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## Santa Anna Elementary Displays Banner Announcing Exemplary Campus

Santa Anna Elementary has a banner in the hallway proclaiming "Santa Anna Elementary--Exemplary Campus 97-98". The school received the designation in the recent TEA School Report Card. Pictured showing off the banner are front the top, Richard Rankin, Michelle Wetsel, Troy Weisse, Wesley Reed, Angel DeLeon, Tana Salazar, Rainey Bacon, Lexi DeLeon, Rudy Enriquez and Colt Martin. Not pictured are Priscilla Guerrero and Justin Johnson. These students are president and vice presidents of their classrooms.

## School Events Calendar September

Sept. 1: District volleyball--Evant--here--5 p.m.  
Sept. 3: School Board meeting--vote on tax rate--6 p.m.  
Sept. 4: Early release--noon  
Varsity football vs. Christoval--there--8 p.m.  
Sept. 5: Volleyball--Abilene Christian--there--1 p.m.  
Sept. 7: School holiday--Labor Day--  
Sept. 8: District volleyball vs. Gustine--there--5 p.m.  
Sept. 10: Junior high football vs. Rising Star--there--6 p.m.  
Sept. 11: Varsity football vs. Rising Star--here--8 p.m.  
Sept. 12: Volleyball vs. Christoval--here--1 p.m.

Sept. 14: Monthly school board meeting--7 p.m.  
Sept. 15: District volleyball vs. Gorman--here--5 p.m.  
Sept. 17: Junior high football vs. May--here--6 p.m.  
Sept. 18: Varsity football vs. May--there--7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 19: Volleyball tournament--DeLeon--TBA  
Sept. 21: Open House--Elementary 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.--Secondary 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 22: District volleyball vs. Lingleville--there--5 p.m.  
Sept. 24: Junior high vs. Ranger--there--6 p.m.  
Sept. 25: Varsity football vs. Bryson--here--8 p.m.  
Sept. 29: Junior high football vs. Brownwood seventh grade--there--6 p.m.

This School Calendar of Events is provided by school officials to allow the public to be aware of school activities and is subject to change due to changes in sports schedules and various activities as they occur during the month at the Santa Anna ISD.

## Mountaineer Football Frenzy Contest Begins Next Week

Want a chance to win \$20 or \$25 each week? Then plan on entering the Mountaineer Football Frenzy contest in each week's issue of the NEWS. The contest will appear each week during SAHS football season.

As in years past we have an agreement with our advertisers that our contest will end when the Mountaineers have played their last game of the season.

If you are a former Mountaineer football player, we would appreciate having a copy of your football picture to use in our contest. We can take copies from yearbooks but actual photos are better.

The contest will begin with next week's issue of the Santa Anna News and the rules will be published then. Be sure to read the rules before completing your entry.

### WELL SAID

The man who can move mountains begins by carrying away small stones.  
—Chinese proverb

## City Council Approves Tax Rate; Makes Changes to City Utility Rate Ordinance

(FROM COUNCIL MINUTES)

The Santa Anna City Council met in a special call meeting on Saturday, August 22.

Present were Mayor Karen Morris and council persons Jean Findley, Jim Spillman, Kay Yancy, Bobby Morgan and David Powell.

Others attending were Warren Aldridge, Police Chief Carlos Torres, Police Officer Wayne Robbins, Director of Public Works Doug Watson, Court Clerk/Assistant Secretary Cindy Pelton and City Secretary Alys Pelton.

A resolution from the Texas Department of Transportation was presented and approved. The resolution is in support of a traffic light at the corners of North First Street and Wallis Avenue and North Eighth Street and Wallis Avenue.

Mayor Morris informed the Council that the senior citizen van has been delivered to the City of Bangs on Wednesday, August 19 with the City of Bangs paying the full purchase price of the van.

The property tax rate for 1998 was passed. The legislature has changed the law which allowed taxes to rise up to three percent without public hearings. Due to the tax rate set two public hearings must be held. The tax rate was set at .65191 per \$100 evaluation.

The City Utility Rate Ordinance changes include changing the minimum water rate back to 2,000 gallons from the previous increase to 3,000 gallons. All water customers outside the city limits will pay 1-1/2 times the regular rate. A customer outside the city limits express concern since he and Tommy Jackson had a deal in 1995 that he would pay inside city limits rates if he did not hook up to Coleman County Water Supply. This ordinance states that all customers outside the city limits will pay the increased rates unless the customer's meter is inside the city limits and the customer maintains the water line.

There will be changes on the sewer billing since the new proposed utility billing system allows for eight different rates. Changes will be school and nursing home

\$380.00 per month; grocery store with cooking facility \$35.70; funeral homes \$35.70; laundromats \$35.70; service station with grease rack \$35.70; and housing authority \$8.00 per apartment. These changes will allow for a more uniform rate for the system.

