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Texas Department of Health Official Notice

Effective August 1, 1999 the Hepatitis A vaccine is now being required for these children of Sutton County.

- 1.) children 2 years old who attend school or child-care facilities.
- 2.) children 3 through 5 years old who attend school or attend child-care facilities.
- 3.) children 5 years old or older who were born on or after September 2, 1992 who attend public or private school.

A special Immunization clinic will be held Saturday, July 31, 1999.

The hours of operation for the July 31, 1999 clinic will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call 387-5720 or 387-2234.

Texas Department of Health Noticia Oficial

Effectivo Agosto primero de este Año La Vacuna Hepatitis A es exigida para

- 1.) Los Niños de dos años que atienden la guardería.
- 2.) Los niños que tienen de tres a cinco años que van a la escuela.
- 3.) Los Niños de cinco años y mayor que nacieron el dos de septiembre 1992 o después de ese día.

Una clínica especial llevara a cabo el sábado 31 de Julio de 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. en la clínica del Departamento de Salud.

Para mas informacion, por favor de llamar al telefono 387-5720 or 387-2234.

Downtown Lions Club

The Lions Club met Tuesday, July 27, 1999. Visitors to the lions club included Daisy Mireles, Lion Queen; Donnie Weaver, Sonora ISD, Technology Director; and Bob Edwards Lions District Governor. Bob was accompanied by his wife Donna.

Bob spoke to the club about the lion ships; Membership, Leadership, Partnership, Fellowship, Stewardship, and Friendship. As of April 30, 1999, there were 1,439,604 Lions in 44,458 clubs in 185 countries and areas.

The Lions were served beef enchiladas, chicken fajitas, beans, rice, chips, hot sauce and guacamole. The dinner was provided by Sutton County Steakhouse.

Virgil Polocek reminded the Lions about the upcoming Hamburger Supper for the the Sonora ISD teachers. The hamburger supper is scheduled for August, 5th, at 6:30 p.m. and is provided by the Lions to welcome the teachers and their families for the fall session. Virgil also reminded Lions to start gearing up for the Lions Club Auction in September. The tentative schedule is Sept. 21st at the 4-H Center. If you would like to donate any goats for the auction please contact Virgil Polocek or George Wallace. Dr. Alvis Johnson volunteered to hold the goats at his place until the auction.

Merchants Celebrate Sales Tax Holiday

On August 6, 1999, the Merchants Association of Sonora is having a Back to School Sidewalk Sale Pep Rally. It will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Bank Vault Park (Pocket Park) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., by the Main Street Program. Proceeds go to the Incentive Grant Fund. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the Pep Rally on this no sales tax day.

The Sales Tax Holiday is August 6-8, 1999. Texans will get a break from state and local sales tax. The Texas Legislature has exempted most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts, each priced at under \$100. But the full tax must be paid on a shirt if it sold for \$110; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted. This could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Some tax-free items include: baby clothes, bathing suits, belts with attached buckles, boots (cowboy & hiking), bras, bridal apparel (not rentals), caps/hats (baseball, fishing, golf, knitted), choir robes, coats and wraps, costumes, diapers (adult & baby), dresses, formal clothing, gloves, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys, jogging apparel, lingerie, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats and ponchos, robes, shirts, shoes (sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking), socks, shorts, suits, slacks and jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, tuxedos (not rentals), underclothes, work clothes and uniforms.

Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, and wallets.

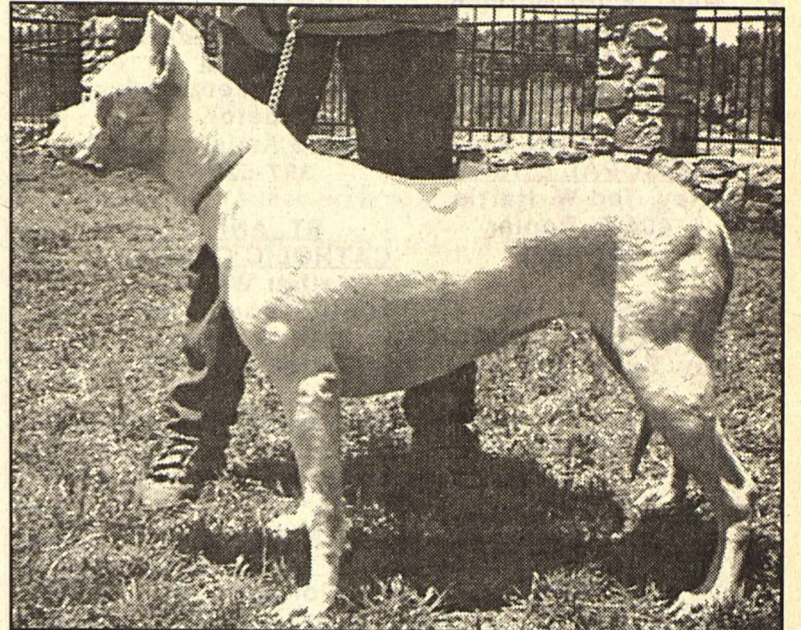
Judy McDonald's Champion Dogos

by Ann Kay, Main Street Program

We have a big star in our county. This star is completely white, large framed, a good hunter, and walks on four legs. Any ideas?

Ms. Judy McDonald raises a rare breed of dogs called an Argentine Dogo. Recently, McDonald took her dogs to in Mexico City to compete in the World Dog Show, and came home a winner. Among the honors that the Dogos brought back were one first place ribbon, four second place ribbons and three fourth place ribbons.

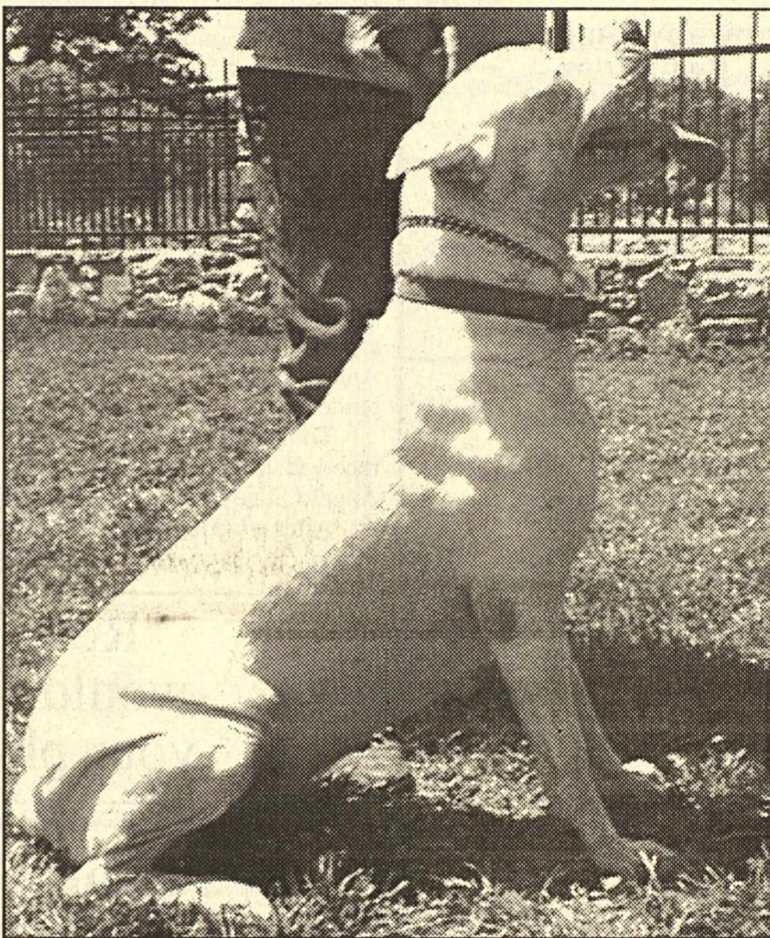
This was not the first time these Dogos have been so successful, in 1997 they won the 1997 Jr. World Championship in



Puerto Rico. This proves that McDonald has some amazing animals.

