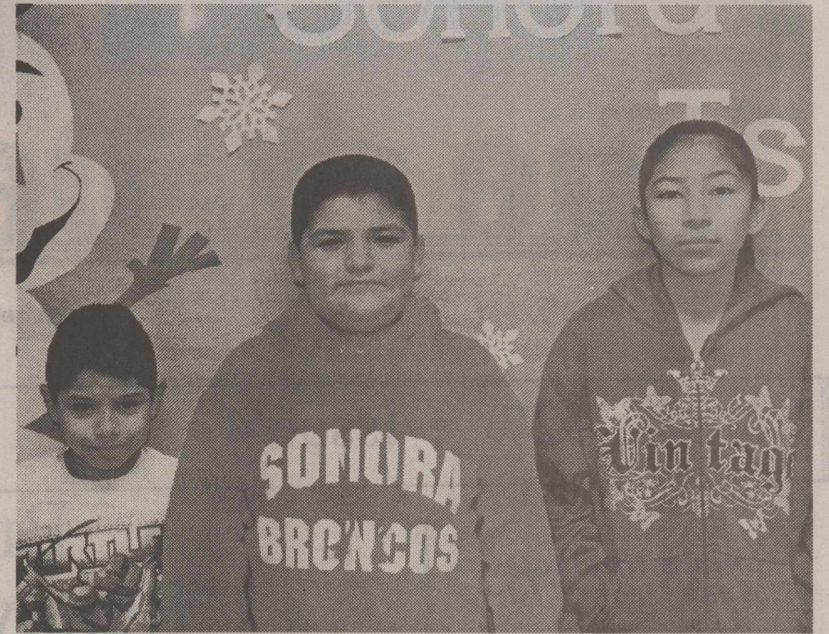
1) Brother

John Merrill of Fort Worth, TX

Many Nieces, nephews and dear family friend Tim Hudleston.

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com

Students of The Week



TALL: Continued From Front Page

springs, where Dr. Charles (Butch) Taylor will host the TALL class and expose them to some of the issues and concerns we face in the Edwards Plateau region. These on-site tours and studies of agriculture-related businesses and industries help participants discover firsthand procedures and problems in production, marketing, and financing. The class will also travel out to the

X Bar Ranch for a reception and catered meal by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Capital Farm Credit, Jim & Amy Perry, San Angelo Area Foundation, and several local and area TALL Alumni members have sponsored this TALL class visit to Sonora.

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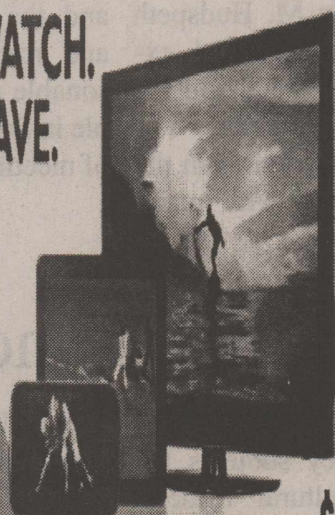
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Winter Moisture Helps Spring "Weeds"

Though we haven't seen an abundance of rainfall this winter, we have had a little moisture in the form of rain or ice. We appreciate any moisture we get, but what will that mean for vegetation? It will certainly help winter annuals.

Much of the vegetation that grows in the winter are annuals. Winter annual broadleaf weeds complete their life cycle within a 12-month period. Seeds germinate in the fall; plants grow during the winter, and flower the following spring. Some we like, and some we don't. Let's look at 3 examples.

If the plant produces attractive flowers, we call them wildflowers and actually plant them. An example is Texas bluebonnets which are annual plants that germinate in the fall and grow throughout the winter. They usually bloom around the end of March. In mid-May, they form a seedpod. Though they offer no grazing value, they

are showy and we enjoy them.

Not so with Western bitterweed, a cool season annual that can reach 2 feet in height. This plant has a bitter taste and a distinct odor. Bright yellow flowers bloom from April through June and occasionally in the fall. With adequate rainfall, it is common to see pastures turn yellow with this plant in the spring. Western bitterweed is highly toxic to sheep, especially during drought. It is most common where soil disturbance or overgrazing has occurred. Livestock managers seek to control it.