A workshop was set for Friday, August 28 to work on city policies. All employees will be required to attend the September 8 city council meeting.

## Let Us Hear About Your "College Bound" Students

With colleges and universities due to being within the next few weeks, we will be running the "College Bound" column again.

We will want to know the name of your student, year of graduation, college attending, course of study and parents names.

## Local Post Office Looking For Comments About Closing For Lunch

The Postal Service is asking the postal patrons of Santa Anna for their comments on the personal inconvenience of closing the Santa Anna Post Office one hour for lunch sometime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Comments should be directed to Postmaster Gary Absher, 207 North First Street, Santa Anna, Texas 76878-9998 or call 915-348-3781.

**NEWS Office Will Be Closed Fridays During August**



## Who Are They???

Members of the Class of 1948 are asking you to help identify these students of their first grade class of 1937-38. There were two first grade classes of that year. A picture of one section has the students identified. The original of this picture is a little faded and identification of some students may be a little difficult. Your help would be appreciated in identifying this section of 1937 first graders. If you know any of these youngsters, contact Wanda Campbell or Coyita Bowker. This class will be celebrating their 50th class reunion this year during homecoming which will be taking place the weekend of October 16-17.

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Saying "Hello" to Rhonda Rhoades of Centerville, OH

AUGUST 27 1998



## Obituaries

### Birdie Stewardson

SAN SABA—Birdie Stewardson, 95, of San Saba, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998 in Brownwood.

Services were held Monday, Aug. 24, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Howell-Doran Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jack Riley officiating. Burial was in the San Saba City Cemetery under the direction of Howell-Doran Funeral Home of San Saba.

She was born April 9, 1903 in Coleman County to the late Fed and Dolly Thomas Hardy.

She married Hardy Stewardson on Oct. 4, 1920 in Coleman County. He preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1964.

She had been a resident of San Saba County since 1946. She was a Baptist and a member of the Garden Club and Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, J. L. and Lige Ann Stewardson and Boyd and Decedee Stewardson, all of San Saba; two daughters and a son-in-law, Elizabeth Barker of San Saba and Frances and Sam Skiles of Weatherford; seven grandchildren, Harold Skiles, Debra Burson, Bruce Barker, Jan Grimes, Sid Stewardson, Hardy Stewardson and James Stewardson; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were grandson and great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, four sisters, one grandson and two great-grandsons.

### J. B. Dodgen

Word has been received of the recent death of J. B. Dodgen, 77 of Aurora, Colo.

He was born in Santa Anna to the late Albert B. and Lillie Harris Dodgen.

He attended school at Plainview and Santa Anna High School, graduating with the Class of 1938.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Navy and was a pharmacist.

Survivors include his wife of Aurora; a daughter, Candice Warner of Allen, TX; a brother, Buford Dodgen of Kentucky; a cousin, Elgean Harris of Santa Anna; four grandchildren; and two step-sons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife and a daughter in 1966 and a sister, Thelma Box.

### Pearl Thomason

Pearl Thomason, 91, of Coleman died Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998 at Holiday Hill Nursing Home.

Graveside funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998 at Talpa Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Robinett officiating. Services were under the direction of Seven Funeral Home.

She was born March 5, 1907 in Comanche County, the daughter of the late Harvey M. Tidmore and Frances Ellen Lane Tidmore. She grew up and attended school in Comanche County and moved to Coleman County in 1925.

On Dec. 5, 1926 she married Aaron Thomason in Talpa and he preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 1952. She lived in Coleman and for many years in the Talpa community.

She was a homemaker, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Talpa and the ladies Sunday School class. She was a former member of the quilting club at Valera.

Survivors include one daughter, Loveta Pope of Talpa; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

### Jay B. Williams

Jay B. Williams, 91, Springville, Calif. died on June 26, 1998.

Services were held July 2, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Porterville, Calif. with Rev. Hobart Gardner of the Church of Christ in Springville officiating.

He was born June 15, 1907 in San Angelo.

He married Edith Clark on Sept. 1, 1928. They lived in the Cleveland Community in Coleman County until moving to California in 1937.

He was a dairyman and a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Winifred W. Williams of Gerber, CA and Jay Bennie Williams of Springville, CA; two daughters, Helen Anelle Deane of Springville, CA and Dorothy Edith Monroe of Oroville, CA; an adopted son, J. L. Bonds of Bakerville, CA; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, three sisters and a grandchild.

### Ivera Byrd

Graveside services for Ivera Byrd, 83, of Santa Anna were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 1998 at Santa Anna Cemetery with Santa Anna Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She died at 6:22 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998 at Coleman County Medical Center.