After doing some research on these dogs many interesting facts were found. The Dogos have many traits taken from different breeds, like the Boxer, Bull Terrier, Dogue De Bordeaux, English Bull Dog, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Irish Wolfhound, Mastiff, and Pointer. The normal weight of the dogs range from 88.2 pounds to 99.2 pounds. They are hunters and very good watchdogs, and have been known to babysit children in Argentina when the parents had to work or be away from the house.

There will be an opportunity to see Judy and her Argentine Dogos on display at both banks in Sonora. There will be pictures displayed at The Bank & Trust on August 1 - 11, 1999 and at the First National Bank of Sonora from August 11-20, 1999. Everyone is encouraged to go by and see the pictures of Ms. McDonald and her Argentine Dogos or on the web at www.jmcdogo.com.



EMS Training Courses Completed

Submitted

The EMS met for their training meeting on Monday, July 19, 1999. Pascal Allison and Pat Campbell gave an informative program on care and packaging of football injuries.

On July 24-25 an Advanced Trauma Life Support and a Basic Trauma Life Support class was held at the Sutton County training facility located at the Emergency Medical Services building. Instructors from Texas Tech Health Science Center traveled to Sonora to

instruct the class. The class was a 16 hour course designed to teach the students the correct sequence of evaluation and the techniques of resuscitation and packaging of the trauma patient.

Attending the class were EMT basics, EMT intermediates, Paramedics, LVNs, and RNs. Sonora students were Monica McGee, Echi Samaniego, Pat Campbell, Tim Thorp, Carla Garner, Keith Butler, Rosie Butler, Karen Frasier, Mary Beth Luttrell, Pascal Allison, Margaret Bernal, Diana

Green, Glenna Hulsey, Tonya Brown, Aurora Luna, Ginger Gallon and Carol Sesson.

Students from Ozona were Melissa Glosston, Vonda Flannagan, Lindsay Flannagan, Donna McDaniel, Richard Bullard, Bernadine Matthews, and John Baker.

Students from Eldorado were Mellisa Stanford, Bobby Andrews, and Connie Andrews.

The students enjoyed the class and found the class very informative.

TxDOT Recognizes Top Truck Roadeo Competitors

Submitted

Jesse Solis and Harold Martinez from the Sonora Maintenance Section of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) were recognized at the spring Safety Banquet in San Angelo for their skills in the District Truck Roadeo competition.

Solis won first place in the first round of the competition during the Sonora Maintenance Section Truck Roadeo in March, advancing to the district event in April in San Angelo. Martinez also advanced to the district competition as one of the two "wild card" participants from the district. At this second level of competition 16 employees competed for an opportunity to advance to the state event in November.

All 16 finalists received Truck roadeo finalist caps at the spring Safety Banquet for winning the first round of competition at their respective maintenance sections and district departments. These employees accumulated the highest score at their sectional truck roadeo competition from a possible 350 points.

During the annual event that promotes safe operations, the participants drive a dump truck along a standard obstacle course in seven events. These events involve procedures and maneuvers that are routine in daily operations at TxDOT.



District Engineer Walter G. McCullough presents Truck Roadeo finalist caps to Jesse Solis (top photo) and Harold Martinez (bottom photo) during the spring Safety Awards Banquet at the San Angelo Convention Center.



Internet Access Update

After October 1st of this year, sales taxes will not be due on the first \$25 of a monthly charge for access to the Internet. The monthly exemption will apply regardless of the billing period used and regardless of whether access charges are billed separately or bundled with other services. Significantly for business taxpayers in particular, the exemption will apply to the total amount paid for Internet access, whether billed in a lump sum or separately for each user. Thus, when access is purchased for multiple

users, only the first \$25 of the total monthly charge will be exempted - not \$25 for each user.

Since May, 15, 1998, The Devil's River Internet has doubled the amount of internet subscribers, increased the outgoing bandwidth by 7x to provide faster access to the web. DRI has also more than doubled the number of dial-up access lines, and provided the user with state of the art digital V-90 56k access modems. The Devil's River Internet will continue to upgrade the existing systems as new technology

becomes available. There are two upgrades planned for the future. The first involves the implementation of a remote mail application accessible from the Devils River Internet Home page. This application will allow users to check and send their email from any location without having to access Outlook Express. Second, a postcard application, with a variety of postcard choices, will be accessible from the home page. The implementation of these programs is scheduled for August and September.

Agency to Continue to Operate Youth Program Through 2003

Del Rio, Texas

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has recently approved Baptist Children's Home Ministries' proposal to operate the Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) program through 2003. BCHM - a ministry of Baptist Child & Family Services - has operated the program since it was introduced to the counties of Val Verde, Kinney, Sutton, and Crockett in October 1998. The 55-

year-old social services and child care agency submitted a proposal for contract renewal to TDPRS in April and received notification of the renewal in June.

"Since October 1998, we have provided services to about 215 families. We look for this number to continue to grow, and we are pleased that we can offer free counseling services to children and their families during their time of need," said Kevin C. Dinnin, chief execu-

tive officer and president of Baptist Child & Family Services.

The primary goal of the STAR program is to reduce and prevent the problems of runaway, truancy, abandonment, family conflict and delinquent behavior by providing timely and appropriate services to eligible youth and their families. Included in these services is free short-term counseling for the entire

See Agency page 6

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Rick Sanchez
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Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

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404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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201 N. Water
387-2466

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387-5366

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387-3241

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509 Amistad
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Wedding



Sessom - Welch

Candra Jo Sessom and Tully Dan Welch were married July 17, 1999, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. James B. Stephen officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sessom of Sonora, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox of Uvalde, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Welch of Bryan, Texas.

Matron of Honor was Tracy Sessom Alston of Rockdale, Texas. Bridesmaids were Katie Burge and Beth Covington, both of Sonora, Texas and Holly Welch of Wharton, Texas.

Best man was maternal grandfather Jimmie Garey of Uvalde, Texas. Groomsmen were Steve Besch of Hammond, Louisiana, Steve Wright of San Ygnacio, Texas, Scott Mumme of Lampasas, Texas and Toby Cox of Uvalde, Texas. Ring Bearers were Kipp Welch of Wharton, Texas and Tanner Welch of Bryan, Texas.

Ushers were Barry Fohn of Uvalde, Texas, Kyle Chapman of Huntsville, Texas, Neil Justice and Joel Justice both of Sonora, Texas.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Sonora High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1999 from Angelo State University. She is employed by Uvalde CISD as a first grade teacher.

The bridegroom is a 1993 graduate of Uvalde High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1997 from Angelo State University. He is self employed.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Uvalde, Texas.

