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INTERNET ACCESS EXPLORED FOR BCLS COMMUNITIES

The Big Country Library System held a regional meeting in Sonora Tuesday, July 18. BCLS represents 32 libraries in one of ten systems in Texas. The system was established to assist public libraries in the state.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore the possibility of bringing Internet access to the BCLS libraries. This will allow citizens in rural communities of West Texas equal access to world wide information that is readily available to citizens in metropolitan areas.

The actual interface to Internet will be accomplished through Abilene Library Consortium. The project proposal includes three personal computers in each community. It also includes the provision of shared resources. Funding will be accomplished by state grants, other public grants, private grants through various foundations, and local donations. The proposal also includes maintenance and training.

Terry McCall, Comanche County Attorney, stated three steps in accomplishing the proposal. The first step is to establish an advanced communications network, the BCLS Network. The second step calls for connecting the BCLS Network to the global Internet. Step three calls for digital data conversion of the

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Junior Golf Participants, Ages 5-7. (Back Row, L-R) Kayla McBride and Embry Smith; (Middle Row, L-R) Felicia Gamez, Anthony Longoria, David Ashton, Michael Ashton, Warren Wallace and Boomer Galindo; (Front Row, L-R) Lauren Smith, Tanner James, Candice Martin and Cody Day.

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD

The Sonora Golf Course hosted the Sonora Junior Golf Program from June 1st through July 13th. The program ended with a tournament, held on Thursday, July 13th. Jerri Martin and Juanita McBride, coaches for the Junior Golf Program, set up mock putt-putt course on the putting green for the tournament.

1st place in the 5-7 year old age group went to Candice Martin, who shot a 40. She won 2 free passes to the U.A. Cinema in San Angelo. Anthony Longoria placed 2nd with a 41, and won 3 free games of 18 holes at the College Hills Putt Putt in San Angelo. Kayla McBride placed 3rd, also with a 41, and won a Golf Canister filled with candy.

1st place in the 8-11 year old age group went to Clint Cearly, who shot a 33. He won 2 free passes to the UA Cinema in San Angelo. Laramy Hall placed 2nd with a 37, and received 3 free games of 18 holes at the College Hills Putt Putt in San Angelo. Chris Martin placed 3rd with a 38. He won a Golf Canister filled with candy.

Ryan Hardgrave placed 1st with a 27 in the 12 & Up division, and won a Prize Video of Forrest Gump. Ryan Cramer placed 2nd with a 31, and received 2 free passes to the UA Cinema in San Angelo. Dustin Martin placed 3rd with a 31, and received 3 free games of 18 holes at the College Hills Putt Putt in San Angelo.

The members of the Golf Course would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for sponsoring the Summer Junior Golf Program: Houston Powers of Quick Bonds, Sonora Golf Course, Wanda and Durwood Neville, Al's Oil and Lube Service, and Rye Supply Company. Thank you also to the Devil's River News for the advertisement.

The Sonora Junior Golf Program ended the summer with a luncheon with parents attending. We would like to thank the parents who let their children participate in the golf program. We all had a fantastic and fun time!

WIREMAN TO COMPETE IN COUNTRY SHOWDOWN '95



Arett lanel Wireman

Arett Janel Wireman will compete in Country Showdown '95 in San Angelo. Country Showdown is the world's largest country music talent search. The competition will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 22 at the Riverstage. Miss Wireman will compete against 23 contestants for the honor of representing the Concho Valley in the state competition.

and sang Jesus Loves Me in Spanish. She placed first in talent. Miss Wireman enjoys singing in church, especially for Easter and Christmas programs. She also sings for private parties and Angela Sedeno, harpest and David Davenport, local clarinet rodeo dances. She performs with a South Texas band called Scott player. Randolph and White Lightning. This year she sang at the 4th of July Celebration in Kerrville. Arett also opens for the Aubrey one of their own. Sharing his talent around the world, his Henderson Rodeo Productions with the Star Spangled Banner singing accapella.

livestock and riding horses. Arett plans to pursue a career in California, American Hawaii Cruises and many others.

15 year old brother. Sieth who lives on the ranch with her and a daughter of Mary Frances and Rudy Sedeno. Since the age of 3, sister, Fara Lyne Fields Smith of San Angelo.



Junior Golf Participants, Ages 8-11. (Back Row, L-R) David Benson, Tommy Gutierrez, Dustin Martin, Stetson Hall, Chance Dillard and Ryan Hardgrave; (Front Row, L-R) Cole Cearly, Rvan Cramer, Seth Prather and Heath Prather.



Junior Golf Participants, Ages 12 & Up. (Back Row, L-R) Sara Gutierrez, Ricky Lumbreras, J.J. Lipham and Patton Copeland; (Front Row, L-R) Clint Cearly, Chris Martin and Laramy Hall.

CWDT PRESENTS CLASSICAL MAGIC

submitted by Louise Ingham



Terry Mikeska, Pianist

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater will present Classical Magic on Saturday, July 22nd. The host for the evening will be Casey Thorp.

Casey has been a Sonora resident for sixteen years. He is the son of Steve Thorp and Carole Thorp, and the grandson of

Guggle Thorp. While attending Sonora High School, Casey Arett, 14, began her competed in UIL Speech and Drama activities, and was active in singing career at age 4. She the Sonora High School Band. He graduated from Sonora High entered her first pageant School in May, and will be attending St. Edwards University in Austin this fall, majoring in theater.

Featured performers will be Terry Mikeska, pianist, Mary

San Angelo, Texas is proud to claim pianist Terry Mikeska as performances include the Liberace Anniversary Celebration in Las Vegas, Harrah's in Atlantic City, Eldorado Hotel and Casino in Arett lives south of Sonora on the ranch where her Reno, Inn of the Mountain Gods in New Mexico, Atrium Club in grandfather, Bill Whitehead, was raised. She loves working with New York, Hollywood Legends and Los Angeles Athletic Club in

Seventeen-year-old Mary Angela Sedeno has been playing the Her parents are Lesa and Terry Wireman of Sonora. She has a harp since age 12. Growing up in San Angelo, Texas, she is the Mary Angela has won many awards for flamenco dancing, harp playing and singing. She will be attending the University of North Texas this fall.

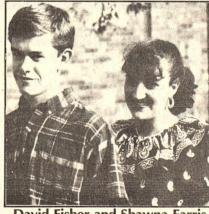
> David Davenport, a 1995 graduate of Sonora High School, is the son of Pam and Matt Davenport, long-time Sonora residents. While attending Sonora High School, David was an All-State Band member for 2 years and received superior ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest. David plays the clarinet and percussion.

The menu for the evening will be Garden Salad, Beef Stroganoff, Fettucini Alfredo and Grilled Chicken Breasts, Broccoli Normandy, Rolls and French Bread, Tea and New York Style Cheesecake.

The sponsors for the evenings entertainment is the Best Western Circle Bar Motel and RV Park.