She was born July 15, 1915 in High, Texas in Lamar County, and was a homemaker who has lived in Santa Anna since 1961. She was married to Jim Edward Byrd in Midland in 1961; he preceded her in death. She was a member of Eastern Star Naomi Chapter No. 1310 and attended the AME Church in Brownwood.

Survivors include on sister, Avis Nelson of Fulbright; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ina Williams.

### Pat Cupps

EDEN--Pat Cupps, 85, of Sabinal died Monday, July 6, 1998 in a Uvalde hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 1998 at the Eden Church of Christ with burial in the Eden Cemetery officiated by Chris Chant under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born April 15, 1913 on the Maloy Ranch in Concho County. He was raised in the Cleveland Community in Coleman County.

He married Daisy Bell Cupps on Nov. 2, 1941. She preceded in death on March 18, 1990. He also was preceded in death by his parents, Solomon McCarty Cupps and Mary Adella Cupps; and three brothers, Harvey, Emmett and Toyah Cupps.

He was a mechanic.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### AUGUST 29

David Avants  
Gail Homer  
Robert Pearce  
Leslie Wilson  
Bradley Wise  
Mr&Mrs Felton Martin\*  
Mr&Mrs Roland Nicholas\*

#### AUGUST 30

Sylvia Herring  
Jeannie Radicke Johnson  
Margaret Wells

#### AUGUST 31

Ken Brixey  
JoAnn Collins  
Dana Fellers  
Mr&Mrs Joe Frausto\*  
Mitchell Dean Guthrie  
Linda Moore  
Kathy Pearce  
Travis Watts  
Mr&Mrs Joe Frausto\*  
Mr&Mrs James Puckett\*  
Mr&Mrs Nap Watson\*

#### SEPTEMBER 1

Troy Abernathy  
Hettie Scarbrough  
Mary Vasquez  
John Gregg

#### SEPTEMBER 2

Mr&Mrs David Key\*



By Alice Anna Spillman

We had three out-of-town visitors this week. Randy Casey and his son came in to find information about Camp Colorado. He was able to add more information about the Spanish mission that was north of the mountain. Seems he spent many childhood hours looking for treasures that stories said were buried on his dad's place. There was a clay pit that was probably used to make pottery. He also had information about Robert E. Lee and Camp Colorado.

Randy is working on a PhD now. His son carries on a very adult conversation, what a toddler!

Bonnie Balke Kuykendall of San Antonio enjoyed several of our reserved books. Both she and John Hensley Sr. were interested in the story of Ft. Parker and the story of one of the women who spent two years with the Comanche Indians. Bonnie still writes for the State Genealogy Magazine.

Doretha Casey Gilmore sent the information about her mother. It is beautifully framed and now hangs by the lovely roses. Thanks to Doretha. She said the mountains in Colorado were so cool that she and Pat were reluctant to return to hot humid Mobile, Alabama.

Talk about living history! One of the boys who read lots of books about Texas this summer got to visit the Alamo. The big thrill was that two blocks away still stands the home of an ancestor who helped write the Texas Declaration of Independence. I'm thrilled and it isn't even my family.

Novelle Boylston brought a book that was donated by her daughter Jan Marie Boylston. *Stone Soup For the World* is a series of short stories by or about such people as Jimmy Carter, Mother Teresa, Paul Newman, Gandhi. The introduction was written by Gen. Colin Powell. One of the stories was written by Jan. She dedicated the book to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McClellan and their parents Mr. and Mrs. James McClellan and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Oakes. Please try to read this book. It will inspire you to do more with your life.

Amanda Ellerbe donated several children's books. Think about the coming holidays and read *A Country Christmas* by Bonnie-Lou Rigsby. *Barbain Bride* is about a girl who was married at 10 years. Her husband come to claim his bride when she was 15 years old. He died and she became a rich widow in the Oregon Territory.

One of the Christian fiction books is *Frontier Lady* Judith Pella. The location is the Indian Territory of Kansas after the Civil War.

Betty Key donated children's books of knowledge from pre-historic animals to space creatures and atoms.

*The Civil War in Pictures* has actual newspaper reports and written accounts from eyewitness reports.

Mrs. Wagner donated *Nightway* by Janet Dailey and *Malice* by Danielle Steel (recently on TV). If you want to start Christmas early try *Sewing for the Holidays*. This Singer book has ideas for Thanksgiving and Easter.

Pat Vance donated books but they were out before I saw them later.

New books came from Big Country. I'll review them next time.

Don't you have time to read a little since the children are back in school. We have the books!

## Three Lucky Winners Of Cash At CCTC Meeting

The lucky winners whose names were drawn for cash prizes at the annual Coleman County Telephone Cooperative Meeting were Carroll Hodges who won \$300, Felicia Ellerbe who took home \$200 and Ruby Hollon with a \$100 prize.

Other members and children were given a variety of gifts during the drawing.