Cards of Thanks

A special thank you to Dr. Calderon, the staff at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and the Sutton County EMS for the great job in getting me stabilized and off to San Angelo during my recent illness.
Joann Palmer

The Perez Family wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to all our friends and family for their kindness and support during my stay in the hospital.
Your prayers, flowers, phone calls, visits and cards were deeply appreciated.

Thank You,
Vanessa Perez

Obituary

Andrew Bode

Junction - Andrew Fred Bode, 92, of Christoval, passed away Thursday, July 22, 1999, at his home.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24, in Christoval Cemetery. Eddie Howard officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Aubrey Fife Funerals.

Ande was born May 6, 1907, in Del Rio, Texas, to Fred and Effie (Osborn) Bode. He was raised on a ranch in the Loma Alta area. He was a member of the Christoval Church of Christ.

He met and married Lola McBee in Rocksprings on June 15, 1932. They ranched in Rocksprings and Loma Alta. Ande was a well-known rodeo personality in his early and middle years, traveling all over the country participating in rodeos. He worked for the Earl Sellers Rodeo Co. in Texas when he was not ranching. He was a well-known roper and pick-up man. Ande and Lola moved to Christoval for their retirement years. She preceded him in death Oct. 14, 1998.

He is survived by special cousins, Ken and Donne Bode of San Angelo; nieces Ann Riker of Seguin, Barbara Newmeyer and Louene Milam, both of Del Rio; and a stepbrother, Pat Jungk, of Sonora. He is also survived by special caregivers Helen Jones, Linda Cotta and Joe Callahan, all of Christoval. Special thanks go to Dr. Johnny French and Dr. James Yost and to Family Hospice. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Summer Treats Tell All

Ice Cream Compatibility
Forget about horoscopes, find your mate by ice cream flavor!

Pick a flavor of ice cream from the following:

- 1) Vanilla
- 2) Chocolate
- 3) Butter pecan
- 4) Banana
- 5) Strawberry
- 6) Chocolate chip

Pick your flavor before you continue reading.....

Advocate FOOD editor a national manufacturer of ice cream, and Edy's Grand Ice Cream, commissioned an ice cream flavorology study to determine how ice cream preferences relate to personality. The study, conducted by Dr. Alan R. Hirsch (M.D.), Neurological Director of the Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago, revealed that distinct personalities correspond with ice cream flavors.

- If you like vanilla, you are colorful, impulsive, a risk taker who sets high goals and has high expectations of yourself. You also enjoy close family relationships.

- If you like chocolate, you are lively, creative, dramatic, charming, enthusiastic, and the life of the party. Chocolate fans enjoy being at the center of attention and can become bored with the usual routine.

- If you like butter pecan, you are orderly, perfectionist, careful, detail-oriented, conscientious, ethical, and fiscally conservative. You are also competitive, aggressive in sports, and the take-charge type of personality.

- If you like banana, you are easy going, well adjusted, generous, honest, and empathetic.

- If you like strawberry, you are shy, yet emotionally robust, skeptical, detail-oriented, opinionated, introverted, and self critical.

- If you like chocolate chip, you are generous, competitive, and accomplished. You are charming in social situations, ambitious, and competent.

According to the official taster for Edy's Grand Ice Cream, the flavorology research is fun "food for thought" to discuss around the dinner table. Before serving dessert, ask your family and friends to name their favorite ice cream flavor, then give them the scoop on their personality, the taster suggests.

The flavorology research also compiled a compatibility chart for ice cream lovers. If your favorite flavor is:

Vanilla - you are most likely to be compatible with someone whose favorite flavor is vanilla.

Chocolate - compatible with butter pecan or chocolate chip.

Butter Pecan - compatible with butter pecan, chocolate and chocolate chip.

Banana - compatible with all flavors.

Strawberry - compatible with chocolate chip.

Chocolate Chip - compatible with butter pecan or chocolate.

Dining Out Directory

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134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118

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600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

August 2 - Safety Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 a.m. Bingo!

August 3 - AAA Reports due.

August 4 - Volunteer to deliver meals! Call Center for more info. 387-5657

August 5 - Volunteer to help with crafts! Need new ideas!

Senior Center Menu

July 30 - Tuna stuffed tomato, vegetable beef soup, wheat bread, fresh fruit cup, German chocolate cake.

August 2 - Soft tacos, pinto beans, corn with peppers, flour tortillas, lettuce, tomatoes, mixed fruit/melon.

August 3 - Hot dogs, chili, cheese, yams, pineapple waldorf salad, brownie, milk.

August 4 - Spaghetti meat sauce, spinach, garlic bread, fruit cocktail, pound cake, milk.

August 5 - Ham with pineapple, corn, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bar, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$ 1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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July 29
Chamber Luncheon 12:00 Noon
at Los Jarritos

July 29
The Bank & Trust Annual Community
Appreciation Fiesta 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

August 2
Sutton Co. 4-H Fall Kickoff
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at City Swimming Pool

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

August 5
Sutton County 4-H Playday
6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Arena

August 9
School Starts

August 18 - 22
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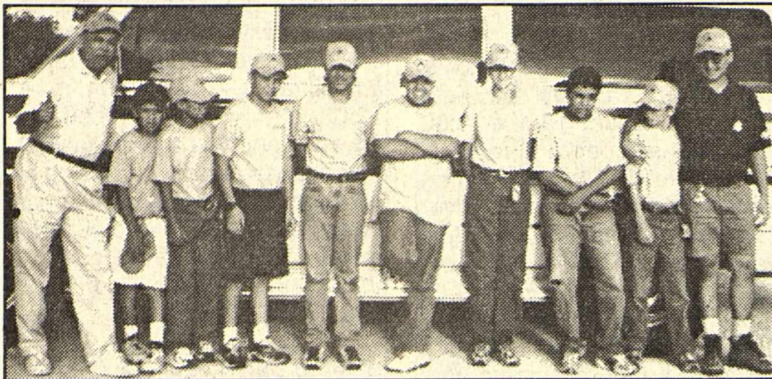
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Vaquero Camp Successful for Second Year



L-R - Ben Solis, Adrian Hernandez, A.J. Hernandez, Joe Oliden, Shaun Ramos, R. C. Mata, Justin Odom, Elizar Yorba, Dustin Rawls, and Eddie Maskill. Picture taken by Alex Gonzales

submitted by Alex Gonzales, Jr.
On Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 8 young men known as Remuderos and two Mentors ventured off to Camp Sol Mayer for a week long camp. The 8 Remuderos that attended this camp were Joe Oliden, A.J. Hernandez, Shaun Ramos, R.C. Mata, Adrian Hernandez, Justin Odom, and Dustin Rawls. The Mentors taking part were Alex Gonzales, Jr. and Eddie Maskill. Mr. Ben Solis, Mr. Mike Villanueva and Mr. Jed Davenport attended the camp several days to observe how the young men were doing at the camp.

Upon arrival at Camp Sol Mayer, The Remuderos and the Mentors were greeted by Mr. John Chambless Field Director of H.I.P. (Heritage Intervention Program). With the arrival of Harlingen, Eagle Pass, and Carrizo Springs all the young men were placed into four groups.