FARIS & FISHER COMPLETE LEADERSHIP LAB

submitted Sutton County 4-H



David Fisher and Shawna Farris

Local 4-H members Shawna Faris and David Fisher recently completed leadership training at the District 10 4-H Leadership lab held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Members received training on Motivation in Group Learning Activities, Proper Table Etiquette in a Formal Setting, Public Speaking Skills, Development of Skills for a Successful Interview, and Successful Dance Steps. Both

members served on the Salute to the Flag Committee. In conjunction with the Leadership Lab, the District 10 4-H council also holds its annual officer election for the upcoming year. Members must serve on council for one year and then are eligible to apply for office. Following campaign presentations, the six council officers are elected by voting delegates. Shawna Faris was elected to serve as secretary of the 1995-96 District 10 4-H

Members of the National Champion 4-H Wool Judging team will be traveling to Colorado for a tour of the sheep industry in that state. Plans have been finalized for the group to visit a mountain sheep camp with full-time sheep herder, the fiber testing laboratory in Denver and possibly the Monfort Feeding and Packing Facility. Following a bit of sight seeing, the group will return home. A sincere appreciation is expressed to all of those who donated funds to this group to make this trip possible.

Homecoming Planning Meeting There will be a Homecoming Planning Meeting on Monday, July 24th from 7:00 p.m. at the Founder's Room of the First National Bank.

4-Man Select Shot Tournament

The Sonora Golf Course will host a 4-Man Select Shot Golf Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, July 22nd and 23rd. Tee time will be at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days. The entry fee is \$300 per team. A barbecue dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. on

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Progam is coming to a close. On Tuesday, July 25th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., there will be a party for the registered participants.

Both groups will meet at this time for a combined party. They will collect prizes and turn in books at this time.

Library Donations

Please mail tax deductible contributions for the Sutton County Library to: Sonora Woman's Club Library Association, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950. Cash donations may be taken to the library, located at 805 Prospect, (school Vocational Building) where a receipt will be given. Brick pavers, to be used for sidewalks and landscaping around the new library, may also be purchased at the library.

Donate Goats

Area ranchmen, bring goats to Sutton County Stockpens for the Lion's Club, 4-H Club, and Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. See Debbie Goeske.

Engraved Pavers Deadline

The deadline to order engraved pavers for the sidewalk at the entrance of the new Sutton County Public Library is July 21. Pavers are only \$25.00. Don't forget those graduates, school and civic organizations, new babies, etc. Go by the library in the School Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, and place your orders!

Social Security Representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his July visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Tuesday, July 25th, between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

SENIOR CENTER PLANS FUND RAISER

submitted by Juanita Mesa

The Sutton County Committee On Aging and the Sutton County Senior Center are again having their Barbecue fundraiser on the courthouse lawn immediately following the Sutton County Days Parade, Friday, August 18, 1995.

They need help in the following areas: monetary donations, supplies, and goats. Contact Juanita Mesa at 387-5657, 387-3941 or go by the Senior Center at 106 Wilson Street. The proceeds from this fundraiser are used on equipment, excursions for seniors, and other non-budget items needed at the center.

Successful events such as this exemplify the community spirit that abounds in Sonora and Sutton County. As always the participants of the Senior Center, Committee on Aging, and the Senior Center Staff would like to extend a great big thank you to everyone who has always supported us in one way or another.



Eufemia Virgen

Eufemia Virgen, 93, of Ft. Worth and formerly of Sonora, died Monday, July 17, 1995 in a Ft. Worth Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 21, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born September 3, 1901 in Coahuila, Mexico, and was a longtime resident of Sonora. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by three nephews, Alfred and Pedro Virgen, both of Sonora, and Felipe Virgen, III of Sante Fe, New Mexico; and two nieces, Amelia Beserra of Sonora and Estella Gomez of Ft. Worth.

Fay Drennan

Fay Drennan, 79, of Kerrville and formerly of Sonora, died Friday, July 14, 1995, at her residence in Kerrville, following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15th in the Kerbow Funeral Home chapel. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery in the Cedar Hill Community. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Fay was born September 12, 1915, in Camp Allison on the banks of the Llano river in Sutton County. She married Tom Drennan June 29, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1975. She was also preceded in death by one daughter and one granddaughter.

Fay worked as a Rehabilitation therapist at the Kerrville State Hospital, but she did her best work as a wife, mother, and "Nonnie." She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Ganelle Anderson of Kerrville, and Barbara Waldrop of Lamesa; two brothers, Buster Shroyer of Fredericksburg and Ray Shroyer of Kerrville; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons and John Felderman and Bill Daughtery.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of Kerrville.

God saw that she was getting tired, And a recovery was not to be. So He put His arm around her,

And whispered, "Come home with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer, And saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, We could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating; A determined spirit is at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS END SUCCESSFUL SEASON

by Gary Hardgrave

Sonora's All-Star Season ended Tuesday night , July 11th, with a 4-0 shut-out at the hands of Lake View. Lake View pitcher, David Lankford, allowed only four singles, one each by Stetson Hall, Anthony Sanchez, Jesus Torres, and Nicholas Lozano. Nicholas pitched four shut-out innings for Sonora, but Lake View broke loose in the 5th for 4 runs, and that was the game. Both teams played well defensively.

community in an exemplary manner. The team and the league would like to thank everyone who helped support Little League Baseball.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, July 20

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Corn, Brussel Sprouts, Bread, Pineapple

Friday, July 21

Tuna Noodle Casserole, Yellow Squash, Broccoli, Corn Bread, Peaches

Monday, July 24

Tacos w/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler,

Corn Tortilla

Tuesday, July 25

Chicken Creole, Corn & Broccoli, Peach w/Cottage Cheese, Hot Rolls, Pears

Wednesday, July 26

Meatloaf w/Brown Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Turnip Greens,

Wheat Bread, Chocolate Pudding Thursday, July 27

Fried Catfish, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls,

Applesauce

Friday, July 28

Salisbury Steak, French Fries, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Blushing Pears

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Devil's NEWS

Howard Stacy Becknell

Howard Stacy Becknell, 79, died Wednesday, July 12, 1995 San Angelo.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 14th, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by the Rev. Carl Rohlfs. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Becknell was born December 6, 1915, in Bell County. He married Marjorie Ritter on February 15, 1936, in San Angelo. She preceded him in death in September 1994.

Mr. Becknell had worked on ranches throughout West Texas as a young man. He moved his family to Big Lake in 1954. He served as the chief of police in Big Lake for more than 20 years and then was a deputy for Regan County, and was elected justice of the peace. "Stacy," as all of the young people in Big Lake knew the peace officer, always enjoyed his job and took great pride in the accomplishments of the kids he watched over as they grew up. He retired and moved to San Angelo in 1985. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Lake.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Karman Weatherby, of San Angelo; daughter, Ann McCabe of Snyder; son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Becky Becknell, of Sonora; two brothers, Neal Becknell and Billy J. Becknell, both of San Angelo; three sisters, Nelda Boatright of San Angelo, Shirley Ann Watson of Bartlett, Tennessee, and Margie Carroll of Killeen; two stepbrothers, Frankie Lanning of Mesquite and Bobby Lanning of Killeen; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers. They are: Mike McCabe of Silver, Jerry McCabe of Lubbock, Terry McCabe of Midland, Tim Weatherby of San Angelo, Todd McCabe of Dallas, Jay Weatherby of Lubbock, Lane Worthington of Big Lake and Cal Hendrick of Odessa. Honorary pallbearers were John Ritter of New Braunfels, Sid Becknell of Miles, Danny Becknell of San Antonio, Ben McCullouch of Millersview, Wade Love of Austin, Tye Love of Dallas, Jacob and Cody McCabe of Silver, Drew and Scott Weatherby of San Angelo, Cooper McCabe of Midland, Vance McCabe of Lubbock, Hunter Hendrick of Odessa, Alec Rivera of San Angelo, Blan Benton of Lamesa, Norman Guess of Big Lake and all of his many friends in law enforcement.