358 members registered and voted although there were more like 750-800 present for the meeting. (One person per household is allowed to vote and register for gifts).

All incumbents were re-elected to the board of directors. Those being Tommie Connelly representing the Burkett service area, Jerry Allen, representing the Mozelle area and

Glenda Gassiot, representing the Valera area.

In the manager's report, Mike Walton confirmed a rumor that Coleman County Telephone Cooperative board is in negotiations with an out of state company for sale of the digital television division (Coleman County Broadcasting) of its subsidiary, Coleman County Telecommunications. He explained that the cooperative wanted to be in a position to go in other directions in the telecommunications field. Right now the digital television system was marketable so it seemed to be a wise move to sell it. He did say, however, that negotiations are not yet final.

## Texas Goes From Wildfires To Floods

ABILENE--More than 8,292 wildfires have burned more than 353,000 acres statewide, with a new major fire outside of Stamford, just east of US Highsch 277, that has nine fire departments and a Texas Forest Service strike team of four engines. The fire is not your typical wildfire and is in actuality a tire fire consisting of 300 million tons of shredded rubber from tires that have been burning since early Monday. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The problem with the fire is that water is not going to extinguish it, so a special team has been called in from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service in College Station, who deal with chemical and hazardous material fires. There is no indication as to when the fire might be brought under control. So far, there have been no deaths or injuries or structures threatened. The real danger is the fumes and dense smoke from the fire. Local volunteer fire departments and the Texas Forest Service firefighters are

doing their best to contain the fire and bring it under control.

Almost due south from the Stamford tire fire, tropical storm Charlie had stalled over Del Rio, dropping twelve inches of rain and wiping out two bridges. The storm is leaving the area and moving east towards the Nueces watershed dropping about two inches of rain per hour. Amistad Reservoir was expected to rise 35 feet Monday due to the heavy rains.

Overhead incident command teams were enroute Monday from the Texas Forest Service and the DPS Office of Emergency Management in Austin.

So far flood waters from the storm have claimed four lives in Real County Sunday morning at a low water crossing. Numerous roads from west of San Antonio into the Del Rio have been flooded. Persons are asked not to enter this area and persons living in the area are asked not to attempt to cross any low-water crossings.

## 'Round & About

Several local people recently attended a Quinceanera celebration in San Angelo for Araceli Belan Hernandez.

Many here will remember her as the daughter of Osiel and Sandra Hernandez. The late Osiel Hernandez was school band director here from the fall 1982 through the spring of 1984. Under his leadership the Mountaineer Band won third place in the state marching contest in the fall of '83. Hernandez died while serving later as band director at Irion County Schools. Sandra and her children now make their home in San Angelo.

Those attending the religious celebration of Araceli's 16th birthday met Osiel Hernandez II who was born after his father's death.

The affair was held at the Cactus Hotel and the ceremony was conducted by Araceli's uncle, the Rev. Jehu Hernandez. Araceli is a tenth grade student at Cornerstone Christian School and a member of Solid Rock.



Araceli Hernandez and her brother, Osiel II

"It is my prayer that my life will be a blessing to my family, bring joy to my friends, and give glory and honor to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." — Araceli Hernandez

**COW POKES** By Ace Reid

"No sir, we ain't had no riots here this summer, but we came mighty close the other day when my \$125 crossbred bulls got in with my neighbor's \$1,000 registered cows."

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Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

An alternative Children's Church (ages infant to 10 yrs.) on Sunday evenings - a separate worship designed for children.

**First Baptist Church**  
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## Coleman County Soccer Registration To Be Held Aug. 31

After the completion of a successful 1997 season, Jeff Robinett, president of the Coleman County Soccer Association, is pleased to announce the upcoming registration for the 1998 Soccer Season.

"The North Texas Soccer Association will be providing a coaching clinic for our coaches on September 12," said Robinett, "which will upgrade our level of instruction and soccer play. Last season we not only saw local action, but also played teams from surrounding counties," concluded Robinett.

Registration will take place August 31, at the Coleman K-8 Cafeteria from 6 until 7:30 p.m. All Coleman County youth who are born Aug. 1, 1986 through July 31, 1994 are eligible to play in our recreational league. "Registration exceeded 180 players last year," Robinett commented "and we are

expecting to have over 200 players this season."

All new and returning players and coaches must register and no registration can be accepted without payment. The 1998 registration fees per family are as follows: one player \$30; two players \$50; three players \$65; and four or more \$20 each.

Late registration will add \$5 late fee per player. Forms for late registration will be available at the Drew Hubbard Insurance Agency or at the First Christian Church.

The last day for accepting late registrations is Saturday, September 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Shoppin Baskit in Coleman. League play begins September 19 and will continue every Saturday until the season is completed.

For more information call Jeff Robinett 625-2642.