Some winter annuals, like Bur Clover, are a mixed bag. This cool-season annual can be 12 inches tall. The flower cluster consists of 3-5 small yellow flowers which bloom in early spring. Bur clover has been grown as a winter feed source and is a valuable deer forage, however, overgrazing can cause bloat in livestock. Moreover, the spiraled fruit

has prickles with hooked tips that accumulate in the wool of sheep and the hair of Angora goats causing a decrease in the value of wool.

If you consider these to be weeds, the best way to control them is by maintaining grass cover. Bare ground offers an opportunity for these plants to take hold.

Herbicidal control measures implemented in the fall are often more effective than those applied in the spring once flowering has initiated. Young, actively growing plants are more readily controlled than fully mature, flowering plants. If not controlled, plants will produce seed in the spring that will remain in the soil until environmental conditions are appropriate for germination. Controlling winter annual broadleaf weeds before seed set will reduce future weed problems.

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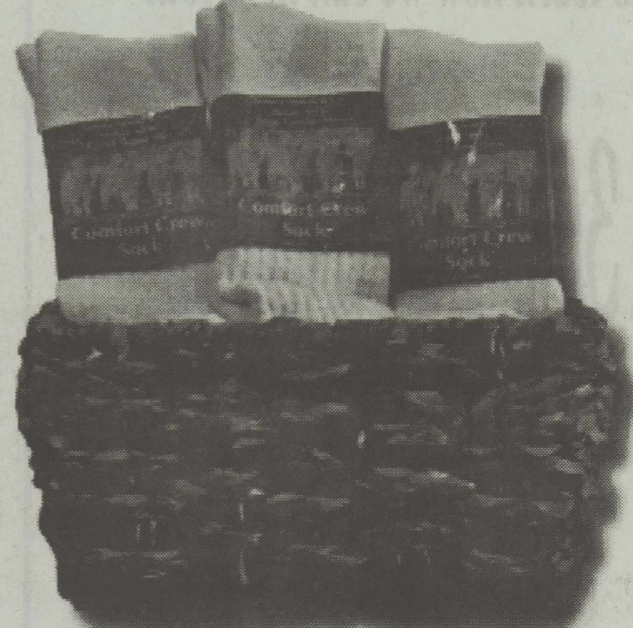
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tenure at LMH. In her first 100 days, she navigated (and at times, juggled) the demanding responsibilities as Interim CEO while sincerely introducing herself to the community by giving flu shots at the Senior Center, speaking at the Lions Club, and enjoying Ladies Night Out. In a recent news release Preston Faris, the President of the Board of Directors remarked, "Nancy has done an outstanding job helping us through a difficult period. She united the employees and the physicians and successfully accomplished some important objectives." Although our time with

Nancy is drawing to a close, she has left a lasting impression on the hospital, the staff, and our community. She is highly respected and greatly appreciated for what she has done. The staff at LMH and the Board of Directors would like to say, thank you and good luck; she will be genuinely missed. Nancy is excited about pursuing other opportunities and enjoying the advantages of semi-retirement with her husband, John. She will stay on-board to aid in the transition of leadership as John Graves takes the helm on January 22nd.

All State Band: Continued From Front Page

fessor of Bassoon-Angelo State University, and plays Clarinet at school under the direction of David Andrus and Elena Noegel, who are a members of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, a 1200-member group of band directors in class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A high schools in Texas. This is Tate's first time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All-state Band, the first representative from Sonora in 13 years, and the only the 10th member all-time for Sonora ISD. Tate is the son of Savell and Shelly Shannon, in Sonora.

Lions Roar

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club met in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 for their weekly meeting. Cindy Fagan with the Sutton County Steakhouse served lunch. Student guests of the week were Middle School Students, sixth grader Rashel DeLuna, seventh grader Catarina Hernandez, eighth grader Dylan Taylor and High School student, tenth grader

Ryker Marshall. Lion Lewis Allen reminded the club of the hamburger supper to be provided to the students and teachers at the Speech meet on February 6th. Birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated as is done on the first Tuesday of each month. Guest speaker was Clyde Dukes with Bronco Nutrition. Mr. Dukes spoke about the twelve-week weight loss challenge, which began on January 12, 2015. He

stated that the goal of Bronco Nutrition is to help Sonora get healthy and they not only offer nutritious products, but also exercise classes, and counseling. Please plan to go by and see what they have to offer. Participating in Lions Club is a fun way to give back to the community. Please join us for lunch on Tuesdays at noon at the Methodist Church to learn more about Lions Club.