The family requests that memorials be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

T. George Roberson

T. George Roberson, 76, of Granbury, Texas, passed away July 9, 1995 at his residence. He was born April 16, 1919 in Lyra, Texas. He married Lucille Marie Haney in San Angelo, Texas on December 24, 1942.

Mr. Roberson was a truck driver. He retired from East Texas Motor Freight in 1978. In 1963, he was the first man in the state of Texas to receive the Million Mile Award for no accidents, and eventually accumulated 3.5 million miles with no accidents. He was a member of the Teamsters Union and the Masonic Lodge in Irving, Texas. He has lived in Granbury since 1978. He was a member of the Sonora Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Haney Roberson of Granbury; one son George L. Roberson of Irving; two grandchildren, Mark Roberson and Matthew Roberson of Webster, Texas; three brothers, J.D. Roberson of Kingsland, Webster, Texas; three brothers, J.D. Roberson of Kingsland, Texas, Doyle Roberson of Mineral Wells, Texas, and Pete Roberson of Granbury, Texas; and two sisters Charlsie Hughes of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Sue Owens of Desdemona, Texas.

The service was Saturday, July 15, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Martin's Chapel in Granbury. The place of interment was Holly Sonora had a successfully post season and represented their Hills Memorial Park. Reverend Larry Thompson officiated.

Community Calendar

July 20th-29th



Thursday, July 20 9:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting - City Hall

7:00 p.m. - Family Council Meeting - FUMC Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. - Dr. Rust presents Dental Hygiene Program at Senior Citizen Center Deadline to purchase Engraved Pavers for the sidewalk entrance

for the new Sutton County Public Library, Call 387-2507

6:30 p.m. - Covered Wagon Dinner Theater Classical Magic - Caverns of Sonora

Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23rd
Sonora Golf Course Golf 4-Man Select Shot Tournament, T-Time 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; \$300 team fee

Monday, July 24th 6:30 p.m. - Sonora Cub Scout Pack 19 1860 Pony Express Relay

Race, 4-H Park 7:00 p.m. - Homecoming Planning Meeting, Founder's Room, First National Bank

Tuesday, July 25th

9:30-10:30 a.m. - Social Security Representative, Courthouse 10:00-11:00 a.m. - Summer Reading Program Party, All registered participants invited, Sutton County Public Library 5:00-7:00 p.m. - First National Bank San Angelo Facility Grand Opening Reception, 5710 Sherwood Way, San Angelo

Wednesday, July 26th

12:00 p.m. - Senior Center Birthday Party - Senior Citizen Center Special Teleconference for Attorneys, sponsored by Edward D. Jones & Co., Brady, Texas, Call Cecil Ross at (915) 5977-0335

Thursday, July 27 12:00 p.m. - Kooking with Kelly Nutritional Program - Senior Citizen Center

Friday, July 28

1:00 p.m. - Transportation Van available for shopping in Sonora. Call 387-5657 or 387-3941, if you need a ride.

Saturday, July 29

10:00 a.m. - Texas Emu Association, Zone One Seminar, YO Ranch Holiday Inn, Kerrville, call (210) 792-4790 or (210) 792-3606 to register

6:30 p.m. - Covered Wagon Dinner Theater Cajun Invasion! -Caverns of Sonora

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

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submitted by Sonora Housing Authority

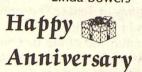
Effective July 12, 1995 the Sonora Housing Authority will be located at City Hall, 201 East Main Street.

Office hours (Monday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), and the telephone number (387-3977) will remain the same.

July 20th Mike Keller Pam Jones July 22nd Richard Ornelas July 23rd Shane Keller **Ashley Bounds** July 24th Felicia Castillo July 25th Jim Ross

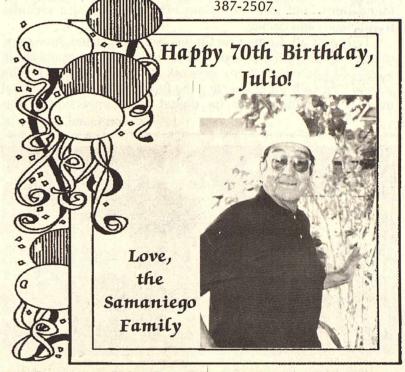
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July 26th Johnathan R. Conlon Cyndee Noriega **Linda Bowers**



July 25th Jim & Camille Ross

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to The Devil's River News' Birthday and Anniversary list, please call



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Sonora Church Directory

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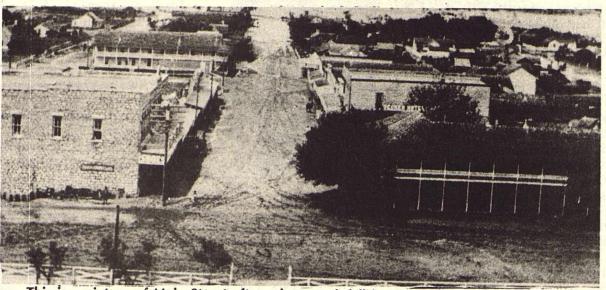
Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Southwest **Texas Electric** Co-op 853-2544

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387-2266

Ask The Historical Society



This is a picture of Main Street after a heavy rainfall in 1920. The Decker Hotel is the first building on the right.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary, Sutton County Historical Society

Q. When was the Decker Hotel torn down?

A. The Decker Hotel, built by W. F. Decker in the mid 1890's was torn down in 1920.

In the January 31, 1920 issue of The Devil's River News, we find that the Board of Directors of the Sonora Hotel Co. sold the Decker Hotel building to Roy Rees for \$1300. Everything to be cleared away in sixty days. The secretary of the Sonora Hotel Co., Mr. Hardgrave, had advertised in the San Antonio Express and Dallas News for Architects to submit plans for a modern three story, fire proof hotel, with 50 rooms. They hope to begin building at once and be open in April.

In the February 7, 1920 issue of The Devil's River News, we find that A.R. Swartz, architect of San Angelo and Dallas was employed to draw plans and specifications for a three story, fifty room reinforced concrete, brick faced, fire proof hotel. It was to front Water Avenue 100 feet and Main Street 100 feet with a large lobby on the corner. There was to be a convention hall 60 by 60 feet on the first floor that could also be used as a community center. The building was to be steam heated and every room have a

In the February 21, 1920 issue, we find that the Decker Hotel is down and the lumber being removed. The modern fire proof hotel to be erected on the site will cost \$100,000 and will be completed by fall. It is hoped the Sheep & Goat Raisers Convention will be held there in 1921.