## Dear Editor

I'm researching family history and would like to know if any of your readers know of this family. My uncle, Cliff Fisher married a lady from Coleman or Santa Anna in the very early 1950's. Her name was Joann Martin. They had three children, Jim Bob in 1952; Beverly Ann in 1954, and Sharon Lynn Fisher in about 1958 or 1959, not sure of her birthdate.

I don't know where any of them are. Cliff Fisher died in 1980 and at that time he and Joann had been divorced. There children then were all married, Joe Bob lived at Gatesville, Beverly lived at Mansfield and Sharon at Hillsboro.

Beverly had married Stanley McCrum and Sharon had married Jay L. White. They may or may not be married with the same surnames now.

I would appreciate any help anyone can give me on this. I would like to contact them and get their family histories.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette Jewart  
Route 3, Box 132  
Rockdale, Texas 76567  
1-512-446-5237

## Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Smith and little son Brice from Wisconsin returned to their home there after spending a week with grandparents Royce and Wanda McIver and other relatives. Other visitors during the week were Sabrina and Artie Smith and family from Midland, one day the group all drove to Kerrville to visit Kyle and Phillip Smith who are attending Schriener College.

James Hodges and son Cody of Clyde were visitors with the McIvers one day during the week.

Arvil and Verna Bolton visited a while Sunday morning with her mother Florence Stearns.

Jeannie and Fred Driehof of Lake Brownwood were Saturday afternoon visitors with her parents Talmadge and Laverne McClatchy. Sunday a granddaughter Lara, Meckfessel of Lubbock arrived to spend a few days with them.

A grandson of Natalie McIver, Carson Crider of Spokane, Washington spent the weekend with she and Rankin, and Janice Dunn and girls of Coleman visited with them on Sunday.

Delbert and Janice Snow and fam-

ily of near Brownwood visited Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Gertrude Martin.

Charity Holland celebrated her fourth birthday with a party at the home of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Rob Holland in Brooksmith Saturday with a large crowd of friends attending.

Rankin McIver, Sherrie Blake and Megan and Helen McIver attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Bobo in Brownwood Saturday.

Mary Lea Mitchell visited in Santa Anna with Lorene Rice Saturday and also with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse.

There were fifteen people that attended the eighty-four club meeting at the community center Thursday night.

A Monday visitor with Annie Lou Vaughn was Helen McIver, Reba and Elvis Cozart visited Wednesday, Earlene Dockery visited Saturday and Leona Henderson visited Sunday.

## 5th Sunday Singing At Northside Baptist

Northside Baptist Church will have its 5th Sunday Singing this coming Sunday evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone in the community is invited. You are welcome to participate with a music special, a poem, etc. You may wish to simply share how God has blessed you.

An ice cream social will follow the service.

## Social Security Rep. In Coleman Wednesday

A representative of the Brownwood Social Security office will be on the second floor of the Coleman County Courthouse on Wednesday, September 2 from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

## LEGAL MATTERS

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

### RETIREMENT LIVING CHOICES

AS PEOPLE GROW OLDER they begin to consider options for retirement. Many older citizens do not want the continued expense and burden of caring for their own homes. Many want to live in a community that provides security, good neighbors and health care options. Independent living and continuing care retirement communities offer senior citizens a choice in how they will spend their retirement years.

My office often receives calls about retirement or continuing care centers. While the Office of the Attorney General does not regulate these types of facilities, I am pleased to offer some information on options that are available and what to look for when considering one.

#### What is the difference?

There are major differences between independent living and continuing care retirement centers.

Independent living retirement centers are often individual apartments, condominiums or homes in planned communities that offer security and amenities such as social events, common dining rooms, transportation and recreational facilities. Living quarters in these communities are available for rent or purchase, depending on the facility.

Often, independent living retirement communities require a certain level of physical and mental health as they do not offer nursing or assisted living care for the residents. Some are affiliated with a local nursing home or assisted-living center.

Continuing care centers offer residents a wide range of services and residential options from independent housing to full nursing home facilities.

Most residents move to these facilities while they are still able to lead active, independent lives, secure in the knowledge that as they grow older their health care needs will be taken care of.

Continuing care centers vary widely in the type of financial arrangements they require. Most require a large down payment in addition to monthly fees for services.

Some offer all-inclusive contracts that cover all of the services available. Others offer month-to-month arrangements that allow for changes in residents' needs. Finally, some centers offer fee-for-services arrangements, allowing residents to pay for only those services they use.

#### Are there drawbacks?

As with any financial dealing, you should always be careful with what you agree to pay for. Before signing any contract or paying any fees, have someone you trust, a family member or a lawyer, review all contracts and financial arrangements. Often these facilities accept assignment of social security or Medicaid benefits to cover monthly fees. Additionally some facilities do not offer refunds of down payments upon a resident's death.