Each group was given a name of a horse. The groups' names consisted of The Appaloosas, The Broncos, The Pintos and The Palominos. The groups headed off to their camp sites to set their personal belongings in the tents. They went to the mess hall and enjoyed a nice meal. At 8:30 p.m. all young men headed to the swimming pool, and all who wanted to swim had to pass a swimming test and swim under a buddy system. After the test was completed all campers went to their camp site to get ready to go to bed. Camp lights went out at 10:00 p.m.

The following morning at 6:00 a.m. the campers awoke to the sound of Reveille, they headed to the swimming pool and had the option of Polar Bear swimming or a shower, (many preferred the shower due to the swimming pool being too cold to swim in.) All campers went back to camp to get ready to Post the

Colors. All campers then marched to open grounds in front of the Mess Hall. Marching was a form of discipline. The campers posted the colors every morning at 7:00 a.m. All the young men were then dismissed and marched to the mess hall, each group had KP duty 3 times per group. Breakfast was served and all campers and counselors had an hour to enjoy their all-you-can-eat meals! After clean up, each group marched to their assigned activity. The activities consisted of Archery, Canoeing, Horseback Riding and Rapelling. Many campers had never been horseback riding, this was a new experience for them. On the Rapelling activity a young man rapells down a twenty ft. wall. This is a good confidence building experience.

After finishing their morning activities each group attended a class. The two classes were Vaquero Heritage and ADAGSIS (Anti-Drug Anti-Gang Stay in School). The Vaqueros Heritage class teaches the Remuderos where the word Vaquero comes from, and all the different tools the Vaquero uses. ADAGSIS classes are for one hour and show the young men what can happen if you get involved with the wrong crowd. After class the young men and their counselors gathered at the ground in front of the Mess Hall, where they all participated in Military style marching as a form of discipline and also for competition. All groups learned the basic commands and had all week to practice them to be prepared for Friday evening to determine who had the best marching group. In order to keep the young men from becoming dehydrated, all campers and counselors drank at least one full glass of water before getting punch or tea. Lunch was enjoyed as one big group. Upon returning to their activities they rotated the groups. In 4

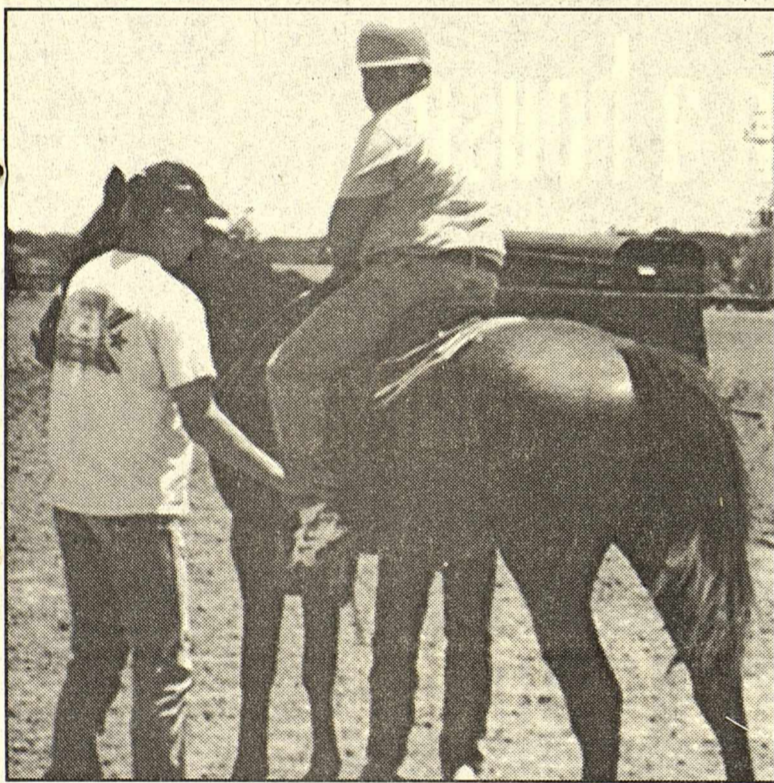
hours the young men completed 3 activities. After being in the sun all day the group Remuderos returned to their camp to rest and prepare for supper at 5:45. Everyday the Remuderos gathered at the flag pole and lowered the colors. After being dismissed from the changing of the colors, the campers enjoyed their supper and followed with softball and volleyball. The groups played for championship on Friday evening. Every evening the campers and counselors were given a free swim for about an hour and a half. Their day would end by 10:00 with lights out. The groups were exhausted at the end of the day, so there were no problems with any of them falling asleep. Their schedule remained the same until Friday. After completing the first activity all the groups gathered under a big oak tree, where they then loaded up in vehicles and headed to Menard to see the Ruins of The Presidio De San Saba, which was built for Vaqueros in the 1500's near the San Saba River. The Rumuderos were

given a lesson about the Presidio by Buddy Garza who works with the Texas Parks & Wildlife. After visiting the Ruins the groups headed back to Camp and arrived just in time for lunch. After their meal they went outside to gather any trash there might be in the area and then loaded up in the vehicles again and headed to a shaded area by the river. One activity that day was to rope a goat but they were informed that the goats used for this activity could not be gathered up so they practiced on a roping dummy. After this activity, they all headed back to camp to prepare for supper. After this meal, Mr. John Chambless began calling the Remuderos "Vaqueros", because they had completed the week long camp. Mr. Chambless also began the award ceremony. Shaun Ramos and A.J. Hernandez received awards for Archery. Adrian Hernandez received an award for Horseback riding and Canoeing. Joe Oliden received awards for Repelling and Archery. Justin Odom received an award in Canoeing and Dustin Rawls received an award in Horseback Riding. The group that won for best military style marching were the Palomino's. In this group there were two Vaqueros from Sonora, Justin Odom and Dustin Rawls. The group received a necklace made from real Buffalo teeth. The Vaqueros had a very exciting time and all enjoyed their stay at Camp Sol Mayer. It was an honor for me to work with this group of young men, and I hope to have the privilege of working with this group again in the near future. Stay in touch.

Alex Gonzales, Jr.



Shaun Ramos takes aim as he tries for a Bull's eye.



R.C. Mata saddles up as he prepares for a horseback ride.

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Ombudsman Training Coming to Sutton County

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments will be holding Nursing Home Ombudsman Training at the Sutton County Senior Center, 106 Wilson St., Sonora, TX, August 10, 1999 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in learning about the Ombudsman program is invited to come by the Senior Center between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Ombudsmen advocate for Residents in Long Term Care Facilities, assisting them with any problems or complaints, and advocate for improved Quality of Life.

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Summer Reading Program Ends For '99

Submitted
The Summer Reading Program at the Sutton County Library came to an end on Wednesday, July 14th. This year's program theme was OPEN A BOOK - ON WITH THE SHOW. Program were held on Mondays and Tuesdays with ages 3 to 5th grade, and on Wednesdays with the summer school students at the Snack Bar. Each group was read to and a craft activity followed. Those reaching their designated goals were treated to a Pool Party on Monday, July 19th. Library Awards were given as follows:

Most Seen at the Library:
ages 3-K - John Lopez
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Rudy Charo
4th, 5th - Martiza Garcia

Group Clown
ages 3-K - Candy Tobias
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Will Anderson
4th, 5th - Cody Perez

Most Helpful
ages 3-K - Caitlin Garza
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Jesus Garcia
4th, 5th - Kayla Garcia

Best Participants During the Program
ages 3-K - Evelyn Solis
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Chacho Mesa
4th, 5th - Marcus Perez

Most Effort Shown in Reaching their Goals
ages 3-K - Analisa Perez
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Michael Stephens
4th, 5th - Steven Lozano

Most Enthusiastic
ages 3-K - Keanu Gamez
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Paul Faz
4th, 5th - Niki Escalante

A pet contest was also held

by bringing in a photo of participants pets.