Sonora ISD Teacher Spotlight Katy Crain



Katy Crain graduated High school from Rocksprings in 2001. She then went to Texas

Tech University receiving a degree in Agricultural Communications in 2005. After

graduating, Katy took a job with the American Boer Goat Association until she moved to Sonora and decided to get her teaching certificate. She commented that, "I have really found that teaching matches my heart. It's funny how God works. He knew I needed to be in the classroom." Specific to her current duties, Katy added that, "4th Grade writing has been a blessing".

This is her fifth year teaching (all of her teaching experience was gained in Sonora ISD) as she spent 3 years on the Jr high campus and her last two in intermediate.

When asked what her teaching philosophy was she was quick to comment that, "I just want my kids to know that writing is important, and to develop a love of writing early on. I want them to know that it is important to every aspect of their lives. Learning can be fun!"

Game Warden Field Notes

Going Through a Rough Patch After a couple flipped their boat in a swift water section of the Colorado River, they borrowed a phone from some passing kayakers and called a Bastrop County game warden. Since the couple did not know where they were, the warden had them text a dropped pin from the cell phone they were using. With the location sent, the warden located the young husband and wife. The warden and the man were able to drag the aluminum boat up to the bank and load it onto his state vehicle. He then took the couple back to their vehicle.

Girl's Got a Gun A game warden in Angelina County was on patrol when he heard two shots fired. The warden soon found a suburban stopped in the road and a subject walking with a flashlight. Inside the suburban were two males, two females and a toddler. A second warden came to assist and received confirmation from each person that the male with the flashlight had

shot a doe with a pistol belonging to one of the females. During the investigation, the warden also found that one of the females had an outstanding theft by check warrant from 1997. Cases pending.

Trail of Clues Two Tyler County game wardens received information that a felon with a firearm killed several deer. The wardens found an all-terrain vehicle trail in the woods behind the subject's residence and followed the trail onto another piece of property. There, they observed a corn pile and a feeder. The wardens then followed the trail to a game cleaning pole directly behind the subject's house, where they found a freshly cleaned carcass and a nearby cooler of meat. After a brief investigation, the resident said that the deer was his. The wardens also discovered an eight-point buck head near an outbuilding that the subject claimed as well. The man could not produce a hunting license and was arrested for unlaw-

ful possession of a firearm by a felon, drug paraphernalia, possession of illegally taken whitetail deer, and given several warnings. Case pending. Locked (In) and Loaded

After a Gregg County game warden received a call about a suspicious gunshot and wounded buck, he arrived at the scene and received assistance from the landowner, rancher and neighbors to confirm whether or not the suspect was the landowner's former employee. When the warden located the subject, he confessed to shooting the deer from the roadway and leaving the wounded buck in the field after he saw the neighbor approaching and couldn't get the gate open. A firearm was seized and the following charges were filed: hunting deer from public roadway; discharging firearm from public roadway; failing to retrieve; untagged deer; and no hunter education certification. Charges and restitution pending.