#### What to look for?

When deciding on a retirement community, evaluate your needs in the coming years. When looking at an independent living community, find out what affiliations it has with local nursing homes or hospitals. If you are considering a continuing care center, carefully review your financial situation and future needs. You should spend time at the

facility. Spend the night if possible; eat a meal there; talk to the other residents. Pay attention to what goes on around you, including how the staff treats the residents and what activities are offered. Request copies of brochures and meet with the management staff.

Most importantly, consider whether you will enjoy living there during your retirement years.

#### For more information

For more information on independent living and continuing care centers, you can contact the AARP at 202-434-2277 or the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging at 1-800-508-9442.

For legal advice, contact the Senior Texans Legal Hotline at 1-800-622-2520.

For further information, you can request a copy of our brochure "How to Select a Nursing Home" by writing to the Research and Legal Support Division, Attn: Brochure, Distribution, Office of the Attorney General, Post Office Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.


### District Court Handles Arraignments

Retired Senior District Judge John Forbes of Childress held the following cases for arraignment on Thursday, August 20:

Arraignment for Dena Vinson, forgery, was rescheduled for Thursday, September 17.

Raquel Flores failed to appear for arraignment. The Court ordered that her bond be forfeited and a warrant issued for her arrest.

Arraignment for Lee Dan Griffin, sexual assault, was rescheduled for Thursday, September 17.



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### Methodist Youth Will Wash Cars And Sell Brisket

The Methodist Youth group will hold a car wash and brisket feed Saturday, September 5, at the parking lot of Holt's General Store.

Along with getting your vehicle washed you can buy brisket sandwiches or a whole brisket to feed your Labor Day weekend guests. Hunters can purchase a whole or half brisket to feed their hunting group on that first weekend of the new hunting season.

If you would like to order ahead for a brisket to pick up contact Terry McIver at 348-3110 or 348-3746; or Rev. Kermit Sorrells at 348-3776 or 348-3667.

Funds raised will be used for the Methodist Youth activities and meals for their meetings throughout the coming year.

### Delta Omicron Holds August Family Social

#### Contributed

The Delta Omicron Sorority of Santa Anna met Sunday evening, August 23, in the home of Peggy Hensley for their August Family Social.

After the social hour, a delicious salad supper was served.

Members and their families attending were Coyita and Ken Bowker; Peggy, John, Jenna and Jessie Hensley; Gayle and Burgess Stewardson; Pat and Cecil Vance; Susie and Kelly Voss; Bernidine Watson; Debbie, Danny and Chris Wheatley; and special guests, Pat Bell and Wanda Cammell.

### Depot Daze In Ballinger This Weekend

When looking for something fun to do in Texas, mark your calendar for a visit to historic Ballinger and "Depot Daze". The trade day is scheduled for the last weekend of each month through September. Display booths full of arts and crafts, commercial items, trader/flea market goods and food will be set up on the pecan tree shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger, directed behind the restored Santa Fe Depot. The two-day event is sponsored each month by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. You are invited to visit the Depot Daze and historic Ballinger soon! Next show date is August 29-30.

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**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The City of Santa Anna will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 3.22 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held **Friday, August 28, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall.**

**FOR** the proposal: Jean Findley, Kay Yancy, Bobby Morgan, David Powell, Jim Spillman.

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$16,369	\$16,896
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 16,369	\$ 16,896
Tax rate	.6519/100	.6519/100
Tax	\$ 106.71	\$ 110.15

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$ 3.44 or 3.22 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax would remain the same per \$100 of taxable value or 0 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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## News For And About Santa Anna Mountaineers