The winners were:
1st place - Jordan Ayala
2nd place - John Lopez
3rd - Kash McGee
(Please pick up your pictures)

Misc. items were given to everyone that reached their goals by drawing their names. A surprise for all was Sea World passes. Those reaching their goals in their group were also put in a drawing.

Those getting a pass to Sea World were:
ages 3-K - Taiffany Vanivere
1st, 2nd, 3rd - Marliee Reyna
4th, 5th - Cody Perez

Total registered for the Summer Reading Program were:
ages 3-K - 35
1st, 2nd, 3rd - 52
4th, 5th - 25
Totals: 112

Totals reaching their goals of 30, 40, 50 or more books were:
ages 3-K - 24
1st, 2nd, 3rd - 19
4th, 5th - 11
Totals - 54

Total Books read for entire summer were:
ages 3 -K - 1375
1st, 2nd, 3rd - 1406
4th, 5th - 806
Totals - 3587

A big thanks goes to the businesses that donated items: Sonic, Dairy Queen, Sonora Woman's Club and Sea World. We would also like to thank the volunteers and the staff. See you at the library.

Happy Birthday

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July 31

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August 4

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Sutton County 4-H Fall Kickoff

All 4-H parents, leaders, and members or potential 4-H participants are invited to the fall kickoff celebration which will be held on Monday, August 2, 1999, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the city swimming pool. Everyone will enjoy homemade ice cream, brownies, and visiting with newcomers and veterans of 4-H club work. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in the 2000 4-H year.

Sutton County Days is August 18th - 22nd.



ACT Announces September Test Date For College-Bound Students

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For more information, including registration forms and test locations contact your high school or register online at ACT's website - www.act.org.

F.Y.I.

Sign up for the Little Miss & Mr. Sutton Co. will be held Thursday, August 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Hall. Entries are \$5.00 for children ages 4 & 5. The Devil's River News will be taking individual pictures of the children for the Aug. 19th issue.

Soccer Sign Up - Sonora Soccer will hold a sign-up session on Mon. August 2nd from 6-8 p.m. at the Elementary Playground. We will be playing with SASA once again. Players must have their registration fee in order to register. Ages 4-11. Registration is \$45.00 and this covers: uniforms (t-shirt, shorts & socks) insurance, referee fees, and ground fees (field maintenance).

Applications for the 25th Anniversary Sutton County Days Parade can be obtained at the Bank & Trust or the Chamber Office. Inquiries may be made by calling Parade Chairman, Tonya Brown at 387-2593 or 387-5929.

Your turn to cook? No problem! A \$5.00 donation, per person, will provide you a big plate of Brisket, Goat, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Cobbler and "The Trimmings" on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Civic Center. This annual event is a function of the Sutton County Committee on Aging to raise money for future activities for Sutton County senior citizens.

It's Back to School! The Thunderbird is getting ready for the 1999-2000 school year. Anyone interested in school transportation can call 387-2509 or come by our office at 1004 Eaton for more information.

The Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be held on July 29, 1999 at 12:00 p.m. at Los Jarritos. The featured speaker will be Micci Carter of Micci Carter Landscape Co., Mr. Carter will be discussing possible volunteer community beautification projects.

Sheffield's Old Timer's Reunion will be held Saturday, July 31st. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Street Dance - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Cost is \$3.00 in advance and \$4.00 at entrance. A softball tournament, raffle and booths are all scheduled as part of the festivities. For more information call Cindy Morris at 915-836-4516 or Teresa Rodriguez at 915-836-4315.

Bronco Band to meet 8:00 a.m. August 2, 1999 at Sonora High School Band Hall. We look forward to seeing you promptly at 8:00 a.m. Don't be late. Practices will be from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please note - NO REHEARSAL on Friday evening.

The next Sutton County 4-H Playday will be held on Aug 5, 1999 at the Sutton County Arena. Sign up is at 6:00 p.m. and the first event will start at 6:30 p.m.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora from 9:30 - 10:30 on Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free by dialing 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Legend and Lies of Sutton County - Come see the Melodrama at the Sonora Caverns. Time - 6:30 for meal and 7:15 for show. Cost for meal & show is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 8 yrs. and under, show only = adults \$10 and children \$5. Games and fun for everyone - prizes will be given every night.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

Tony Evans with the Urban Alternative can be heard Mon. - Fri. at 7:08 p.m. on KHOS - 92.1 & KYXX - 94.3, sponsored by Lighthouse Baptist Church and other anonymous sponsors.

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Sonora Golfers Win West Texas Jr. Championship Tour

Some of Sonora's young golfers have recently competed in the West Texas Jr. Championship Tour and done very well. The golfers played several courses, spread throughout West Texas and had to qualify for eligibility for the Championship tournament. Qualifications were acquired by accumulating points from the different tournaments or by winning a tournament.

Sonora students that qualified were as follows:

Ages 9 - 11 - Embre Smith took 3rd with a 48.

Ages 12-14 - Stetson Perez took 2nd with an 83.

The West Texas Jr. Champion Boy is Ryan Hardgrave, who shot a 78.

The West Texas Jr. Champion Girl is Daisha Henson, who shot an 87.

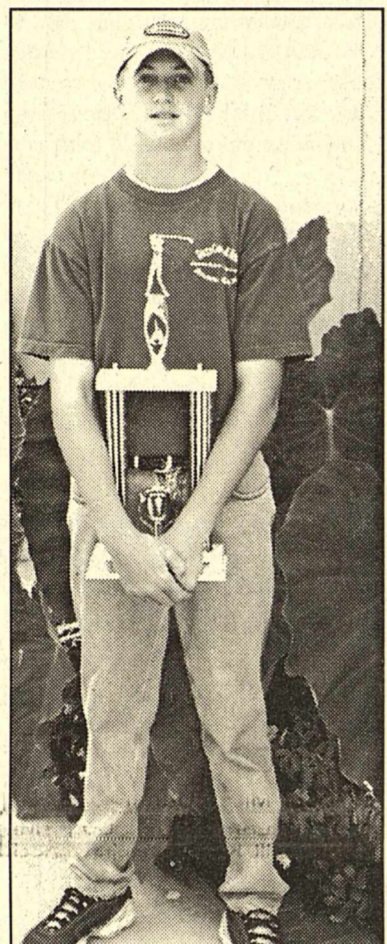
The Championship tournament was played at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo



Daisha Henson and Embre Smith proudly display the trophies they won at the West Texas Jr. Championship Tour



Stetson Perez (above) and Ryan Hardgrave (right) played great golf, bringing home 1st and 2nd places in the West Texas Jr. Championship Tour



Dinner Theatre's Melodrama Almost Over

by Ann Kay - Main Street Program

Thank you local Sonora folks for your support this past Saturday, out at the Caverns. If you haven't been to see this summer's Melodrama you are running out of time. *Legends and Lies of Sutton County* was again a big success. This Saturday, we had visitors from San Angelo, Big Lake, Kerrville, La Porte, San Antonio, Canada, and the local Burlington office. We also had new local actors on stage. Tim Warden played Doc Heck, Andi Allen played Martha Duvane, and Lise Miller ran the entertainment during the intermission. Door prizes, donated by Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Program, were given to Linda Meares, Janies Diershke, and Robert Odon for their different performances during the intermission.

