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Sun Sets on Another Sutton County Days

by Storie Sharp

Another Sutton County Days has come and gone, leaving fun memories for visitors.

New royalty was crowned on Saturday, starting with the Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contest under the main tent at the Sutton County Park. Little Miss Sutton County went to Kaitlyn Lopez, the daughter of Maribel Perez. First runner up was Laura Sanchez, daughter of Clarissa and Albert Sanchez and Second runner up was Kaci Lewis, daughter of Petie and Kim Lewis. Carter Zook, son of Jon and Arianna Zook took the Little Mr. Sutton County title, followed by Jacob Kimbrel, son of Jake and Renee Kimbrel, as first runner up and Joshua Galindo, son of Zeke and Stephanie Galindo as Second runner up.

The Miss Sutton County contest was a big one, with the crowning during the Saturday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The second runner-up title went to Marilyn Holman. Ashley Parker



Little Miss Sutton County, Kaitlyn Lopez and Little Mr. Carter Zook take center stage.

was named first runner up and the Miss Sutton County crown went to Koda Armke. Koda sold a record breaking \$12,000 worth of tickets. All the young ladies in the Miss Sutton County contest worked very hard, selling tickets and making appearance in Sonora and surrounding counties, getting everyone ready for Sutton County Days. Each and every-

one of these girls deserves a pat on the back for a job well done.

Saturday's Sutton County Days activities started early, with the parade making it's way down Crockett Avenue and ending at the arena. This kicked off an afternoon of fun, food and good music. Crowds were entertained by local musicians while mulling through the many vendors located under the big tents.

Arts, crafts, jewelry and gifts of all sorts could be found on the park grounds. If you were looking for something a little more exciting than shopping there was a mechanical bull to take a spin on or the cartoon train to give you a whirl around the parking lot. Hamburgers, Brisket sandwiches, tacos, and funnel cakes filled the air with tasty smells, or there was



2002 Miss Sutton County Koda Armke

Chicken Salad inside the Civic Center if you were looking for something lighter. Also located inside this year was the Fiddler's Contest (see related story - same page), allowing for

a cool place to sit and enjoy some toe-tapping tunes. The annual talent show proved to be entertaining also, See Sutton Co. Days page 9

Carrasco Joins Hudspeth Hospital Board

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 12, 2002 in the Annex of the Hospital. The following directors were present: Lewis Allen, President, Sherrill Dannheim, Lenora Pool and Preston Faris. Also present for the meeting were Maria Carrasco, Keith Butler, CEO and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After the meeting was called to order, Mr. Allen welcomed Maria Carrasco to the meeting and thanked her for considering the unexpired term on the Board. Allen explained how the process of finding someone to fill the position of Director was handled. Upon a motion by Pool, seconded by Dannheim, the Board appointed Maria Carrasco to fill the Director-At large position, with the term to expire in 2004. Kathy Knight then gave the Oath of Office to Ms. Carrasco.

Dannheim made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 8, 2002 and the called meeting minutes of July 17, 2002, as written. Pool seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Allen went over the 2002 Appraisal Roll information from the Sutton County Appraisal District, stating that the taxable value was \$582,299,060.

Mrs. Knight presented the three Policies & Procedure Manuals (Rehabilitation Services, Pharmacy, and the Quality Assurance Plan) for their annual review and approval. Knight advised there were only a few changes this year. Upon a motion by Faris, seconded by Pool, the Board approved the three manuals as presented.

Mr. Butler advised the Board, that on an annual basis, the Board must review and approve the Contracted Services, Professional and Non-Professional contracts, and Vendors. He went over each list presented and explained the deletions and additions from last year. Dannheim made the motion to approve the three lists as presented. Faris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Knight gave the Quarterly Quality Assurance report. Pool advised that she had attended the meeting on June 27, 2002, and gave the report for this meeting.

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Fiddlin' Up Some Fun

The 2002 Sutton County Days Fiddling Contest were bigger and better than before.

There were three highlights of this contest. First, 90 Year Old Mr. Armand Taylor's fiddling. He had to have a little help getting on the stage, but always does some fine playing on these old tunes.

Second, young Daley Anderson from Cross Plains, Texas. She has only been playing for 2 years and is a super performer: She tackles the difficult tunes with ease.

Third, the amazing performance of Roy Thackerson, The Fingerless Fiddler, he not only played well on fiddle and guitar, but also took First Place in his division against fiddlers who routinely win in contests. Roy enjoyed the warm welcome Sonora gave him and plans to return.

Thanks to the sponsors of Commissioner's Court Discuss Leaks At Civic Center

The Sutton County Commissioner's Court touched on many subjects at the Monday, August 12th meeting, including the damage at the rodeo arena, the roof on the civic center and the TRAX van.

Pat Campbell started the meeting by reporting that the EMS had 37 runs in the month of July. He also approached the court with the question of cost to the school for ambulances at football games. He informed that they were actually operating at a loss with the minimal charges being billed right now. The court agreed to leave the cost as is this year and reassess next year.

Oscar Jimenez reported on the repairs being done at the Sutton County arena. He wanted to express a big thank you to Oscar Marshall and the Schlumberger crews, as well as E.M. Hobbs Inc., for all the time and materials they donated to assist in repairing the grandstands to be used for the rodeo. Jimenez also reported that, regardless of complaints, the work on the cemetery would continue because it was necessary.

County Attorney, David Wallace reported that \$670.58 in hot checks had been recovered for the month of July. He also reported that one of the telephone poles that have been under investigation on Myers road had fallen. Wallace informed the Court that Chase Wardlaw had said he would take

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this contest: Sonora Chamber of Commerce and First National Bank of Sonora. Reggie Williams of Top-Notch Trophies generously donated the trophies for the winners. Many thanks to all for their support and appreciative listening!

Sutton County Days Fiddling Contest Results

TWIN FIDDLERS
1st Place - Patti Strauch (Sonora) / George Smith (San Antonio)
2nd Place - A.J. Wells (San Antonio)/Bill Tuckness (Llano)
3rd Place - Jim Barton (Hondo)/Bob Davis (Leakey)
4th Place - Dean Wadsworth (Ozona)/Daley Anderson (Cross Plains)

JUNIOR DIVISION
1st Place - Daley Anderson (Cross Plains)
2nd Place - Dean Wadsworth (Ozona)

80 YEARS AND OVER
1st Place - Armond Taylor

(Kerrville)
2nd Place - Jim Barton (Hondo)
3rd Place - Clyde Jones (Kerrville)
4th Place - W.A. Tamphr (Hondo)

60 - 70 YEARS
1st Place - Roy Thackerson (Ranger)
2nd Place - George Smith (San Antonio)
3rd Place - A.J. Wells (San Antonio)
4th Place - Bob Davis (Leakey)

29 - 49 YEARS
1st Place - Patti Strauch (Sonora)
2nd Place - Bill Tuckness (Llano)

GRAND CHAMPION PICKERS
Irv Ballard (Sabinal)
Gene Proft (Leakey)
Eddy Stephens (Leakey)

Faris Wins Superior Service Award

College Station - Preston R. Faris of Sonora has received the Superior Service Award from Texas Cooperative Extensions. Faris, Sutton County Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, received the award at a recent Extension faculty conference.