### Santa Anna Junior High Football Schedule

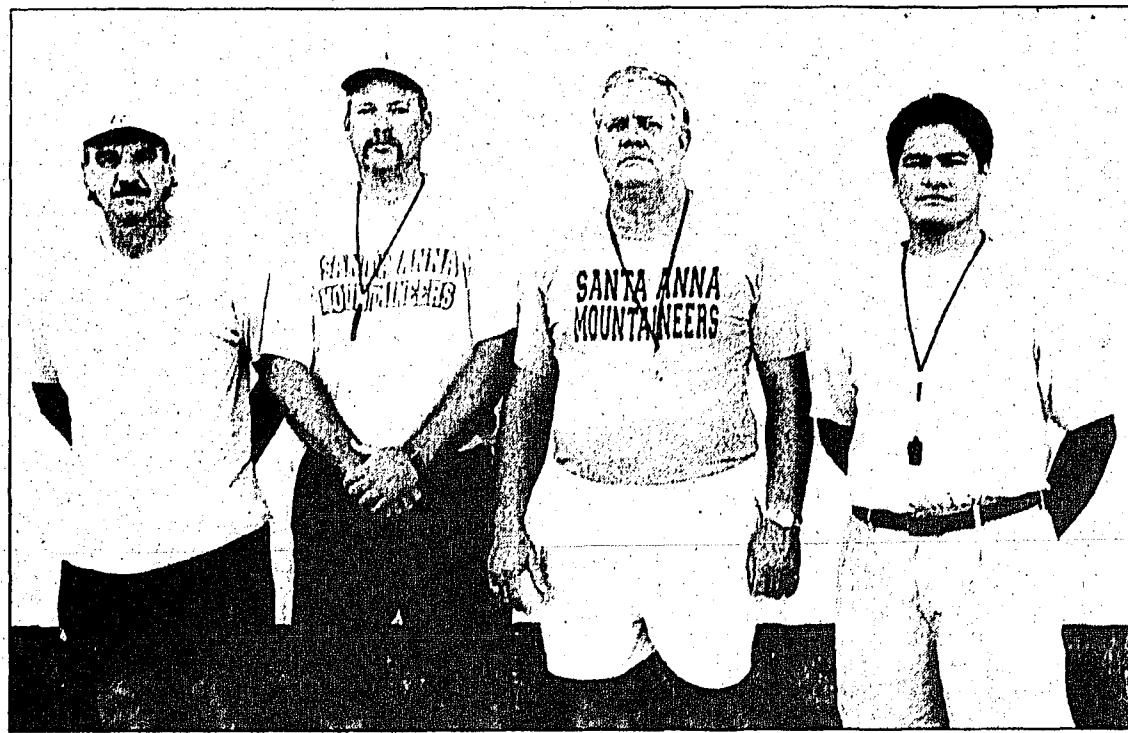
Sept. 10	Rising Star	There	6 p.m.
Sept. 17	May	Here	6 p.m.
Sept. 24	Ranger 7th grade	There	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	Brownwood 7th grade	There	6 p.m.
Oct. 8	Bronte	Here	6 p.m.
Oct. 15	Miles	There	6 p.m.
Oct. 22	Baird	Here	6 p.m.
Oct. 29	Cross Plains	Here	6 p.m.
Nov. 5	Eden	There	6 p.m.

School Will Be Dismissed At 12 Noon On Fri., Sept. 4; Mon., Sept. 7 Will Be A School Holiday



### Mountaineers Outscore Elks In Scrimmage; Travel To Robert Lee Thursday Evening

The Santa Anna Mountaineer football team outscored the Evant Elks in their first scrimmage at Mountaineer Stadium last Friday evening. In the picture above a Mountaineer ball carrier tries to evade an Elk with another Mountaineer coming to help. According to Athletic Director and Coach David Robinett the defensive stopped the Elks' option play with the Mountaineers offensive executing their plays well. The Mountaineers scored three touchdowns, two of which were passing plays while the Elks were scoreless. Thursday evening the Mountaineers will travel to Robert Lee for a scrimmage against the Steers beginning at 5:30 p.m. Coaches will be working on players picking up their blocking assignments and executing the plays to move the ball down the field offensively. Robinett has 29 players out at this time but two were injured in last Friday's game. The season opener will be Friday, September 4 in Christoval.



### 1998 Mountaineer Coaching Staff

The coaching staff for the 1998 Mountaineer football team are Dan Goodman, David Robinett, athletic director; Ray Findley and Richard Lucero.

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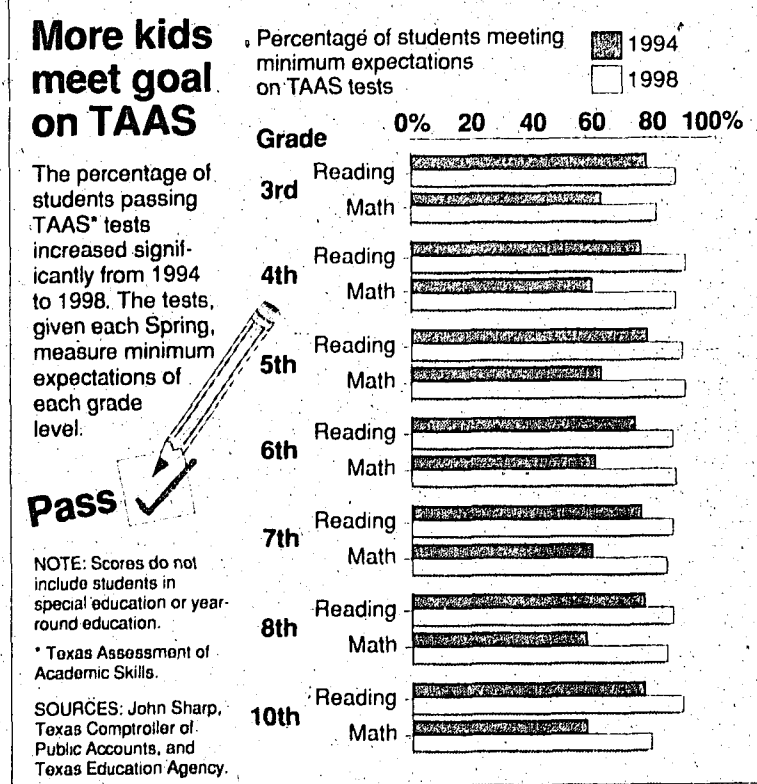
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Ad Council U.S. Department of Transportation