Don't miss this week. The meal will be steak fingers and chicken strips. Oh, local peacock rumor has it that Roy Head, a 70's Country singer was out watching last week!!

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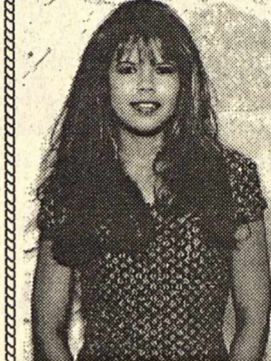
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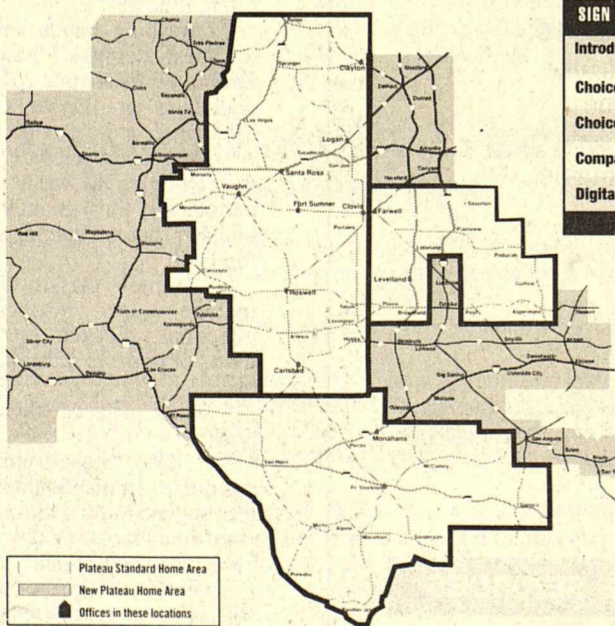
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SCISSORS
RULER (WITH CENTIMETER / INCHES)
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1 SPIRAL
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2 POCKET FOLDERS
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WATER COLOR PAINTS
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GRADING PENCILS
SPIRAL
2 INCH, 3 RING BINDER (NOT A TRAPPER KEEPER)
DIVIDERS
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CRAYONS
SCHOOL BOX (ONE THAT FITS IN A DESK)
- FIFTH GRADE**
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GLUE
CRAYONS
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NOTEBOOK PAPER
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2 BOXES OF KLEENEX
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family in the client's home or office. STAR was developed in 1983 by the 68th Legislature and expanded by the 74th Legislature in Fiscal Year 1996/1997. There is a STAR program serving each of the state's 254 counties. All programs are operated by community agencies who provide STAR services under state contract.

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10-17, who have committed misdemeanor and/or state jail felony offenses. Baptist Children's Home Ministries is a division of Baptist Child & Family Services, which served more than 18,000 people in Texas last year through a variety of programs and services.

College Cost Countdown Beginning

Writer: Melanie Maxcey (409) 862-1460, m-maxcey@tamu.edu
COLLEGE STATION -- Now is the time for parents of high school seniors to get a clear picture of college expenses they and their children face next year and to finalize plans for meeting those costs, said a financial expert at Texas A&M University.

aid officers will provide forms that will determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC will depend on the family's size, marital status of the parents, adjusted gross income, untaxed income, and value of assets such as savings, investments and business assets. The EFC is affected most by the parent's income and assets in the child's name.

"Get solid figures from the educational institution and the community where it is located, if the student will be leaving home to go to school," said Lynn White, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. First, involve the student in making a current estimate of the tuition, fees and living costs for a semester of school. Then, compare these costs with the amount of money in savings and the amount of money the student might earn to meet these expenses.

"If the balance is negative, explore potential financial aid and student work opportunities," White recommended.

All students seeking aid must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. University financial

aid officers will provide forms that will determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC will depend on the family's size, marital status of the parents, adjusted gross income, untaxed income, and value of assets such as savings, investments and business assets. The EFC is affected most by the parent's income and assets in the child's name.

"If you learn that your EFC is less than the cost of attendance, ask the financial aid officer about aid you may be eligible to receive. Aid may be through grants, scholarships based on need, low interest loans or work-study jobs. Aid may also be reduced if college deadlines for aid applications have passed," White said.

While time is short and opportunities may have been missed, check www.fastweb.com to get information on college scholarships, grants and application instructions. Opportunities missed this year might be open for the next year and may require action now.

If, after determining the bottom line, a family realizes more money is needed to send a student to

school, face the facts, White said. Consider the choices you may have. Can the gap be closed by both parents and the student working more hours? Can a less expensive college be considered for the first year or two until more savings can be earned through summer jobs or more scholarships can be located? Can living costs be cut by the choice of housing? Can expensive lab courses be delayed?

If money must be borrowed, what student loans are available and what interest rates do they charge? If parents must borrow money, White suggested, they might consider a home equity loan rather than borrowing against a retirement account or using credit cards that have high interest rates.

"Home equity is more likely to increase some to keep family net assets in a more positive balance. Borrowing against a retirement account lowers interest or dividend earnings needed to build a retirement income as the principal balance on which they are based is reduced until the loan is repaid. You pay interest while losing earnings. Plan to use the education tax credit during the first two years to help pay back money borrowed during the first two years," she added.

Parents also should consider how college education expenses will impact their tax situation, White suggested. A tax consultant can help plan finances to achieve the best outcome.

Before making final commitments, be sure the student has basic financial management skills needed to live within the living costs on which plans are based. Have them do the food shopping, pay the utility bill and buy gasoline for their vehicle during the summer to meet their living costs within a budgeted amount. Practice meeting nutrition needs with foods that are high in nutritional value but low in cost. Practice car pooling and walking to stretch the transportation budget. Make low cost entertainment searches a contest.

"Most important, have them track all of their spending and discuss successes and challenges," White said. "Avoid giving instructions or answers to problems. Instead, ask questions that build their thinking and management skills. Prepare them to think automatically, 'What are my choices?'" Use the experience as a way for the family to learn ways human and material resources can be managed for four years to keep college costs within the student's living allowance and your family's budget.

"If you do, you are preparing them not only with the education to make a living but also with the education to live on what they make," concluded White.

Tips Prevent Spread of Illnesses in Classrooms

Kids in a classroom share books, pencils, secrets, and, too often, illnesses.

"Washing hands frequently is the best defense," said Dr. Jan Drutz, an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

He encourages parents to teach their children to wash their hands periodically throughout the day, particularly before eating or handling foods.

Common classroom illnesses include upper respiratory tract infections, chicken pox, conjunctivitis or pinkeye, head lice and scabies.

Drutz offered these suggestions:

- Make sure all children have up-to-date immunizations. He also recommends the chickenpox vaccine, though it is not always mandatory for school registration.
- Teach children to limit contact with classmates who appear ill.