In April of 1920, we find the building committee meeting with the architect and arrangements being made to purchase cement, a rock crusher, concrete mixing machine and concrete block making machine. The building is to be constructed of concrete blocks faced with Meduse Cement.

In May of 1920, we find the excavating for the new hotel is in progress and the rock crusher is at work grinding sand for the concrete. In July there is talk of cement being ordered and more consultation with the architect regarding structural supports, etc., due to the height and length of the structure.

After this, mention of the new hotel disappears from the papers. The lot it was to be built on sat empty for many years, an eyesore in the middle of downtown. At one time, the Woman's Club constructed a

beautiful garden on the site, then they abandoned the grounds. It sat for years, a brush laden hole in Main Street. The site is now the playground of the Head Start program.

We are not able to tell you exactly what happened to the Sonora Hotel Co. (There are too many conflicting stories.) Let's just say there was a falling out, lack of funds, and an inability to reach common ground among the investors. One of the reasons the lot sat empty for so long was the difficulty in getting all the investors or their heirs to sign off for a clear title. We are very glad that this was finally done and that we no longer have an eyesore at the head of Main

SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE FOR ATTORNEYS

submitted by Cecil Ross

Cecil Ross, the Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative in Brady, will host a special live teleconference for attorneys on Wednesday, July 26th. The program, "The Use of Living Trusts in the Estate Planning Process," is eligible for up to two hours of continuing legal education credits (CLE credit is pending in most states).

"We have offered continuing education for tax and legal professionals for several years, but this is our first program tailored exclusively for attorneys," Ross said. "Estate planning is one of our most requested topics, so I'm sure this program will be well-received."

This broadcast includes discussion on the overview of revocable living trusts, advantages vs. disadvantages of using revocable living trusts, understanding federal estate taxes, drafting techniques, titling assets, funding trusts and using a team approach in estate planning.

Speakers include nationally known attorneys Robert A. Esperti and Renno L. Peterson of the Esperti Peterson Institute and the National Network of Estate Planning Attorneys, Inc., and Barbara Gilman, the Edward D. Jones & Co. principal responsible for marketing trusts.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes all necessary course materials and refreshments.

With more than 3,000 branches nationwide, Edward D. Jones Co. is the largest investment firm in the nation in terms of retail offices. Its investment representatives serve more than 1.8 million individual investors in the United States and through its affiliate in Canada

For more information or to register for this teleconference, call Cecil Ross at (915) 597-0335.

Q. Did Sonora ever have an opera house?

A. At one time there was talk of an opera house being built in Sonora, but it never came to pass. One of the suggested sites was the lot from the old Decker Hotel. The opera house was to be used for musicals and plays.

Remember, in the early days of Sutton County there was no television or radio. People in those days visited a lot more, were very well read, often played musical instruments and got quite a bit more exercise than their modern counterparts. There were also no vacuum cleaners, floor polishers, automatic dishwashers, automatic washing machines, automobiles and air conditioning.

People worked hard, but they always found time to get together around a piano and sing songs. Many impromptu concerts were held in parlors and there were a lot of socials. From what I have read there were a lot of dances held in the Courthouse and the school and many people played an instrument. There were also stories of evenings of classical music and group readings of the classics.

If you like classical music, we suggest you turn off the television this Saturday night and take a ride out to the Caverns of Sonora. The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater will present an evening of "Classical Magic" with Terry Mikeska, Pianist; Mary Angela Sedeno, Harpist; David Davenport, Clarinet Player; and Casey Thorp, local Poet, as host.

If you can't make it on the 22nd, don't forget to mark your calendar for the 29th "Laissez, Le Bohn Ton Roule! Cajun Invasion!"

It is so beautiful sitting out under the trees enjoying the gentle evening breezes and eating those delicious meals prepared by the Sutton County Steak House. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about Sutton County History, send them to: "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call at (915) 387-5144 or 387-2855, after noon.

Open Letter

Open Letter To South Texas Veterans

It has come to my attention that the Department of Veterans Affairs has instituted action to discontinue the routine in-patient surgical procedures now being performed at the Kerrville VA Medical Center and close its operating room. Presumably this is being done in the interest of saving money and enhancing the opportunities at the Audie Murphy VA facility in San Antonio for teaching students at the University of Texas Health Science Center. I cannot be persuaded that this is in the best interest of our veteran population or that it will save money. It will strain that facility's administrative and physical capacity to the point that the quality of patient care there will suffer substantially.

Through the years, the Kerrville facility's operating room staff has consistently earned acclaim for excellence and efficiency and has served as a model for emulation throughout the VA System. We who have relied upon this facility's resources for our needs cannot appreciate the sacrifice of this standard of excellence for the sake of "reinventing government." This action constitutes a flagrant disservice to our veterans as well as the dedicated operating room staff at our highly reputable medical center.

I can personally attest to the advantage of having the expertise of medical school teaching staffs available at the Audie Murphy facility for such critical procedures as spinal chord and vascular restoration and can therefore appreciate their availability for other critical procedures rarely available outside a metropolitan complex; however, I fail to see any advantage for routing procedures. Surely, there are enough of these called for in a metroplex the size of San Antonio to meet the needs of teaching staffs without jeopardizing the quality of care now available to patients at the Kerrville facility. This is obviously only a ploy to justify a bureaucratic whim.

DVA Medical Centers exist to serve patients, not students. Your immediate, all-out efforts to crush this Machiavellian scheme, once and for all, will be gratefully appreciated; as the clock has already started ticking for this action. Please write or call your representatives in Washington right now!

Respectfully, Joseph H. (Joe) Stevenson 912 Tivy Street Kerrville, Texas 78028-3656 12





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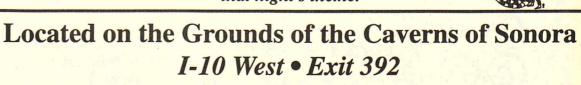
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by Ben Taylor



"Forget everything you know, or think you know, about Bobwhite Quail. To survive this week-long camp you will have to look at the world from the perspective of a six-inch bird; in essence you will have to be a Bobwhite Quail." This was one of the first things that was told to us as we arrived at the Krooked River Lodge, where we would attend the Bobwhite Brigade. At that time I was still suffering from the elusion that this was going to be the stereotypical camp, where all of my

time would be spent sitting around singing campfire songs. This misconception was soon shattered as Dr. Rollins, the Brigade Commander, said a phrase that I will not soon forget. "Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember. Involve me, and I understand."

This concept of involving us was taken to the extreme during this camp. At the facilities of the camp there were several cabins to be used by the Brigade, and it became necessary to split us up in different cabins. The different cabins weren't called cabins, they were called coveys; and the members of the cabins weren't called roommates, we were called covey members. Just as in the wild, these Brigade coveys competed with the other coveys (not for anything important as survival, though). We did activities that won us certain point values and the covey with the most points at the end of the week got first pick of the door prizes. (After thinking about the prizes for a week, there were going to be fights if the prizes weren't given out soon.)