The Superior Service Award is the highest honor given by Texas Cooperative Extension to faculty and staff who have rendered outstanding service. Eighteen individuals and three teams were recognized with the 2002 award. Dr. Ed Hiler, vice chancellor of agriculture and life sciences with the Texas A&M University System and Extension director of Texas Cooperative Extension, and Dr. Chester Fehlis, associate vice chancellor and Extension deputy director, presented the award.

Thefts Reported At Local Stores

The Sonora Police Department reported that on August 10, 2002 a report was received of a theft at Alco around 2:30 p.m. Officer Routh received a call to contact a complainant at Alco. Complainant advised that two men had come in looking to exchange a pair of shorts. The men had no receipt for the merchandise and were informed that they could exchange the shorts for the same thing only. After the exchange was made and the men left the store the clerks found a pair of old shorts with several tags from

other pieces of merchandise laying on the floor. After checking further it was discovered that approximately \$100 worth of merchandise had been stolen.

Around 6:00 p.m. of the same day, Officer Bryn Humphrey received a call that the subject involved in the theft earlier were in Alco again. Before Officer Humphrey arrived at the scene, the subjects departed in a pickup. The Officer was then informed that the truck had traveled to the

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Sutton County Days Survey

In an effort to make improvements to the annual Sutton County Days Celebration, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce is asking for your help. The purpose of the survey is to generate input and opinions regarding the Sutton County Days celebration. The information that you provide will be used by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to make changes and improvements to the Sutton County Days festivities.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey and return it to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, Texas 76950. You may also call us at 915-387-2880 or fax us 915-387-5357 and give us your opinion. As an extra incentive to complete the survey, those who return the survey or call in will be eligible for a drawing for Sutton County Days merchandise, so please write your name, address, and phone number on the survey form.

Did you attend Sutton County Days this year? Yes No
Have you attended Sutton County Days in the past? Yes No
Did you attend the Outlaw Pro Rodeo this year? Yes No
Location and Layout
Did you like the location of Sutton County Days? Yes No No Opinion
Do you prefer the County Park or the Courthouse Lawn? Park Courthouse No Opinion
Did you like the overall layout of the grounds? (i.e. Too crowded, spread out etc.) Yes No No Opinion

Was the parking sufficient in and around the county park? Yes No No Opinion
Arts & Crafts Vendors and Entertainment

Did you enjoy the entertainment that was offered? Yes No No Opinion
Would you prefer more entertainment? Yes No No Opinion
Would you prefer less entertainment? Yes No No Opinion

Did you enjoy the vendors that were on hand? Yes No No Opinion

Do you prefer hand made arts & crafts or commercial exhibits (i.e. Manufactured products like jewelry, t-shirts, sunglasses etc.) Arts & Crafts Commercial No Opinion

Are there any specific products or vendors that you would like to see at Sutton County Days, and if so please list.

Food Vendors

Do you feel there was enough food variety? Yes No No Opinion
Are there any foods/drinks that you would like to have, but were not offered, if so please list specific food/drink items.

Did you like the location of the food booths? Yes No No Opinion

Did you like the layout of the food booths? Yes No No Opinion

Parade

Did you prefer this year's parade route to the previous route? Yes No No Opinion

Was the parking/viewing area sufficient along the route? Yes No No Opinion

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Contact: Ladonna Wardlaw
Sonora Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 915-387-2880
P.O. Box 1172
Fax: 915-387-5357
Sonora, TX 76950



Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

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Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
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509 Amistad
650-3121

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319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

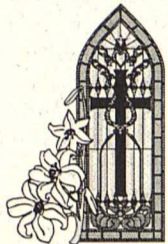
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

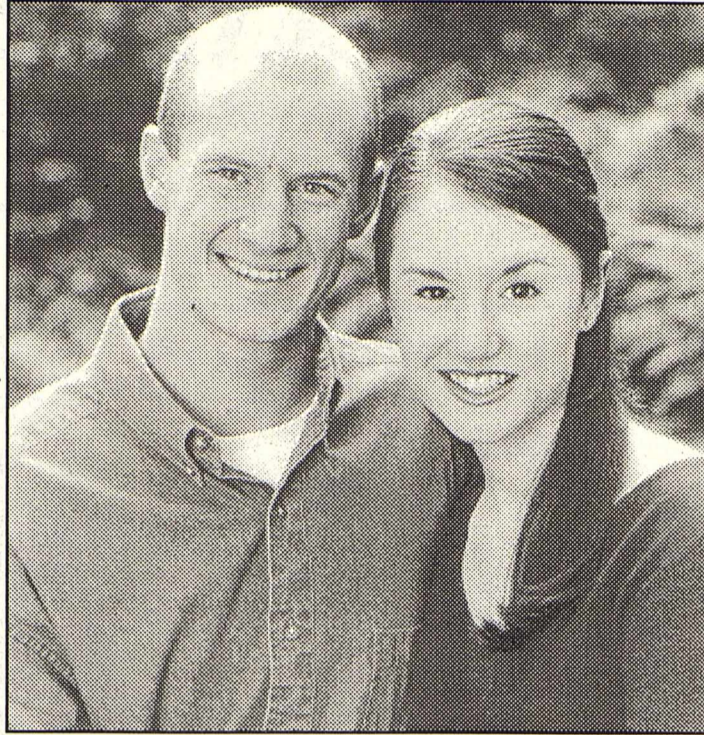
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Supply Pastor
511 Cornell
387-5207



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387-2266

Engagement



Lowdermilk - Mirike

Jody Lowdermilk of Bossier City, Louisiana and Andy Mirike, of Plano, Texas will be married October 12, 2002 at the First Baptist Church of Bossier, Bossier City, Louisiana.

Parents of the engaged couple are Dr. and Mrs. David Lowdermilk and J.D. and Susan Mirike, of Sonora.

Miss Lowdermilk is a 1997 graduate of Boisser City High School and received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Texas A & M University. She is employed by Insight for Living Ministries in Frisco, Texas.

Her fiance is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and received a bachelor's degree in computer science. He is employed with The Software Group in Plano, Texas.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my sponsors: image apparel and The Sutton County Steakhouse, as well as friends and family. I am overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity this community has shown. I wish I could find a new way to say thank you to the people of Sutton and surrounding counties for purchasing tickets and making contributions toward my candidacy. I'm very happy to have the privilege of representing Sutton County. I look forward to contributing my time and services to the community.

Sincerely,
Koda Armke

Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 would like to thank the citizens of Sonora and the surrounding area for making our Steak Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser a success. A special thank you to the Miss Sutton County Days Queen Contestants and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for their ticket sales.