"Advise the child: 'If you're sitting next to Johnny and Johnny is coughing and sneezing, try not to sit too close.' You can't completely avoid him, but try to stay at some distance," Drutz said.

Contagious skin conditions like scabies and head lice can spread quickly through a classroom.

"Scabies is not uncommon. It's a mite that burrow under the skin and causes intense itching. We see whole families infected because it spreads through close contact," Drutz said.

Head lice circulates among children the same way.

"Children should not share combs, towels or brushes. When they have sleepovers, the should not share a pillow," he said.

Though you can't prevent children from getting some of the most common shared illnesses, adopting some new habits can lower the risks.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM April 1, 1999 TO June 30, 1999						
FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
GENERAL	1,455,020.72	233,895.50		534,828.32		1,154,087.90
GENERAL-PAYROLL	8,409.75		296,793.35	292,916.49		12,277.60
FMFC	766,763.51	86,276.65		115,847.06		737,193.10
FMFC-PAYROLL	9,272.60		71,146.00	69,927.01		9,991.59
FLOOD CONTROL	28,756.40					28,756.40
JAM LIBRARY	11,289.42	220.00		1,193.65		10,315.77
LATERAL ROAD	19,072.54			19,348.74		(276.20)
STATE TRUST FUNDS	40,825.15	35,272.40		41,339.23		34,758.32
STATE-ARREST FEES	1,910.45	2,183.13		2,826.15		1,267.43
PROBATION DEPT.						0-
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	242,806.62	31.80		7,578.74		235,259.68
SUTTON COUNTY 911	6,632.99	42.30				6,675.29
APPELLATE FUND	351.96	200.38		426.96		125.38
SHERIFF SEIZURE FUND	1,630.36	7,561.46				9,191.82
					TOTAL	2,239,624.08
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		Sheriff Seizure	9,191.82			
STATE ARREST FEES	1,267.43	FMFC-Int. NAT'L	52,186.19	GEN-Int Nat'l	87,143.62	
APPELLATE FUND	125.38	SUTTON CO 911	6,675.29	PROB. Int Nat'l		156,589.73
MONEY MARKET ACCTS.	(General) 488,835.85			FMFC	694,998.50	1,183,034.35
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	(General) 900,000.00			FMFC		900,000.00
TOTAL						2,239,624.08

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Bonilla Stands Up For American Taxpayers

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23) today voted for an historic tax relief package designed to benefit every taxpayer in America. The sweeping tax cut plan will provide \$792 billion in tax relief over the next 10 years for working Americans.

Included in the tax relief package is a wide variety of tax cuts, including: a 10 percent across-the-board cut in income taxes; tax relief for married couples; elimination of the death tax; reduction of the capital gains tax; relief for parents saving for children's education; and tax cuts for farmers, ranchers and small business owners.

"The truth is plain and simple," Bonilla said. "Our taxes are too many and too high. We're taxed because we get married. We're taxed because we try to save for our children's education, or our own retirement. We're even taxed because we die."

"American families are buckling under the pressure of tremendous tax burdens," Bonilla continued. "We are all working harder and longer than ever before just to pay the taxman - enough is enough. It's time to give American's back their hard earned money."

"Every taxpayer in this country will benefit from the legislation we passed today. We're making sure Americans are no longer penalized when they get married, and we're protecting Americans from having their loved ones ravaged by the federal government when we die."

The Financial Freedom Act includes the following provisions:

Tax Relief for Everyone - the bill provides phased-in 10% relief for all Americans, contingent upon continued budget surpluses.

Tax Relief for Marriage - the bill reduces the 'marriage penalty' by adjusting the standard deduction, providing an average benefit for married couples of over \$240 per year.

Tax Relief for Death - the bill phases down the federal estate taxes and eliminates the death tax entirely within 10 years. The 'death tax' has prevented too many farmer, ranchers and small business owners from passing on their legacies to their children because of the outrageous tax burden.

Tax Relief for Education - the bill raises ceilings on Education Savings Accounts from \$500 to \$2,000 per year and permits their use for kindergarten through 12th grade costs. The bill also ends the 60-month limitation on student loan interest deduction.

Tax Relief for Retirement - the bill increases contribution limits to 401(k) and other retirement plans and increases portability of pensions to ease worker transitions between companies. The bill simplifies pension rules to allow more small businesses to offer plans.

Tax Relief to Create Jobs and Growth - the bill creates American Renewal Communities in both urban and rural areas and provides pro-growth tax incentives to help attract businesses and create jobs. The bill also stimulates growth and investment by providing capital gains tax relief.

Producers Livestock Auction

7/22/99
Cattle and Calf Auction:
Estimated Receipts: 2700; Last Week: 5421; Last Year: 3974;

Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers firm. Slaughter cows steady, slaughter bulls weak to 1.00 lower. Stock cows and pairs firm - Trading active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 55 percent calves, 25 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 115.00-119.00; 300-400 lb 99.00-107.00, few 112.00-114.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-94.00, set 106.00; 500-600 lb 79.50-87.00; 600-700 lb 74.00-83.00; 700-800 lb 73.00-76.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 105.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 89.00-99.00; 400-500 lb 78.00-87.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-79.50; 600-700 lb 67.50-74.00; 700-800 lb 63.00-73.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 96.00-105.00; 300-400 lb 86.00-95.50; 400-500 lb 79.00-87.00; 500-700 lb 73.00-82.00, few 84.00-88.00; 700-800 lb 66.00-73.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 85.00-95.00; 300-400 lb 76.00-

86.00; 400-500 lb 69.00-79.00; 500-700 lb 64.00-73.00; 700-800 lb 62.00-66.50.

Slaughter Cows:

	Percent Lean
Breakers	75-80%
1000-1525 lb	35.00-41.50.
Boners	80-85%
900-1150 lb	36.00-41.00.
Boners hi-yld	80-85%
1000-1200 lb	41.00-43.50.
Lean	85-90%
800-1000 lb	31.00-35.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2100 lb 49.00-54.00; low-dressing 1200-1600 lb 40.00-49.50.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.

Medium and Large 1-2 550.00-600.00. Medium 1-2 450.00-550.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 710.00-820.00.

Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb 630.00-710.00.

Stocker and Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1000 lb 51.00-58.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 900-1100 lb 43.00-49.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1100 lb mostly thin 32.00-38.00 cwt.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Extension Faculty Gather For Conference

Preston Faris, CEA-Ag, and Kelly Thorp, CEA-FCS of Sonora, attended the Texas Agricultural Extension Service conference held in College Station.

The three day conference was aimed at preparing faculty for a "new century of service" to the state.

"As a knowledge based organization, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has been educating Texans for 85 years through a wide array of outreach activities," said Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor and dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University and Extension director.

"The Extension service has brought the resources of a land-grant university to local communities in ways that have had a positive impact on people's lives and communities. We have always been able to respond effectively to changing needs because we continue to listen to people, hear what they say and take action."

Participants were drawn in from across the state for the first time in 11 years.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Lowell Catlett, professor of agricultural economics and agricultural business at New Mexico State University, who spoke on "Getting Extension's Future in Focus;" Michael Boehje, professor of agricultural economics, and David King, head of the department of agricultural communications at Purdue University, who spoke on "Meeting the Private Sector Challenge;" and David Hutches, a corporate consultant and author, who discussed "Out-learning the Wolves: Re-imagining Your Community as a Learning System."