### School Menu

- MONDAY, AUGUST 3**  
Breakfast: Donuts  
Lunch: Corndog, baked beans, tator tots, and mustard
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**  
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage and syrup  
Lunch: Cheese nachos, pinto beans, chocolate pudding, peppers and picante sauce
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos and picante sauce  
Lunch: Western burger, potato salad, pasta salad and fried okra
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage gravy and jelly  
Lunch: Meat and bean tostados w/cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, whole kernel corn, peppers and picante sauce
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast and jelly  
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips and rice krispie treat

### Keeping an eye on Texas



# Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Santa Anna Independent School District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Santa Anna Independent School District by 3.74 percent on August 24, 1998

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 3, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. at Administration Office of Santa Anna ISD.

**HOMECOMING SET FOR OCTOBER 16-17**

The Santa Anna High School Ex-Student Association Homecoming has been set for October 16-17. Please let the NEWS know of your group's plans so we can publish them for you. We also would appreciate pictures well ahead of time so we can prepare them for publication and get them back to you before your meeting. Contact us if you have questions.

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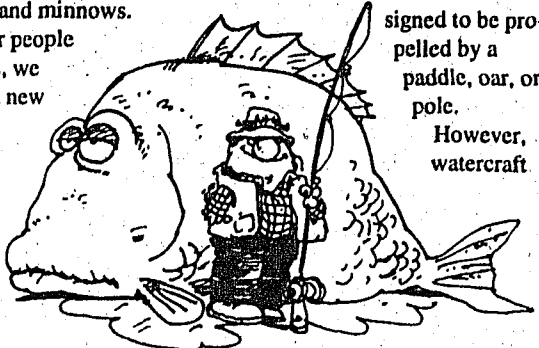


TAX FACTS by JOHN SHARP TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Boat and Boat Motor Sales Tax was adopted by the Texas Legislature and became effective on September 1, 1991. The law pertains to any watercraft, other than a seaplane, not more than 65 feet in length, manufactured for commercial or non-commercial purposes. The law includes federally documented boats, motorboats, sailboats, jet skis, and boats designed to accommodate an outboard motor.

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Exceptions to the Boat and Boat Motor Sales Tax are canoes, kayaks, rowboats, inflatable rafts, or other watercraft designed to be propelled by a paddle, oar, or pole. However, watercraft exempt from the Boat and Boat Motor Sales Tax continued to be taxed under the Limited Sales Tax—still at 6.25 percent—plus applicable local sales taxes.

Fishing & Boating Provisions

Some provisions—a fancy name for food and munchies—are subject to state and local sales taxes. But most food items are not—bread, lunch meat, mustard, for instance. Buy a loaf of bread and make your own sandwich with cold cuts and cheese and you've got a tax-free lunch. The ice chest, ice to go in it, beer, and most soft drinks are subject to sales taxes. But a can of

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Your Fishing License

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Where to Find Us

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Matter of Fact

Rick Perry Texas Agriculture Commissioner

It's certainly no secret that horticulture is one of the fastest growing sectors of the agricultural industry. No, "mum" is not the word. Mums are a valuable commodity along with azaleas, poinsettias, lilies and tulips. And in Texas, you can add a thriving wildflowers industry with bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes and buttercups to this colorful economic panorama that's generating some green (as in dollars) for agriculture.

Ornamental horticulture now ranks sixth in cash value of all agricultural products in the country. Sales from U.S. production of nursery crops exceeded \$11 billion in 1997. That represents a jump of almost 10 percent from the previous year.

Why the growth? Well with gardening one of the most popular American hobbies, all of those green thumbs are allowing the industry to rake in the "green" — and Texas is getting its share of the handle. Total sales surpassed the \$3 billion mark in 1997. And with new varieties such as long-stemmed Texas bluebonnets being grown right here in the Lone Star State, you can expect the horticulture industry to continue branching out and blooming.

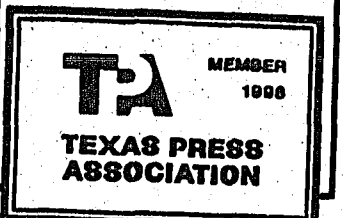
DESERTS

Although most deserts are in warm climates, scientists consider some regions near the North and South Poles to be deserts because they have no plant growth.

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