We also want to thank the following businesses for publicity and ticket sales: EM Hobbs, The Corner Drug Store, Devil's River News, Mr. D's Liquor, KHOS Radio, Rafter W Feed, and Sonora Wool and Mohair. Thanks also to The Ol' Tyme Band for the great entertainment!

The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy our Annual Chicken Salad Lunch Plates during the Sutton County Days Celebration. Special thanks to all the women who gave of their time and efforts to prepare and serve the wonderful food that so many enjoyed.

Busy Bees Daycare would like to thank Steve, Michelle, John & Cruz of Location Builders for the use of their trailer during the Sutton County Days Parade. Thank you for your support! We really appreciate you all.

Belia Castaneda
Busy Bees Daycare Center

The Scouts of Pack 19 would like to thank Pam and Todd Munn of Todd's Hot Shot Service for their help and transportation service during the Sutton County Day's Parade. Pam and Todd without your willingness to help it would not have been possible! Thank you for your continued support we really appreciate you both.

Pack 19

The Webelos Scouts of Pack 19 would like to thank Melissa Teaff for her assistance in helping them achieve their Aquanaut badge.

Jan Stephens
Webelos Leader

The Marcos Gaytan Family of Del Rio and the Gaytan Families of Sonora would like to express their appreciation to the citizens of Sonora for all their contributions during the recent bake sale and fundraisers held in support of Marcos Gaytan of Del Rio.

Marcos, at almost 2 years old was recently diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. His aunts and uncles sought the support of Sonora businesses and citizens.

Sonora has a big heart and our gratitude stretches far and wide. Many thanks to all.



Marcos Gaytan

Wedding



Balas - O'Brien

Tonni Balas, of Sonora and James O'Brien, of Beeville, were married August 10, 2002 in Sonora. The ceremony was held at the First United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Charles Huffman of Hope Lutheran Church, Sonora officiated the ceremony, and a blessing was given by Father Bill DuBuisson of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Sonora.

Tonni wore a beaded candlelight off-the-shoulder gown by Elena, with a curved waistline and a cathedral train.

The bride was given away by her father, Louis Balas.

The wedding party consisted of six bridesmaids, six groomsmen and five ushers.

Bridesmaids were as follows: Lori (Balas) Biancalana, Matron of Honor, Alicia Howard, Alison Vander Ley, Lace O'Brien, Becca (Chalk) Burns, and Holly Peggram. Victoria Lasiter was flower girl. Groomsmen were as follows: John O'Brien, Best Man, Justin Walker, Ryan Bellows, Stephen Ball, Robert Gayle, and Jay Schroeder, Joey and Brenden Biancalana were ringbearers. Ushers were Kelly O'Brien, Wesley Ball, Jason Colborn, Ragan Dunham, and Jake McCallister. There were 10 house party members.

Music arrangements were provided by Charlotte Wilson of Sonora, organist and Arett (Wireman) Potter of Ingram, soloist. The reception, dinner and dance followed at the T-Saucer Ranch.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and now lives in San Antonio.

Both Tonni and James are graduates from Texas A & M University, Class of 2000.

James is the son of Morgan and Beau O'Brien of Beeville. Tonni is the daughter of Louis and Loyee Balas of Sonora.

Ronnie Cox
loves
being your
Pharmacist

Senior Center News

- Aug. 26 - Bingo.
- Aug. 27 - Exercise anyone?
- Aug. 28 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.
- Aug. 30 - Ice cream Social. Celebrate Labor Day and end of summer! Center closed Monday, Sept. 2, 2002.

Senior Menu

- Aug. 26 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler.
 - Aug. 27 - Hot dog with chili & cheese, candied sweet potato, pineapple waldorf, brownie with nuts.
 - Aug. 28 - Oven fried chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, jello with fruit.
 - Aug. 29 - Tacos with meat and cheese, pinto beans, corn/pepper mix, tomato and lettuce, fresh fruit cup.
 - Aug. 30 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, strawberries with cake.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.
Menu is subject to change.

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
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- Aug. 19 - Sonora ISD School Begins
- Aug. 22 - SISD Junior High Pot Luck Supper 6:30 p.m. • Jr. High Cafeteria

The Community Calendar



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Calendar

- Aug. 26 - Walk Across Texas Awards 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Civic Center
- Sept. 16 - P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. What did Nellie Tayloe Ross do after she finished her husbands term as governor?

A. Devil's River News, August 14, 1942 - Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, one time Sonoran, director of the U.S. Mints, is an economical minded housekeeper and she's making dirt pay dividends for the government. She's in the unique position of making money for the tax payers and saving a lot of it through thrifty salvage methods at the varied mints.

Mrs. Ross, who once lived here briefly in her girlhood is the sister of Judge G. S. Tayloe, long time resident of Sonora and more recently of San Antonio.

Dean Chenoweth, publisher of the San Angelo Standard, and family were on a vacation in Colorado and they happened into Mrs. Ross at the Denver mint. They were the first visitors permitted to the money making factory since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Letters, pull or association don't get a visitor past the guards these days. Only Mrs. Ross or the President of the United States can rescind the orders even temporarily. Mrs. Ross graciously gave permission for the visit, and workmen got one of the surprises of their last eight months as intruders stared down at them from dust covered balconies and they in turn stared back in wonderment that anyone could be on visiting terms with what now some of the governments innermost secrets. The visit was so out of the ordinary that guards had to look up the visitors' register, which had been lost in the close seclusion of the mint under wartime orders.

As to the money making ability of Mrs. Ross, there can be no questions, and the mint is on a 23 hour basis of turning out coin that is with the exception of nickels. They are not being made now because the metal is essential to the war effort otherwise. These coins and pennies, and dimes are in first demand, while silver dollars are a drug on the market.

Dirt at the mint is almost as valuable as coin itself. And there's where the art of house-keeping and salvage is combined. Nary a speck of dirt goes into the garbage heap. It is saved in toto. The sweepings each day go into a can that is as much under guard as the five and half billions in gold, now in the vault there. After a fairly large amount is accumulated, the dirt is processed and all the metal pieces are recovered. It is a profitable operation, and even then the dirt is sold to the highest bidder at rates that run upwards of \$30.00 a ton, bids coming from as far off as London.

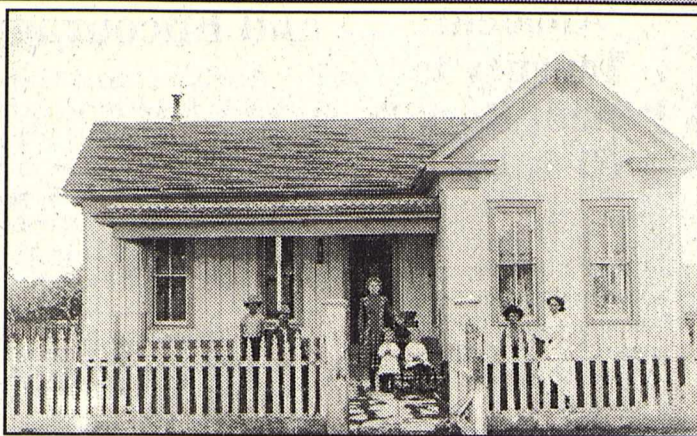
Workmen, when they finish with their work clothing, must leave such at the mint. The clothes are turned into an incinerator, and the matter of reclaiming metal is continued through salvage processes.