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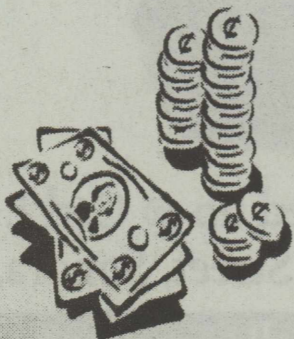
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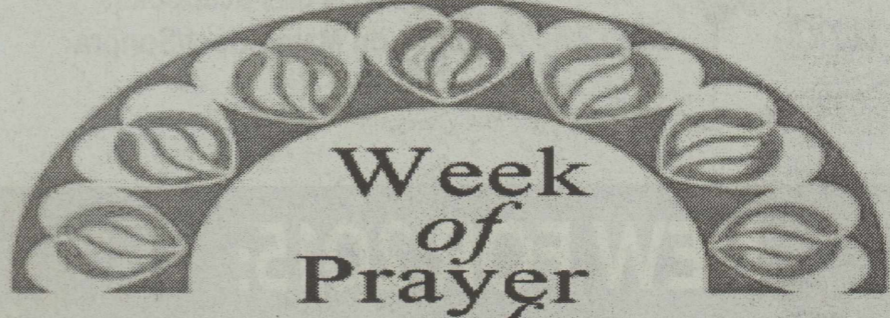
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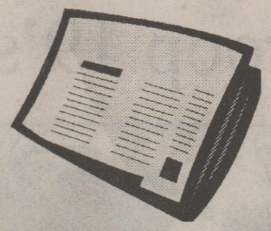
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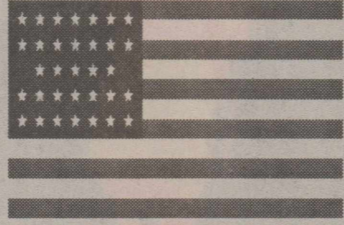
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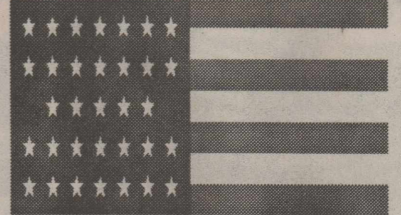
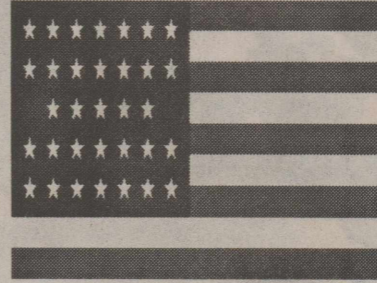
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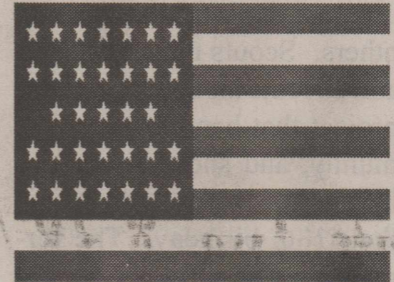
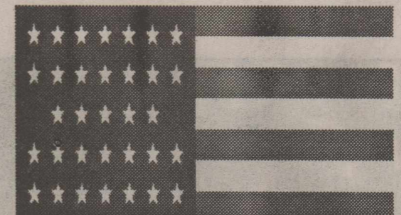
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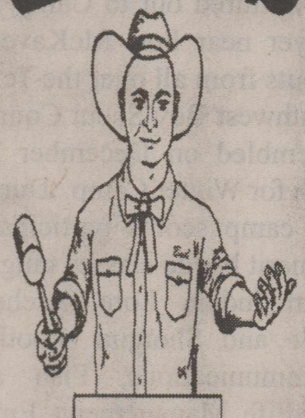
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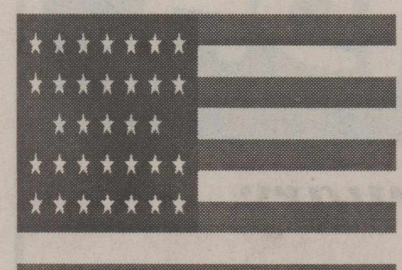
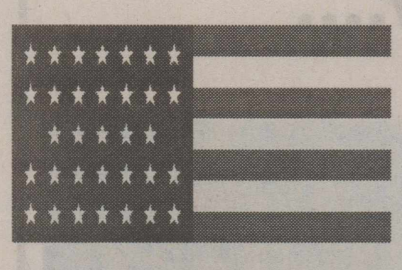
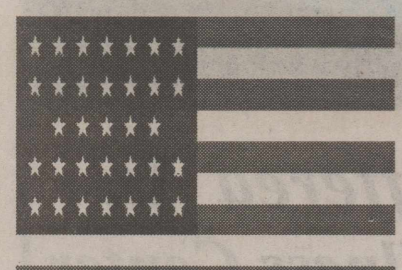
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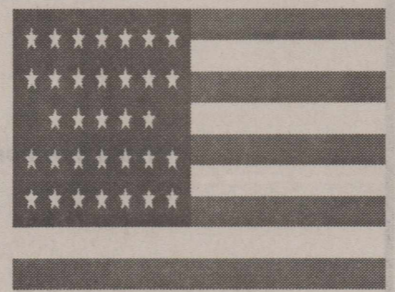
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Troop 19's Winter Adventure in 2014



Amid ice and a winter storm Sonora's own Boy Scout Troop 19 ventured out to Camp Sol Mayer near Fort McKavett. Scouts from all over the Texas Southwest Boy Scout Council assembled on December 27-30th for Winter Camp. During the camp scouts participated in merit badge classes ranging from Indian Lore, Archery, Rifle and Shotgun shooting, Communications, Fish and Wildlife Management, Emergency Preparedness and others. All scouts that attended from Troop 19 earned six merit badges each. Scouts of Troop 19 also earned their first "Polar Bear" badge which is achieved when scouts spend several nights camping in freezing weather. Troop 19 also earned first place and second place awards in four of the troop competitions. Special thanks to Jerry Jimenez and Jeremy Dawson taking the troop to Camp Sol Mayer.