Extension faculty were also able to participate in continuing education sessions on topics such as mediating conflict in communities, achieving customer service excellence, creating and nurturing collaborations and partnerships, building Extension volunteer programs, interpersonal communication, and empowering team leadership.

Other sessions included biotechnology, health and water issues in the 21st century, youth assets, trends in liability and risk issues, nature tourism, attracting and retaining top-notch employees, effective teaching on the World Wide Web, and learning styles and learner-centered teaching. Some faculty were able to take advantage of first aid certification as well.

The Extension Service provides a range of research-based information and education to people in every Texas county. Faculty include specialists and county agents with expertise in agriculture and natural resources, consumer and family sciences and 4-H and youth development.

AGRIBUSINESS

Haby - Lockhart - Ross - Speck Angora Goat Sale Encouraging

Encouraging signs for the mohair industry were seen in the strong demand for fine, high yielding, uniform fleeced bucks and does at the Twelfth Joint Haby - Lockhart - Ross - Speck Angora Goat Production Sale at the Hill County Youth Exhibit Center at Kerrville on July 24th.

The interest in a beautiful set of yearling does and stud buck prospects was probably fueled by the 4-H and FFA members with or starting Angora goat projects. There was also keen competition among registered (stud) breeders for the top animals. Probably most important there were commercial producers, the main stay of the industry, buying high quality range bucks.

Recognized at the beginning of the sale and in the catalog were James and Ruth Wittenburg, their daughters, Jimmie Ruth Evans and Marylee Wittenburg, and their son Charlie Joe. This family has served long and well in the ranching business. They breed both registered and commercial Angora goats and Rambouillet sheep.

Mark Tilman, auctioneer from Junction, dropped the gavel on 24 lots of yearling does and 48 lots of

yearling bucks. The 24 does averaged \$414 and the 48 bucks averaged \$557.

Highest price paid for a buck was the \$3000 by Edward Earwood of Sonora paid for a Speck buck. Earwood also bought the high selling doe from Speck for \$1600. Jimmy Holman of Sonora purchased the second high selling buck for \$1350. Holman also bought the two Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck pure South African bucks for \$1100 and \$1050. The second high selling doe went to Chance Armke of Sonora for \$1125 and Colby Mitchell of Sanderson paid \$800 for the third high selling doe. Volume buyers include: Edward Earwood - four head for \$5450, L.C. Hengst, Jr. and Pamela Hengst - nine head for \$3550, Jimmy Holman - three head for \$3500, and Chance Armke - three head for \$2375.

The partnership sincerely appreciates the buyers' faith in the mohair industry and their confidence in the HLRs Angoras. We thank auctioneer Mark Tillman, ring men - Mac Gilliat and Eddie Holland, the clerks, and everyone that attended the sale and helped make it a success.

Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Hear Encouraging Reports

Coming on the heels of a favorable trade ruling by the White House, the 84th annual convention of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association here July 16 and 17 was an encouragingly upbeat affair for an industry that has suffered its share of bad news over the last several years.

Topping the agenda was Peter Orwick, executive director of the American Sheep Industry Association, who reported on the 201 trade case ruling handed down just days earlier. Orwick outlined the three-year tariff increase announced by President Clinton that will apply to imports of lamb meat from Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. William Edmiston offered a cautionary note about soremouth, referring to a number of "vaccination breaks" reported in which vaccinated animals have exhibited soremouth symptoms as well as symptoms of similar but apparently different conditions. Confessing to having "more questions than answers," he suggested the atypical outbreaks may be related to as-yet-unknown diseases that have slipped in undetected from abroad.

"I've always said we may be importing more than Boer goats from South Africa," he explained. Terming it potentially a national problem rather than a Texas problem, he encouraged producers to seek assistance from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Other topics covered during the two-day convention included predator control, an encouraging update on the Ranchers' Lamb packing plant at San Angelo, value-based lamb marketing, sheep and wool markets, and the Brush Control on the Concho project.

Mike Jernigan, Iraan, was elected TS&GRA president. Other officers elected were Jule Richmond, Blanket, first vice president; and Glen Fisher of Sonora, for second vice president.

Organizers of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show were selected to receive a Special Achievement award. Awards were also received by Holly Bills - Outstanding County

Extension Agent - Home Economics Award-Concho County; Parks Tucker - Outstanding Vocational Teacher Award - San Angelo; Harry Holt - Outstanding News Reporting - Abilene; Dr. R.Q. "Jake" Landers - Special Achievement Award - San Angelo; Danny Long - Outstanding County Extension Agent Agriculture - Mills County.

Resolutions adopted by the TS&GRA membership include directing association officers to seek a cooperative relationship with similarly focused organizations, including as the Exotic Wildlife Association, the Texas Wildlife Association, and the Riverside & Landowners Protective Coalition.

Members also directed the officers to amend the association's bylaws to change the basis for dues collection from a weight basis to a per head basis, and collection form a combination of direct billing and warehouse deduction to direct billing of individual members through the association office.

For further information contact: TS&GRA, Sandy Whittle, 915-655-7388.

Meat Goat Clinic

There will be a Meat Goat Clinic held at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center on Wednesday, August 4, 1999 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. Two CEU's will be given and the program will be aimed at commercial production as well as the purebred producer. Special activities after lunch will be aimed at youth involved in showing goats so youth and adults will benefit. Contact your county extension office for further details.

Extended Forecast

7/28-7/31

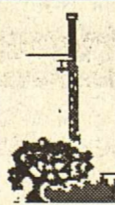
Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy. Low in the lower 70s.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. High in the mid 90s.

Thursday Night - Partly cloudy. Low in the lower 70s.

Friday through Sunday - Partly cloudy. Lows 70 to 75. Highs 95 to 100.

Rig Locations as of July 23, 1999



Crockett County

J.D. Gas Inc; 12,000', Phillips #2, Key Energy.
J. Cleo Thompson; 9,500', University 31-31S-#4, Patterson Drilling.

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus; 8,400', Bloodworth 139-#8, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus; 5,600', Pfluger 84-#15, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde County

J. Cleo Thompson; 10,630', Cauthorn 3-#2, Patterson Drilling.

For complete report contact: Scott Huggins,
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- Library Books
- Bread Products

Submit in writing by Aug. 20, 1999 the name, address, and phone/fax number(s) of person(s) authorized by your company to provide competitive price quotations to: Sonora ISD, Diane Jacoby, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. For more information call 915-387-2545.
2(7-29-99)b

The Sutton County Sheriff's Dept. will be taking sealed bids on two vehicles:

1. 1994 Ford Crown Victoria #2FALP71W2RX142343
2. 1992 Ford Crown Victoria #2FACP72W3NX206348

Sealed Bids should be turned in to Sutton County Judge Carla Garner on or before August 6, 1999. Both vehicles may be seen at the Sutton County Sheriff's Dept. at 309 Oak St. 2(7-22-99)b

Employment

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for a job trainer. This position is in the Special Education Department for 3 hours per day - school days - and requires a high school diploma or its equivalent. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained at the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho. EOE
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Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Bilingual Pre-kindergarten Aide. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho. EOE

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Sonora High School will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Donna Hill, at 807 S. Concho, (915)387-3023 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Alice Cox, at 807 S. Concho, (915)387-5944.
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Es norma de el distito escolar de Sonora no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.

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