In the same issue - At the City Variety Store you could buy summer slack suits for \$2.98 and Patricia Moody school dresses for 88 cents each or 2 for \$1.75. Men's dress shirts were \$1 and 3 pairs of Buster Brown anklets cost \$1.00. Ipana Toothpaste sold for 15 cents a tube but you had to bring in your old tube for recycling into the war effort.

Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson, Sutton County Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector for 18 years, formally withdrew from the second Democratic Primary scheduled to be run off August 22nd, in favor of Leo Brown, his opponent who led the first primary by 120 votes. Brown will take office January 1, 1942, since the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election in Texas.

The ex-students association of the Sonora Schools met on the courthouse lawn Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. for the third annual meeting. A barbecue supper was served to more than 200 ex-students, ex-teachers, past school board members and present school board members.

Honored guests were those who attended the local schools between 1891 and 1900. They were Mrs. Fred Trainer, Mrs. George Trainer, Mrs. Millie Simmons Morris, Mrs. Ira Glasscock of Big Lake, Mrs. W.



Justice, Tom Adams, Elsie Brown, Edie Francis, Willie, Ethel (Mrs. Paul Turney)

L. Aldwell, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Logan. Miss Marjory Aldwell Nisbet was the only member from the first graduating class of 1902.

John Eaton was master of ceremonies for the program and E. D. Stringer, superintendent of schools, was the speaker. Two songs, "Jingle Jangle Jingle," and "Army Air Corps Song," were sung by a trio, Edith Mae Babcock, Sammie Jeanne Allison and Betty Taylor.

Tales were told by W. R. Cusenbary about being the only boy in his class, Dorothy Smith Taylor of the time she and Guila Lowrey Vicars had to chew gum in all the classrooms and Bud Smith told about having the seat of his pants burning when matches were ignited in his pocket while he was being spanked by his teacher.

Miss Wanda Rape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Rape, became the bride of Carl J. Cahill, son of Mrs. Violet Cummings of Eudora, Kansas, in a ring ceremony Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The wedding was read in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rape. Rev. L. K. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated.

The only attendants at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Rape and the brides' sister, Miss Mary Jo Rape. The bride wore a light blue suit with Navy and red accessories and corsage of red roses. Mrs. Cahill is a graduate of Sonora High School and attended Sul Ross College for two years. Until the time of her marriage she was employed at the First National Bank. Mr. Cahill attended school at

Topeka, Kansas. He is now employed in defense work.

Robert Allen Simmons, Russell Franks and Eugene Adams left Thursday for San Antonio where they will be inducted into the Army.

The United States Navy increased its personnel by ten men Wednesday when a group of young men here enlisted. Four of these, Clarence "Tack" Smith, Vernon Cook, J. C. Berry and Clyde Henderson, have already left for Houston. The remaining six, who will receive orders in a few days, are Edward "Foots" Kring, Duward "Slim" Swails, Mansil Crumley, James Whiddon, Blanton Franks and Monroe Puryear.

Flying Sgt. Alan Saunders of the Greenville, Miss. Army Flying School spent a few days here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me at home at 915-387-2855 until the new offices are completed. We would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues, and a special thanks to all those who sent in some extra. We deeply appreciate your support of the projects and goals of the Sutton County Historical Society.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, just want to contribute or didn't get a notice, just mail in \$10 per person or your donation to the above address or stop by Al Elliott, our treasurer's office and give your dues to one of his

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry
Rachel Bean and Rhett Johnson
Jennifer Wente bride elect of John Jones
Lindsay Johnson bride elect of Frank Cranek
Mrs. James O'Brien nee Tonni Balas

Gifts Galore & More

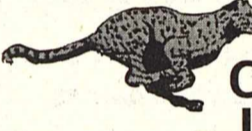
Bridal Registry
Jennifer Wente bride elect of John Jones
Jody Lowdermilk bride elect of Andy Mirike
Olivia Samaniego bride elect of Marco Cunningham
Rachel Bean and Rhett Johnson
Mrs. Justin Eaton nee Thea De Jong
417 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2541

School Lunch Menu • August 26 - 30, 2002

Breakfast
Mon. - Breakfast burrito, juice
Tues. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, fruit
Wed. - Grilled cheese, juice
Thurs. - Biscuits, gravy, fruit
Fri. - Cinnamon roll, juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - BBQ on bun, French fries, pickles, apple wedges
Tues. - Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, fruit, cornbread
Wed. - Ham & cheese sandwich, carrot/celery sticks, grapes, oatmeal cookie
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I would like to take this opportunity to Thank everyone in Sutton and surrounding counties for all the support and encouraging words given me over the past two months as a Sutton County Queen Candidate. It has definitely been an experience I will not soon forget. Thanks once again.

Sincerely
Ashley Trachelle Parker

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the following people: Courtney Caruthers, Tammy Favila, Tara Green, Morgan Hobbs, Chelsea Seaton, Cady Taylor, Tori Valliant, and Brandon West. A very special THANK YOU goes to Johnny Clark for all your help!

These great folks helped us by supporting our dunking booth during the Sutton County Days celebration. We sincerely appreciate you donating your time. And Thanks to all who "dunked" their favorite person. We appreciate your support of our organization.
SONORA FIREMAN'S AUXILIARY

The class of 1982 would like to thank Virgil Polocek for supplying our float for the Sutton County Days parade. Also, thanks to the Sonora Fire Department for allowing us to use the fire hall. Thanks for your support in helping our reunion be a success. We had a great time.

Sincerely,
The members of the SHS Class of 1982

Church of Christ To Host Second Annual Area Wide Worship

The Sonora Church of Christ will host the Second Annual Area Wide Worship service on Sunday evening, August 25 beginning at 5 p.m. in Sonora's Civic Center. There was an overwhelming response last year and since everyone enjoyed it so much it was decided to do it again. Last year we had about 10 congregations represented with many people from the community. Again this year, all are welcome.

The evening will begin with the Tom Craiker Family singing at 5 p.m. They call themselves "Patria" which means family. The group is made up of Tom, his wife, Sissy, and their daughter Sarah. Tom preaches in Silverton, Texas. Also singing in the group is daughter Mary, and her husband, Ray Don McIntosh. Ray Don is the minister for the congregation in Eldorado.