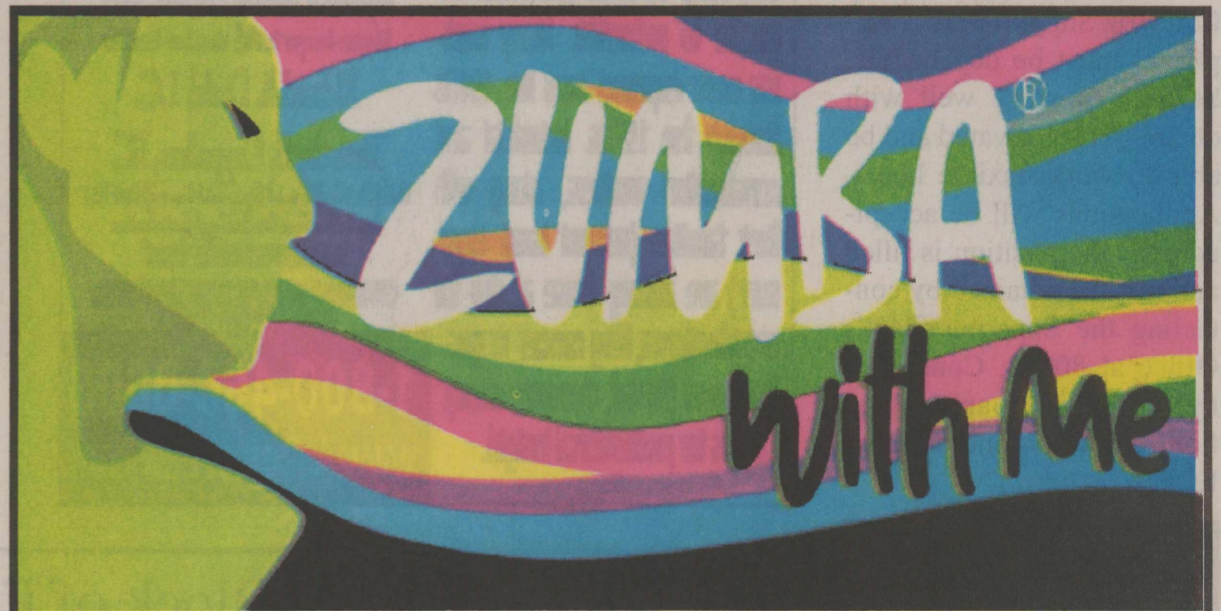
To become and Eagle Scout a scout must stair step seven ranks from the lowest rank

of "Boy Scout" through Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star Rank, Life Rank and finally Eagle Scout. A minimum of 21 merit badges must be earned. Some are required like First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Nation and the World Series and others. Scouts must also plan and execute an intense service project that benefits the community, and show exemplary leadership skills all before their 18th birthday. The formation of an Eagle Scout not only benefits the individual scout but it has helped shape our nation. 39 U.S. Astronauts were Eagle Scouts, between 11% and 16% of the US Military Service Academy graduates are Eagle Scouts, 28 current members of Congress are Eagle Scouts, 4 current US Governors are Eagle Scouts, not to mention the thousands of business leaders and judicial officials that are Eagle Scouts.

Sonora currently has four young men that are well on

their way to Eagle Scout. In December of 2014 all four scouts advanced in Rank. Levi Garrett advanced to Tenderfoot. Dakota Castro, Christopher Castro, and Juan Miguel Jimenez advanced to First Class. All scouts earned several merit badges during the regular course of the fall semester. Special thanks go to the Sonora Lion's Club for supporting Boy Scout Troop 19 and the Adult leadership of our Scouting program: Jerry Jimenez, Scott Garrett and Jeremy Dawson.

Troop 19 meets regularly on Tuesdays at 4:30pm at the Scout Hut on the corner of Water Street and E. Pecan Street. Scouting is open to all boys from age 11 1/2 to 18 years. For more information on joining scouting please contact the Sonora Lion's Club, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, or any of our adult scout leaders. Thank you, Father Christopher Roque



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