Within the first thirty minutes of arriving at the Brigade we were dissecting and getting to know the anatomy of the quail. Still suffering from the initial shell shock of actually learning something during the summer, we were rushed into the conference room, where we heard a lecture on frightening subjects such as morphology and population dynamics. As soon as we realized that those words meant the quail's innards, and how many of them there really are, we were ready to go. In order to go out and tell others about quail, it became essential that we were taught how to communicate. We were given lessons on how to speak on radio or TV. Since communication can be through different media, we were given art lessons by Mr. Gilland, a professional wildlife artist, who gave us the basics on wildlife art. One of my favorite classes was the taxidermy class that was taught to us by a local merchant. I might also bring up the fact that this was also the

On the first day of camp we fitted Bobwhite quail with small radio collars and tracked them down later in the week to find out their outcome. The collar, which was about six ounces and had a small antenna running down the back of the bird's back, looked like a wad of gum with a piece of wire hanging out of it. When it came time for my covey to track our quail, the temperature was reaching close to mid-nineties, and all I could think about is how nice the air-conditioning is in the conference room. We began tracking our bird, and after we walked half a mile, we found no bird. Another half-mile and again no bird. I was sweltering, miserable, and was plotting on how I could kill the unsuspecting fowl. Well, a mile and a half, and a quart of sweat later, we knew our quail was somewhere around a small oak tree. The guy holding the radio receiver wiped his forehead, and in doing so pointed the antenna upwards in a tree. The signal suddenly shot off the charts; when we looked in the tree we saw a red-tailed hawk's nest. What had happened was the hawk had taken the quail up to the nest to feed it's baby chicks. They couldn't eat the collar, so they left it on the side of the nest.

On the last day of camp they took group pictures, gave us our diplomas, and handed out the door prizes. The campers voted on whoever they thought was the best camper, and I feel fortunate to say that I was voted runner-up. I got to choose second of all the door prizes, and made it obvious that I am from West Texas because of all the prizes I could have picked, I grabbed an Earl Campbell autographed football. After all this was taken care of, it was time to say goodbye and give out addresses.

Now as I sit in front of a computer typing my thoughts, I reflect on all the things that happened at the Brigade and I know that it was difficult, hot and exhausting; but I have only good memories and a deeper love of wildlife.

I would like to thank the Soil and Water Conservation District for sponsoring me at the camp. If you have any questions regarding this article, you can contact me through the Texas Experiment Station in Sonora at (915) 387-3168. Ask for Butch Taylor and he will relay your message to me.

IST SUTTON COUNTY FAIR

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first Sutton County Fair to be held in conjunction with Sutton County Days. Following is information contained in the fair catalog. The catalog may be obtained at the following locations: Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Craft Cottage, City Hall, Sonora Senior Center, County Extension Office, and The Devil's River News.

The Sutton County Fair is open to any Sutton County resident regardless of age or sex. No entry fees are required. Entries in all divisions will be collected on August 17 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the old "Spains" building downtown.

Entries will be judged beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 18. After they are judged, the entries will be displayed until 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 18 and until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 19. All exhibits and ribbons can be picked up between 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the last day. Ribbons and entries should not be picked up before this time.

The entry must be made entirely by the person entering and all hand-crafts should have been made since September 1, 1994. Exhibitors may enter as many articles as desired in a division. Division categories are adult and youth (grades K-12). First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each class. Best of show will be awarded in each division and will be decided at the discretion of the judges.

Division I Foods

Section A: Youth Foods - cookies, candy, cakes, bread (yeast & quick), and pies.

Section B: Adult Foods - canned vegetables, pickles and relish, canned fruit, jellies, jams, preserves, cookies, candy, cakes, breads (yeast), breads (quick), pies.

Division II Clothing

Section A: Youth Clothing - accessories (belts, scarves, vests, etc.) separates (skirts, blouses, pants, etc.), and dresses.

Section B: Adult Clothing - accessories, separates, dresses, men's and boys clothing, children's clothing.

Division III Needlework

Section A: Youth Clothing - embroidery, latch hook, and

Section B: Adult Needlework - crochet (a.yarn, b.thread), cross stitch, embroidery, knitting, needlepoint, plastic canvas needlepoint, handpiece quilting, and printed quilting.

Division IV Hobbies and Crafts

Section A: Youth Hobbies and Crafts - woodworking, miscellaneous, art work (water colors, oils, and acrylics), art work (drawings), and painted clothing.

Section B: Adult Hobbies and Crafts - dolls (any kind), doll clothes, toys (any kind), stained glass, wood working, holiday decorations, jewelry, leather, art work (water colors, drawings, oils and acrylic, and pastels), metal work, ceramics, painted clothing, and miscellaneous.

Division V Photography

Section A: Youth Photography - black and white prints and color prints each include these categories - people, animals, scenic, and still life.

Section B: Adult Photography - same as youth photography. Division VI Plants and Floral Arrangement Section A: Youth Plants and Floral Arrangement - Artificial arrangements, living plants, dried or fresh arrangements, and miscellaneous.

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FAVILA RECEIVES NEW HEART



Gildardo (Gil) Favila underwent a heart transplant at San Antonio Regional Hospital June 23, 1995. Mr. Favila was the 133rd heart recipient at San Antonio Regional. He spent four days in intensive care and was released from the hospital after two weeks. Most patients undergoing this type of procedure spend three months in the hospital to recover.

Mr. Favila, 57, was born and raised in Sonora. He suffered his first heart attack in 1982. In March of that year he had to undergo quadruple bypass open heart surgery. In 1986, balloon surgery was performed. Mr. Favila was placed on the waiting list for a heart in September

Gil takes 27 pills a day. One of these costing \$1000 a month. At this time, Mr. Favila travels to San Antonio once a week. To help defray costs, a trust fund has been set up under the Sutton County Community Trust Fund at First National Bank Sonora.

Gil is married to Maria. They have five children, two live in Sonora, two in Arlington, and one in Hondo. They also have six

Mr. Favila stated, "I just want to live a little bit more." There are currently three others in Sonora that are waiting for liver or kidney transplants.

INTERNET ACCESS

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bibliographic data of those BCLS libraries still maintaining manual card catalogs and thus creating a united catalog of all the BCLS libraries.

Mr. McCall also stated that this is a community project not just a library project. The library is the most effective way to provide Internet access to the whole community versus putting a terminal in everyone's home. Thus, the libraries have a special role in the information age that we are in today.

The information was taken from Mr. McCall's proposal to Comanche County Commissioners. In 1994, the BCLS undertook a feasibility study with the goal of helping its members focus on the future to determine the role that libraries can play in this new digital age. The study was done by RMG Consultants of Chicago and was funded by a private grant. RMG estimated a one time cost for each library of \$20,321 or approximately \$670,000 for the entire BCLS Network. The largest cost would be for the network equipment of \$319,250 and an investment of approximately \$150,000 for the three personal computers in each library. Ongoing monthly cost for each library was estimated at \$758. Mr. McCall said this is the high end cost without the receipt of grants or other funding. These costs are expected to be reduced by the various grants mentioned in the proposal.