Gene Helm will lead the singing which will begin about 5:45. Gene has been involved in leading singing and singing

groups for many years. He presently leads singing for the San Pablo congregation in San Antonio. Gene promotes singing with great feeling and sincerity. He adds a great deal to the song services and promotes worship in the process. You will really enjoy singing with Gene.

The speaker of the evening will be John Snider who preaches in Greenwood, near Midland. John is from Sundance, Wyoming and has preached in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and now has been at Greenwood for 5 years. He gives great insight into God's word, uses humor but drives the importance of the lesson home. You will enjoy him.

Following the worship there will be a period of fellowship. A supper for those who missed it in travel, refreshment for those in preparation for travel, and a time to visit, renew old acquaintances and make new ones. There is no cost. Come and enjoy the evening in worship and fellowship.

Adkins' Scout Project Marks Trails On Eaton Hill

submitted

Boy Scout, David Adkins has been working hard for Sonora. David chose enhancing Eaton Hill to fulfill the community service requirement for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He constructed six wooden signs, mounted them on pipe poles and installed them in key positions along the trails.

The handlettered signs identify trail names and point out specific areas, assisting hikers on their Eaton Hill adventures. In addition, David removed approximately 300

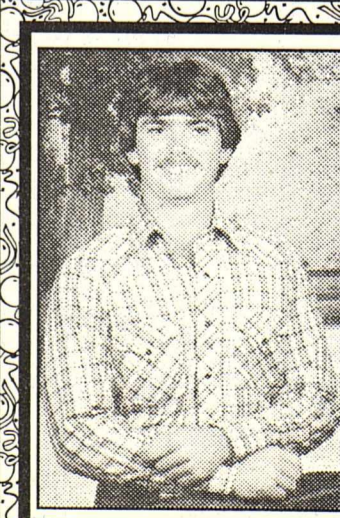
yards of old fence, allowing for trail construction and improving the overall scenic view from the trails. David was assisted in these projects by fellow boy scouts, his parents Tony and Tammy Adkins, and troop leader Lewis Allen.

On behalf of everyone involved with the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, and all who will enjoy it in the future, we offer our appreciation to the Boy Scouts of America, Troop #19 and David Adkins for the lasting contributions made to our community.

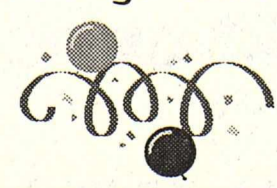


Signs mark the trails on Eaton Hill, thanks to David Adkins.

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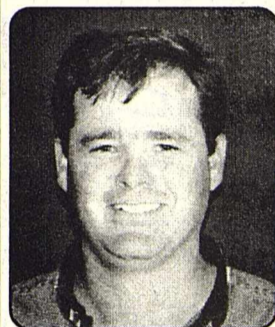


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QuickSand Amateur Tourney to Benefit Boys & Girls Club

San Angelo - The San Angelo Boys and Girls Club will benefit from the upcoming Concho Valley Amateur Golf Championship slated for August 22-25 at QuickSand Golf Course. Entry fees are free for all ages up to 12 on the 22nd. The 13-17 year-old tournament will be held on Friday (23rd) with Open, Senior and Super Senior tournaments scheduled for Saturday and Sunday (24th and 25th). For more information call QuickSand at (915)482-8337.

Door prizes for the tournament include a \$3000 gas-powered golf cart, a \$1000 set of Ping irons and a \$1000 set of 1, 3, and 5 Ping woods, plus many more valuable prizes, including a Ping putter, Titelist stand bag, Ping Hooper Bag and \$200 golf donations by QuickSand. Numerous other door prizes are listed for the Second Annual Concho Valley Amateur Golf Championship. Cash prizes for tournament flights will be determined by the number of entries.

The Boys and Girls Club has been a part of the San Angelo community for more than 20 years, providing daily programs and services to approximately 1,000 young people. The Club is open Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., featuring programs that emphasize education and career enhancement, character and leadership development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 Just wanted to remind your many readers that everyone is invited to the big doings in Eldorado this Saturday, August 24. At 11 AM, the EOBOC (Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee) will conduct the grand opening of their World Headquarters between THE spotlight and THE museum. Some of the awards to be presented to olympians will be on display as will costumes of some of the celebrities who will be promoting our bid to the IOC.

In addition, the Schleichersonian Hall of Fame and Pool Hall (next door) will be open for viewing.

However, most of the fanfare will be reserved for the dedication of the Tagoo Bird Refuge and Sanctuary at 11:45. This ceremony in the Hysterical District will center around the honoring of the person who first discovered the Tagoo Bird in Eldorado in 1958, and who has since promoted the call and mystique of this interesting specimen, providing much participatory enjoyment for the citizenry. He will then lead the assemblage in a mass calling, in hopes of drawing in one of the 72 varieties for any who have not previously witnessed the spectacle.

Tumbleweed Smith will assist in the festivities. Bird watchers are encouraged to bring their birding books and binoculars... not for Tumbleweed, but for the much anticipated Tagoo sighting.

Jim Runge

Sonora PTO Says Thank You and Encourages Participation

The Sonora Parent Teacher Organization would like to thank everyone who gave their support last year to the hospitality committee. Our meetings and the teacher appreciation breakfast would not have been a success without your help. We understand that many of you have busy lives and appreciate the support you have given us in the past. We hope to hear from you in the future. If there is anyone that would like to help us better serve our teachers and students please come to our meeting on September 16th at 6:30 p.m.

La organizacion de Padres y Maestros quisiera dar las gracias a todas las personas que nos ayudaron con nuestras juntas y con el desayuno para las maestras el año pasado. Sin su ayuda estos eventos no hubieran sido un exito. Comprendemos que muchos de ustedes no tienen mucho tiempo y apreciamos su ayuda. Si usted quisiera ayudarnos asistir a nuestros maestros y estudiantes, tendremos una junta el 16 de Septiembre a las 6:30 de la tarde. Gracias.

Sonora Asked To Stay With Texas Downtown Association

The Texas Downtown Association has been kind enough to ask Sonora and Mary Ann Kay once again to be part of them. Ann will renew her term as Director for another two years. Her time and talents have been greatly appreciated throughout her time with the Association.

Memberships are now being accepted for the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program. Please come by our office at the Mercantile Building on Main Street for further information and membership forms. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Summer Graduates Announced for Angelo State University

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 220 students during 2002 Summer commencement exercises August 9 in San Angelo, Texas.

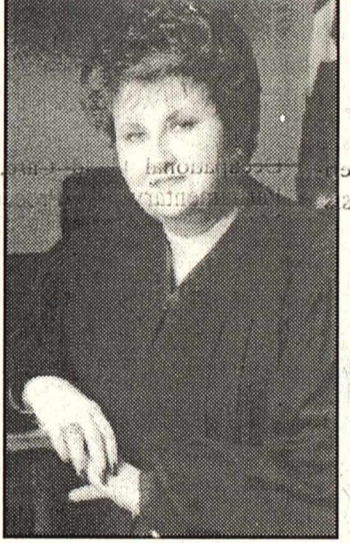
Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees:
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

The following graduate degrees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

The 2002 Summer graduates include the following from the Sonora area: Romelia B. Castaneda, B.S.

Justice Lopez Visits Sonora

Justice Alma L. Lopez was in Sonora today to visit the Sutton County Courthouse. County Clerk Betty Hernandez met privately with Justice Lopez, and then introduced her to other elected-officials and County workers.



Alma L. Lopez serves as Justice on the Fourth Court of Appeals, and is a candidate for Chief Justice of the same court. The Fourth Court of Appeals is comprised of thirty-two (32) Hill Country and South Texas counties. She is the first Hispanic female elected to serve on the Fourth Court of Appeals and is the highest elected Hispanic female in the Fourth Court District. Justice Lopez was appointed to the Fourth Court of Appeals by Governor Ann Richards in October 1993, and won election to the court in 1994 and re-election in 2000.

In addition to serving on the Fourth Court of Appeals, Justice Lopez is actively involved with the youth of our community. She serves on the board of the South Texas Higher Education Authority that oversees and guarantees loans for college and university bound students. On May 5, 2000, Justice Lopez received the "Outstanding Graduate Award" from the San Antonio Teachers Council for her participation in the San Antonio School District's "Career Day" and other student activities.

Justice Lopez also serves on the boards of the following organizations: Battered Women's Shelter, Milagritos Program, Inc., Kids Exchange, Texas Migrant Council and the Bexar County Women's Bar Association.

Justice López was born in Laredo, Texas and raised in San Antonio. After graduating from Luther Burbank High School, Justice Lopez attended San Antonio College for two years. She then entered St. Mary's University and graduated with a B.B.A. in Financial Management in 1965, and in 1968 she graduated from St. Mary's School of Law.

Prior to her appointment to the Fourth Court of Appeals, Justice Lopez enjoyed a successful career as an attorney in private practice from 1968 until her appointment to the Fourth Court of Appeals in 1993. Justice Lopez currently resides in Medina County with her husband, Emilio Cavazos.

F.Y.I.

The last playday has been scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2002 at the county arena. Entries will be taken at 5:00 p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. start. Awards will be presented after the playday.

The Scouts of Pack 19 will be hosting a Scout Rally on August 26th at 7:00 p.m. The rally will be for all current Cub Scouts and any new boys that would like to join. Games will be played and refreshments will be served. For any further questions or information, please contact Jan Stephens at 387-5821.

Interlink Home Health Services will host Louise Townsend with blood sugar and blood pressure checks on Wed. 28th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. FMI call or come by the Sr. Center.

GED classes will begin on Tuesday, September 3. The classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Attendance is free and open to anyone ages 17 and older who needs a GED. If you have any questions, please call Laura Bedwell, class instructor, at 387-7190 or Ben Solis, Chief GED Examiner, at 387-3023.

The Devil's River Dancers are offering clogging lessons for Beginners starting Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. FMI call Carolyn at 387-9315.

School pictures for Pre-K - 11th graders and all administration, faculty and staff of Sonora Independent School District will be on Thursday, September 5th. Students will receive order forms on their campus. Please make all checks payable to Blunck's. Please DO NOT SEND CASH for orders. If you have any questions, please call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315.

The Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on September 10th at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Donations are now being accepted to be auctioned at the Bank & Trust. Please be sure your name is on the item donated. For more information contact any Lions Club member.

Are you ready for another year of Bronco sports? The Bronco Spirit Shop is now open and is located at Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Concho Ave. Purchase this year's Bronco caps, visors, and spirit items for the start of the new season. Bronco Booster Club memberships from \$10 to \$100 are also available at Ronda's. Come on by and see what is styling for the Broncos at Ronda's. Thank you for supporting all boys and girls athletics in Sonora.

The Sonora Bronco Booster Club will NOT be having any fundraiser meals before the Bronco Varsity football home games this fall. If any organization in Sutton County would like to sponsor a fundraiser meal before the home games, please contact the SISD administration for information and approval.

The Bereaved parents Support Group will meet September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of a child you are urged to attend.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, in cooperation with Texas Tech University Health Science's Center, is pleased to provide the Mobile Mammography Clinic on October 1st and 2nd, 2002. The cost will be \$75.00 for Screening Mammograms and \$150.00 for Diagnostic Mammograms. Texas Tech will file most insurance programs to include Medicare and Medicaid. For an appointment, please call 1-800-222-8388. Other questions may be directed to Keith L. Butler, CEO at 387-2521

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McCamey Scrimmage Kicks Off Football For Broncos

by Ray Glasscock

Football has finally returned. The Sonora Broncos started the 2002 season with a scrimmage against the McCamey Badgers in Bronco Stadium. The Broncos started on defense. The Bronco run-defense seemed to be in mid-season form as Juan Rodriguez tackled Rigo Juarez for a five yard loss on the first play. In fact, the Badgers were unable to make a first down for several series. They scored their only, touchdown of the scrimmage on a long pass.

On the first Bronco offensive series, Scottie Moore hit Rodriguez with a pass over the middle and he took it all the way down the right sideline for a touchdown. Then the Broncos had a long sustained drive mixing runs by Dustin Martin, Emmanuel Lopez, and Moore. Lopez scored a touchdown on a short run behind great blocking.

The rest of the scrimmage was a display of hard hitting football and neither team scored again.

The JV Broncos started the season on the right foot scoring



twice to the Badgers' once. Without numbers on the jerseys, it was hard to identify the players making the plays, especially on the blocking and tackling. Clint Cearley at quarterback and Cameron Cox at fullback

looked very good behind the excellent blocking of the line. Cearley completed a nice drive with a touchdown pass to Nash Traylor. Embre Smith also engineered a touchdown drive. Hilton Bloodworth scored the

second touchdown on a nice run. He started a sweep to the right. When he saw that he was going to be stopped for no gain, he reversed his field and easily scored around the left end.

Photo by Ray Glasscock

TWU Professor Provides Tips for Kid-Safe Searches Online

These days, a simple click of a mouse can provide children with help on a homework problem or material for a school research paper. However, it also may provide information that parents don't want their children to see.

While some search tools screen Internet sites for age-appropriate material, a Texas Woman's University professor said filters aren't always successful in keeping children from entering inappropriate sites, and they may even deny children access to relevant information.

"The current filtering technology is flawed, because useful information often is suppressed along with questionable material," said Dr. Lynn Akin, assistant professor of library science on TWU's Denton campus.

Akin said some search engines are edited by humans, while others use software to filter sites. Some companies use a combination of filtering technology and human reviewers. Many sites use keyword blocking, which prevents users from gaining access to sites that include the blocked terms.