The meeting ended with a demonstration by Faedra Camden, BCLS Librarian. She walked through two examples of the many uses of the Internet.

Those present representing the project were Beatrice Takaos, Coordinator, BCLS; Tony Neitzles, Assistant Director of Community Services and Acting Librarian of Abilene Public Library; Dr. Paul Lack, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, McMurry University, and Abilene Library Consortium Board of Directors Chair; Joe Specht, Director, McMurry University, and Abilene Library Consortium Administrative Council; Terry McCall, Comanche County Attorney and member BCLS Feasibility Study Review Group; and Faedra Camden, BCLS Librarian.

GOLF SCRAMBLE SCHEDULED

The Sonora Golf Course will host a 4-Man Select Shot Golf Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, July 22nd and 23rd. Tee time will be at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days. The entry fee is \$300 per team. A barbecue dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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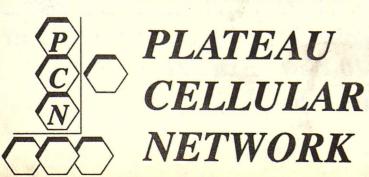
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SEMINAR AND EXHIBITS ON EMU RANCHING OFFERED IN KERRVILLE

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Anyone from the experienced emu rancher to the curios spectator can learn about breeding and raising emus -- the tall, flightless birds dubbed "the new American livestock" -- at an industry-sponsored seminar on Saturday, July 29th.

Members of Texas Emu Association, Zone One will be conducting the educational seminar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the YO Ranch Holiday Inn located at the corner of I-10 and Highway 16 in Kerrville. Sponsored by the Kerrville Area Emu Association, organizers of the seminar are hoping to reach a large crowd from across the Hill Country.

There are now 10,000 families pen-raising about 1.2 to 1.5 million emus in the United States, according to a summer census by the Center for Statistical Studies at Southern Methodist University. The big birds, five to six feet tall and 90 to 120 pounds at maturity, are capable of defending themselves against predators and running in short bursts up to 40 miles per hour. As omnivores, they can be free-range raised or provided ratite feed. Annual feed costs about \$150 per bird.

John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, recently reported that emus, currently classified as "exotic livestock", "are moving into Texas pastures as livestock investors broaden their horizons." In a comparison with commercially raised cattle, Sharp's department stated that a proven breeding pair of emus produces about 25 offspring a year.

"Texas has about 2,500 emu breeders or ranchers, just under half the membership of the American Emu Association," said Kathy Rice, the President of Kerrville Area Emu Association and Manager of Kerrville Ratite Ranch. "Emu raising is helping a lot of farms and ranches become viable again, particularly small acreage," she emphasized. The young industry is slowly changing over from a "breeders market" to a commercial market as demand for products increase.

Emu meat, which is about 98% fat free, is a red meat similar to beef in taste and texture. It is low in calories and cholesterol and contains the preferred polyunsaturated fatty acids. The typical emu yields about 25 pounds of meat and about 7.5 sq. ft. of supple, durable, fully-quilled leather for clothing, handbags, boots and accessories. Emu Marketing Unlimited (E.M.U.), a national co-operative, leases the first state-inspected emu-only processing plant (abattoir), located in Rosebud, Texas. E.M.U. predicts it will process 10,000 birds in 1995. Ranchers are receiving a minimum \$300 per yearling (11-14 months), which tends to weigh 80 to 100 pounds.

Perhaps the most valuable product produced by the emu is its oil. Five to six liters of oil is derived from a single bird and has attracted the interests of several cosmetic and pharmaceutical companies. All NBA teams now use the oil in its pure form to treat bruises, sprains, sore muscles, aches and pains, and many of the NFL teams also have initiated use. Companies such as Donna Karan, Outback Secrets in Dallas and Essensuals™ in San Antonio manufacture emu-oil based products ranging from emollients and suntan lotions to perfumes and colognes. Auburn University has recently initiated a research project to study the benefits of emu oil

The seminar requires preregistration and includes a gourmet emu luncheon being prepared by Chef John Lewis of the YO Sam Houston Room, Kerrville. An exhibit room and live emu display will be open to the public free of charge. For information or to preregister, call 210-257-4790 or 210-792-3606.

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which will be held August 18 & 19, 1995 in Sonora. For the 20th consecutive year, Sonora will celebrate it's western heritage with parades, rodeos, arts/crafts booths, exhibits, children's games and more. An outline of planned events follows:

August 11 - Miss Sutton County Days contestant luncheon and style show. This is an annual event featuring contestants in local fashions, held in the historic Cauthorn Memorial Building located downtown in Sonora.

August 16 - Rodeo slack, steer roping only at the Sutton County Arena.

August 17 - Entries due from Sutton County residents for the first Sutton County Fair. All entries to be taken to the old "Spains" building downtown from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m., Rodeo slack (everything but steer roping) will take place at the Sutton County Arena.

August 18 - The first activity of the day will be a cowboy golf scramble. Held at our first rate nine hole course, golf will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Sonora Golf Course.

Judging for the county fair will take place on Friday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the exhibition will open to the public from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The courthouse lawn will be the site of the 1995 Pioneer Family Reception at 11:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to join in the community box lunch.

The day continues with a rodeo parade beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Texas style barbecue catered by the Committee on Aging to benefit the Sutton County Senior Center. The Outlaw Pro Rodeo will begin at 8:00 p.m. and features

top rodeo stock and professional cowboys and cowgirls. A dance will top off the evening with music provided by "Scott Hoffman and Southern Image."

August 19 - Saturday morning festivities will kick-off with opening ceremonies at the courthouse lawn. Including an autograph party featuring the well known "Party Animal" of the Bad Company Rodeo at 10:00 a.m.

The Little Miss & Little Mr. Sutton County Days contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will feature some of Sonora's best.

At 11:00 a.m. the twin fiddlers will play, followed by the fiddlers contest at 12:15 p.m.

Children's games will take place throughout the day including a wanted reward search featuring ten of Sonora's most wanted. Three puppet shows for the young and the young at heart are scheduled at various times during the day.

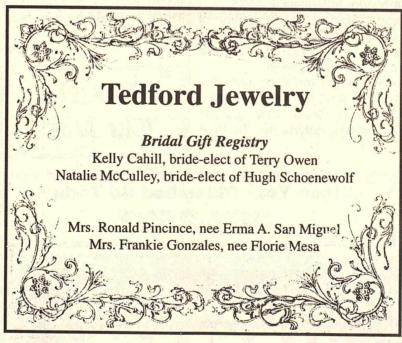
Other all day fun will include dunking booths, sand painting, a unique Texas cavalry exhibition, horseshoes and washer, the next day she was represented by the same agent who represents

County Days bed race. Guaranteed to be filled with laughs, the will probably hear about her debut in New York. She wants to try gunslinging bunch welcomes teams to challenge them, as they push their way into Sonora via beds. Five persons per team will vie for the prestige of winning the race with proceeds going to the theater, see Evita at the Josephine. charity of their choice.