Akin guided former student Hope Masterson-Krum in an independent study of kid-safe search engines. The study, which was published in the October 2001 edition of Teacher Librarian magazine, queried representatives from major kid-safe search engine companies regarding the procedures used in blocking inappropriate sites. Most companies (64 percent of respondents) used a combination of filtering technology and human reviewers, while 25 percent used an index created solely by humans.

Krum's study took the search engines on a "test drive," using a list of terms which children might look up on the Internet, including "barbie doll," "boys life," "teen jobs" and "sex education." The study found that, of the 1,280 results examined, five sites were found to be pornographic while two presented adult themes.

Krum reported that while kid-safe search engines were found to be 99 percent porn-free, access to relevant information was compromised due to keyword blocking or a failure to recognize part or all of the query.

Despite the potential pitfalls involved in online searches, Akin said, the Internet is a useful research tool for children.

"The Internet presents opportunities and challenges," she said. "Children come into an electric world, and the use of this technology needs to be reinforced by parents, teachers and librarians."

Akin said most schools have an "Acceptable Use Policy," which is a contract between the student and the teacher or school. The policy, which lists what students can and can't do online at school, is signed by the student and his or her parents. If the student violates the contract, Akin said, his

See Safe Internet page 9

Sanchez Participates in STAR Events

Michele Garcia Sanchez of Robert Lee, Texas recently participated in the STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events competition at Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's 2002 National Leadership Meeting held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Of nearly 4,700 meeting attendees, over 2,200 participated in this national level program in 13 categories: Applied Technology, Career Investigation, Chapter Service Project, Chapter Showcase, Culinary Arts, Entrepreneurship, Focus on Children, Illustrated Talk, Interpersonal Communications, Job Interview, National Programs in Action, Occupational Child Care, and Parliamentary Procedure. Members compete at the local, district/region and/or state level(s) before they advance to the national level.

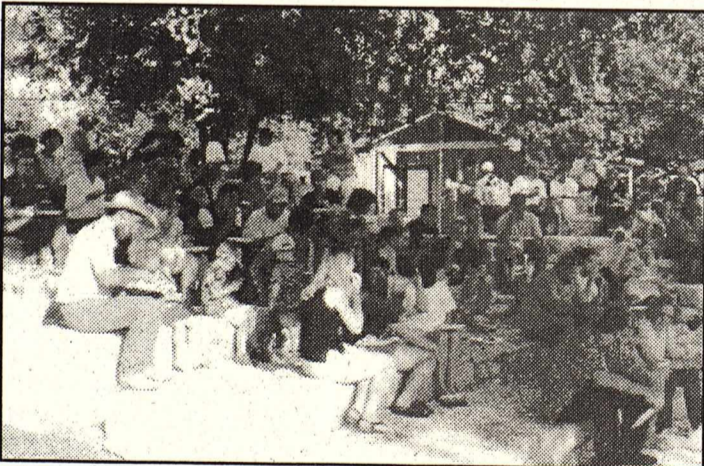
Michele Sanchez who is a sophomore at Robert Lee High School and is the daughter of Enrique & Elena Sanchez, received a Gold medal. Her medal was presented at a recognition session honoring all participants at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Wednesday, July 10. Michele is the granddaughter of Elena Garcia and the late Johnnie



Michele Sanchez Garcia of Wink and of Enrique and Antonia Sanchez of Sonora. Sheri Millican is the Robert Lee FCCLA sponsor.

Michele was a participant in the Illustrated Talk event. Illustrated Talk is an event in which an oral presentation about issues concerning family and consumer sciences and/or related occupations. Participants use visuals to illustrate content of the presentation. Michele's power point presentation was titled "Dress for Success".

Lions Club Cooks Up Burgers For SISD Faculty



The Downtown Lions Club held their annual "Hamburger Supper" for the Sonora I.S.D. Faculty and Staff. Teachers, Administrators and their families enjoyed burgers and fun at the Cauthorn Memorial Building on Wednesday, August 14th. The annual meal is held to show appreciation for all their hard work during the school year.



The Devil's River News would like to remind our readers that we welcome submitted articles and pictures involving students and staff achievements of the Sonora schools. We try to cover a variety of student activities, but can not be everywhere. Thank you in advance!
S.S.

The Sonora Church of Christ is hosting a Second Annual AREA WIDE WORSHIP

Sunday, Evening
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The Tom Craiker Family Sing at 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship: 5:45 p.m.

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Aug. 22 • Junction

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There • 6:00

Aug. 29 • Alpine

There • 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 5 • Ingram

Home • 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY

Aug. 22 • Junction

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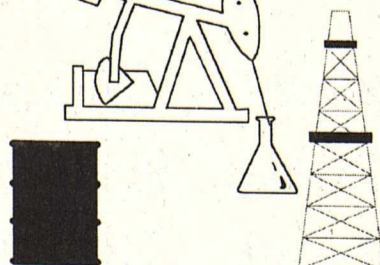
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The One That Didn't Get Away



This was the one that almost DID get away. Just before having to leave for the airport to catch their plane home from Kenai River, Alaska, Jed Davenport hooked this 65 lb. King Salmon. Jed and his brother Jason, of Sheffield, caught lots of large Salmon fish on their Alaskan fishing trip at the end of July. Some of the other fish caught on the trip included a 45 lb. King Salmon and a lot of large Silver Salmon in Muskot River Alaska.

Turner Announces New Program to Assist Rural Fire Departments

AUSTIN -- State Representative Bob Turner (D-Voss) announced the kickoff of a new program to assist rural volunteer fire departments. The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, created by the 77th Texas Legislature through the passage of House Bill 2604, was joint-authored by Rep. Turner.

"A lot of rural communities and volunteer fire departments are facing some real crises," Turner said. "This program is going to benefit these communities and help provide greater safety and security for residents and local commerce."

The Assistance Program is a cost-share program that provides funding to rural volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, county fire radio systems, dry-hydrants, computer systems, and firefighter training. Approximately \$14 million will be distributed annually under the program. Any chartered, non-profit volunteer fire department operated by its members is eligible. Any part-paid/part-volunteer fire department is also eligible provided

the number of paid members is 20 or less.

The new Program is administered by the Texas Forest Service, the state forestry agency for Texas, and will be the largest of six grant programs administered by the agency. Funds to support the program come from an assessment made on certain property and casualty insurance companies in Texas. Funds for the program will be made available on September 1, 2002.

"I am very pleased to have played a part in bringing this program to our district and to all of Texas for that matter," Turner said. "However, the people who deserve all of the credit and thanks are the great men and women who selflessly and courageously serve as volunteer firefighters and emergency responders. We simply cannot thank them enough for their dedication and for helping to protect our way of life."

Volunteer fire departments may contact the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin for information and application forms at Texas Forest Service, P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, Texas, 75901. Information may also be obtained by calling (936) 639-8100.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Storie,

Amid the cookouts, parades and end-of-summer festivities this Labor Day weekend, please remember to take a moment for Hope.