The evening will conclude with the Pro Rodeo beginning at 8:00 p.m. While watching the rodeo action, you will also be able to see the new 1995 Miss Sutton County crowned and later dance to the music of "Southern Comfort - Darrell McCall Show Band."

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If you have items for this column, please call 387-5060. I am only giving one number for the column. While we have been in San Antonio, our answering machine has malfunctioned. We thought that the telephone was out, but it was our answering machine. we hope to get it fixed soon. Let me hear about your vacations and out of town company.

Lena Belle Ross entertained the Tuesday night bridge club at her home last week. Dinner was fresh fruit salad served in a cantaloupe shell and chicken salad served in a "bread bowl." The light cool meal was finished with caramel pie. Guests were Mattie Nix, Guggle Thorp, and Pauline Thompson. High was won by Allie Askew, 2nd by Celeste Prugel and Bingo by Mattie Nix.

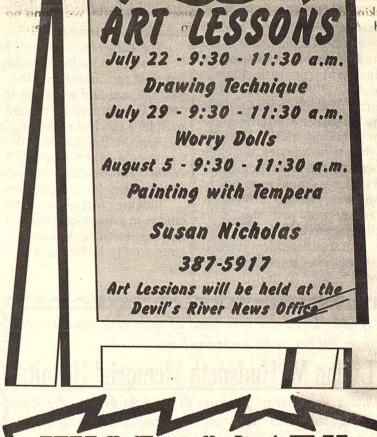
On Tuesday, some Big Country Library Representatives were in Sonora to meet with local citizens interested in Internet access.

This weekend is Classical Magic at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater. It will feature some outstanding musicians, some raised in our community. Linda Love and the Sutton County Steak House crew have a special meal planned. It sounds like good entertainment.

Word from California tells us that Renee Rousselot, a casting director in Hollywood spent the 4th of July celebrating with a host of celebrities at Danny DeVito's home. In addition to all the "stars" who were there, an elaborate fireworks show was the entertainment. Renee's husband, Barry, is presently in Canada where he is working as a producer on the sequel to the movie "Homeward Bound." This movie is concerned about the same animals as those in "Homeward Bound," but this time they are lost in a large city.

We are still in San Antonio, but Dean is out of the hospital. We have a nurse who comes every other day and checks his feet and doctors them. He did have surgery and is now minus a little toe. The broken toe bone had become infected, so this was the simplest solution. With a wheel chair, we are out and about some. We are very thankful to everyone who called and offered cheerful greetings. It made everything go smoothly.

One of the best things that we have seen in any San Antonio Theater is the production of Evita at the Josephine Theater. It is a wonderful show and all of San Antonio's top talent is performing. Evita is played by Chevon Conroy. She was recently in New York City, and a friend was able to get her a job for a week, singing in a piano bar. She was approached by a man at the end of the show, who asked if she had an agent. She did not have an agent, but by Loni Anderson, Tyne Daley, and many other very famous At 2:00 p.m., the Wild Bunch will sponsor the 1st Sutton performers. She will be in Evita through August. After August, we out for everything, even soap operas. She is a nice person and very talented. If you are in San Antonio and want a night of great





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SONORA ISD BOARD MINUTES

The Sonora ISD Board of Trustees met Tuesday, July 11 in regular session. After approval of previous minutes and visitors' comments, Chief Appraiser, Rex Ann Friess, reported that 99.9% of the 1994 levy had been collected. She further stated that, as per the board's request, she had sent a letter of denial to Enron regarding the abatement.

Superintendent, Charles Russell, gave a brief report regarding the project at the Intermediate School, commenting that the work was on schedule. He also reported on responses received from grievance letters sent by the board which protested the requirement of Senate Bill 1 which does not allow any board training hours received from TASB to be counted. He informed the board that he had received notification that day that any training hours received from TASB through March of 1996 would be allowed.

Business Manager, Diane Jacoby, reviewed current bills in the amounts \$219,549.65. They were unanimously authorized for payment.

Charles Russell presented information regarding the district's philosophy as it pertains to curriculum. He listed the priorities of each campus as follows. Elementary - The curriculum is built around language arts and the importance of communication skills that a strong language arts program builds, including reading, writing, and speaking. Junior High - There is a continued emphasis on reading, writing, and math with a special emphasis on curriculum integration and the addition of more electives. Additionally, at the end of 1996, it will be possible for exiting 8th graders to enter high school with 2 and one half credits in the areas of Algebra I, Spanish I, and Health. High School - The curriculum emphasizes challenging students and encouraging them to take higher level classes with the major consideration being that all students should have access and exposure to advanced classes, not just the high

achieving students. The superintendent stressed that two other priorities of the 1 district in its philosophy

regarding curriculum. One of these being the recognition of the importance of application of knowledge to the real world and that education has to be relevant. The second is emphasis on the development of students' sense of self and

level of confidence.

President Anderson commented that the board had received budget information in their packets and asked if they had any questions or comments to make before beginning the budget study. There being no comments, the Superintendent began by presenting a detailed report over revenues. He followed this information with detailed budget information, commenting that the 1995-96 budget represented a 3.85% increase. A lengthy discussion followed and the board directed the Superintendent to redevelop the budget without cutting instruction and present it to them again at a budget workshop which was scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members were presented with the time line of completion dates for the organization goals for 1995-96. The action plan for each goal had been developed by individual campus committees and was presented at the June meeting.

The superintendent and board reviewed several mandates from Senate Bill 1. These include: districts must provide an alternative school, districts must cooperate in establishing a parent/teacher organization, and employee sick leave days are now

submitted by Sharon Key

LITTLE MISS/MR: SCDA ENTRY RULES

The Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Days contest will

begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19. A \$5.00 entry fee is

years of age and must not have turned six prior to August 18,

1995. Parents must be present throughout the contest. Contestants

must be a resident of Sutton County prior to January 1, 1995.

arrangements for photos when entry form is completed.

changed to personal leave days.

Athletic Director, Bob Bellard, presented information regarding student and football insurance for 1995-96. Board members unanimously approved Texas School Insurance as the carrier.

It was the consensus of board members to table the first reading of Update 49 until a later meeting.

High School Principal Dennis McNaughten, informed the board about vacancies at the High School, including Librarian, Law Enforcement, Health Occupations, and an additional Spanish teacher. He stated that he had no recommendations to make at this time.

Sutton County National Bank was unanimously awarded the bank depository bid for 1995-97.

There being no comments from the board, President Anderson announced that the board was going into executive session to discuss personnel matters. These included review of coaching assignments for 1995-96 and salaries for administrators, teachers, paraprofessional, and auxiliary personnel. She stated that no action would take place in executive session.

The board reconvened in open session with no action needed on coaching assignments. The board approved the salary schedule of \$3500 above the 1995-96 state base for teachers and approved the recommended salary schedule for administrators, paraprofessional, and auxiliary personnel.

HOSPITAL BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting for the Sutton County Hospital Board was held July 10. Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District, reported to the board that 98% of 1994 tax revenue had been collected as of June 30, 1995. Ms. Friess advised that 99.3% had been collected of the total tax revenue. She also stated there will be a decrease in the mineral valuation for 1995. A meeting will be held July 24 to certify the tax roll.

Mr. Blum, Administrator of Schleicher County Medical Center informed the board that his facility had purchased a new lab machine. He stated that SCMC would be interested in providing service for Hudspeth's send out lab tests.

Dr. Johnson introduced Mike Reppart, Provider Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mr. Reppart reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield were now offering managed care. He advised that contracts were before Dr. Pajestka and Hudspeth Hospital to be the provider of service for this HMO group. Mr. Reppart said that to bring their product to this area, they needed a provider of service. Mr. Reppart stated that all the area hospitals are in at this time with the exception of Schleicher, Val Verde, and Sutton counties. Mr. Reppart presented the amendments to the original policy. Discussion was held regarding the arbitration. It was the consensus of the board that the arbitration should be done in Sutton County instead of Midland. Ms. Freeman said this could be done and changed in the contract. Mr. Reppart advised that this contract was similar to the current contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. After a lengthy discussion, the board requested Mr. Reppart to attend the July 18 meeting with the changes to the contract. required per contestant. The contestants must have turned three *Mr. Reppart stated he would

attend. No action was taken. Mr. Goodrich advised the board that as of January 1, Registration forms will be available at the Chamber of \$1996, it would be mandatory Commerce office located at 706 N. Crockett, Sonora, Texas *for the nursing home to 76950. The deadline for entry is August 9, 1995. Please make *transmit their state forms

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electronically. Mr. Goodrich said that a computer for the nursing home had been discussed at an earlier board meeting. Mr. Goodrich presented two bids for computer and software. American Healthtech's bid for \$8,680 was the lower of the two and is the software vendor for the nursing home billing at the present time. Mr. Goodrich advised that the system could be purchased outright, could be a lease/purchase agreement or a rental agreement. If the system was leased purchase the interest rate would be 31%. Discussion was held regarding borrowing the money and paying the low interest. The board asked Dr. Johnson to visit with Mr. Bishop at Sutton County National Bank. This item was tabled until Tuesday,

Mr. Goodrich presented the three year capital expenditures. Discussion was regarding expenditures. A motion was carried to accept the three year capital expenditures as presented by the administrator.

The board approved the 1994 audit report and management letter from lones. Hay, Sanders & Company.

Discussion was held regarding the nursing home write-offs. The board approved the write-offs with the exception of the \$10,124.84 on the delinquent account. The board asked that a report be given on this account from David Wallace at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Smith advised the board that he and Carol Parker had attended the medical staff meeting on June 27. Mr. Smith advised that the consultant pharmacists would be making their visits on Monday now instead of Sunday. Mr. Smith stated that the policy for RN's pronouncing death was approved. Mr. Smith advised

that discussion had been held regarding Dr. Gutierrez's status as to his visa. It was suggested that a call to Henry Bonilla's office might help in the expedition of his visa.

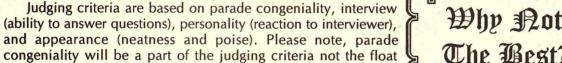
Mr. Goodrich stated that he had been working with Mr. Thorp on the usage of the laundry. He also stated that the laundry expense was down \$1000 from last month. He then told the board that he would present figures for increasing the private room rates in the nursing home at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Goodrich advised the board that the hospital had a loss of \$49,708 for the month of May and the nursing home showed a loss of \$40,454, with \$15,795 of the loss being monetary penalty to the state. Mr. Goodrich said that he talked with Mr. Bottoms and he will try and get the Department of Health to reduce the penalty. Mr. Bottoms told Mr. Goodrich to go ahead and send in an appeal. Mr. Bottoms had stated that he would work on getting the penalty reduced and possibility a refund to the facility.

The board approved the 1995 expenditures.

Mrs. Rogers commented that the auxiliary will have their monthly birthday party for the residents on July 12. She stated that the auxiliary had conducted the activities in the nursing home while Mrs. Surridge was on vacation. Mrs. Rogers said they really enjoyed doing this. Mrs. Rogers stated that all officers of the auxiliary had given an approval on the purchase of a stereo for the nursing home. At this time they are shopping for one. The board thanked Mrs. Rogers and the auxiliary for their donations and their time working with the residents in the nursing home.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



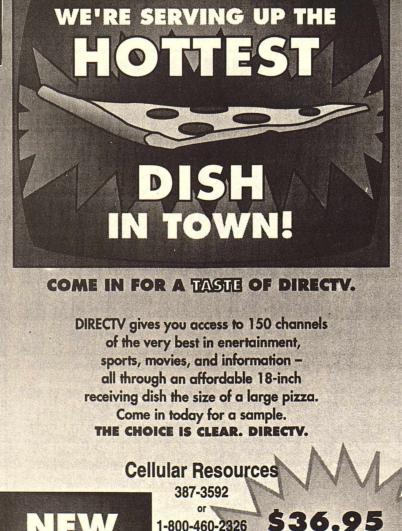
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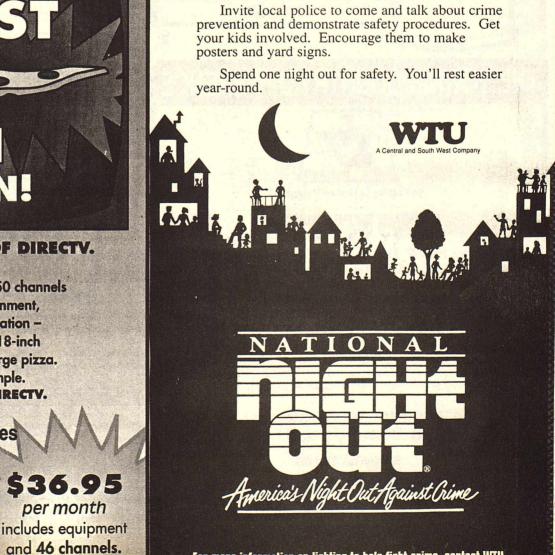


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cause, numbered 4067 on the docket of said court and styled The State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. 1982 Chrysler, V.I.N. No. 2C3BF66K5CR190816, Defen-

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: John H. Wetzel, 4302 Redfern Road, Parma, Ohio

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TO: Alexander Dominic Campagna, 11506 Pala Meda Drive, Northridge, California 91326, Defendant, Greeting:

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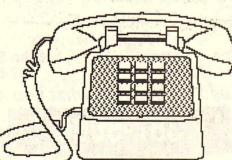
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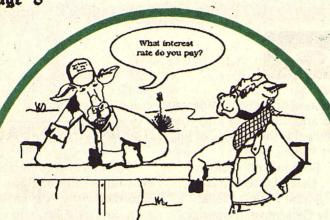
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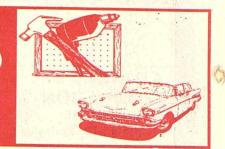
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