"Hope" is what the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Jerry Lewis Telethon represents to the tens of thousands of American families coping with muscle-wasting diseases. I know this firsthand as the mother of Mattie Stepanek, the 2002 MDA National Goodwill Ambassador (and best-selling poet). Both Mattie and I have mitochondrial myopathy, a neuromuscular disease that took the lives of Mattie's three older siblings.

Thanks to funds raised by the Telethon, a worldwide team of MDA-funded scientists is using adult stem cells, drug screening and gene therapies to search for cures and treatments for the more than 40 neuromuscular diseases included in MDA's program. Progress is made on this front every day, but there still is far to go and the research is very costly.

In addition, the Telethon helps fund MDA services, including clinics, help in buying and repairing adaptive medical equipment and - best of all in Mattie's opinion - MDA summer camps for thousands of youngsters.

MDA receives no government funds. Its work is the result of the caring generosity -- and hope -- of people like you.

Thank you for taking time to tune in to the Telethon on Sept. 1 and 2, and for making a pledge to MDA. Your support means a lot to Mattie and me, and to families in your community, too.

Sincerely,
Jeni Stepanek
Upper Marlboro, Md.

Hot Air Balloons To Fill The Alpine Sky



"Twenty-five hot air balloons and fifteen power-parachutes will paint West Texas skies in three weeks. Everyone is invited" said Ken Clouse, President of Big Bend Balloon Bash, Inc., the Alpine, Texas non-profit group sponsoring air activities in the entire Big Bend Region. According to Clouse, "this is the seventh straight annual balloon weekend in Alpine!"

"We have never had a day we couldn't fly balloons on Labor Day Weekend" said Clouse. "The winds are just right, with the high mountains surrounding Alpine in a bowl shape. These mountains offer unique protection from the sometimes strong Trans-Pecos winds".

Reports Clouse, "powered parachutes are multi-colored parachutes driven by gas-engines and steered by pilots in metal cages. After the balloons have landed, fifteen of these ultralight gliders will thrill the crowds until noon". "This is the first time that this crowd-pleaser has ever been staged here."

Further, "this summer is the wettest in years, the grasses and mountains providing a most beautiful backdrop for this three day event... August 31st, September 1st and September

2nd". Location is the Alpine Casperis Municipal Airport, two miles north of downtown on the Fort Davis Highway.

"For shoppers, over twenty-five downtown Alpine merchants will sell their treasures on the sidewalks in the annual Saturday Morning Sidewalk Sale." This is a lively and unique event for families to experience local Big Bend crafts and gifts" said Clouse. And Sunday night is the balloon glow concert at Jackson Field. "When the gas-engines of the balloons squeal out in unique melodic patterns, the sounds are entrancing. And visual patterns of night fires from these balloon engines at twilight leaves most everyone spell-bound."

As for traditional music lovers, twenty minutes away is the sixteenth annual Marfa Lights Music Festival. Shelly Laine and David De La Garza are the headliners of a multi-day Labor Day Weekend venue! And both Alpine and Marfa have some of the finest restaurants to dine in before these concerts!"

For more information please call the City of Alpine (915)837-3301, the Alpine Chamber of Commerce (915)837-2326 or Mr. Clouse at (915)837-7486.

Real People's Ideas Do Become Real Laws

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

From time to time Texans ask me if "real people" ever submit ideas for new laws, and if so, do their suggestions actually become real laws?

The answer to both questions is "yes." One of the most important parts of my job as a state senator is to consider ideas for legislation and to assess their potential for improving Texans' lives.

In past legislative sessions, I have authored and worked to pass bills that began as suggestions from constituents and elected officials, such as a bill to strengthen counties' authority to regulate rural subdivision plats. I carried this particular bill at the request of county commissioners and of citizens who bought land in rural subdivisions only to discover that irresponsible developers had not provided basic services that had been promised to them.

Another elected official, Bexar County Commissioner Lyle Larson, suggested an inmate-reimbursement bill that is now law. Recently another Bexar County elected official contacted me about a matter that may be of concern to the more than 225,000 veterans who live in Senate District 25 counties.

Bexar County Clerk Gerry Rickhoff, along with several of my constituents, is suggesting that the Legislature modify a state statute so that military discharges, i.e., Form DD-214, would be given the status of a "controlled" or "privileged" record. Currently, military discharges filed in local courthouses for safekeeping are available to the general public.

These records should be released only to veterans who filed them, their guardians or their heirs. Texas' many veterans deserve to know that their

military discharge records are secure and unavailable to be used for "identity theft."

When the 78th Legislature convenes in 2003, I plan to introduce a bill that will ensure that those who protected our country through their military service are themselves protected by their state government.

I commend Texans' involvement in the legislative process and encourage you to suggest ideas for either new laws or the repeal of current ones by contacting my office or by responding to the questionnaire in my annual legislative report that was mailed this month. The questionnaire asks for your opinions about major issues, such as the state's budget, taxes, education and more. Your responses will be reflected in legislation I file and in my vote on many issues.

To make it more convenient for you to share your views, I have a toll-free number, (888) 824-6984, in my Capitol office. The local Capitol office number is (512) 463-0125. My San Antonio office number is (210) 826-7800, and the San Angelo office number is (915) 942-8522.

Letters may be addressed to P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711.

My e-mail address is jeff.wentworth@senate.state.tx.us. FAX numbers are: (512) 463-7794; (210) 826-0571; and (915) 942-8621.

Although I will no longer represent most of the Hill Country or West Texas when the Legislature convenes in January, I will forward your legislative suggestions to your new state senators for their consideration. Democracy functions best when its citizens actively participate in the legislative process. I invite your suggestions and comments.

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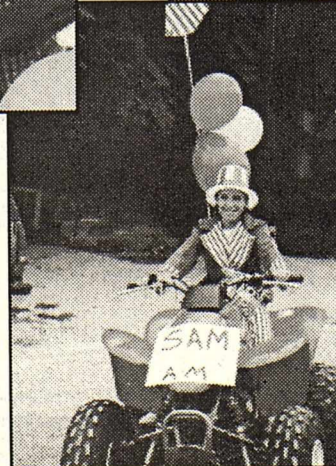
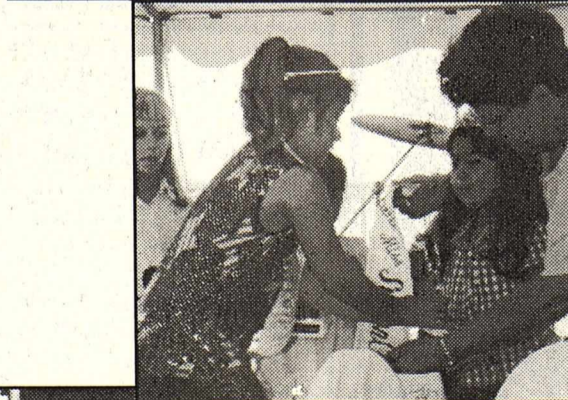
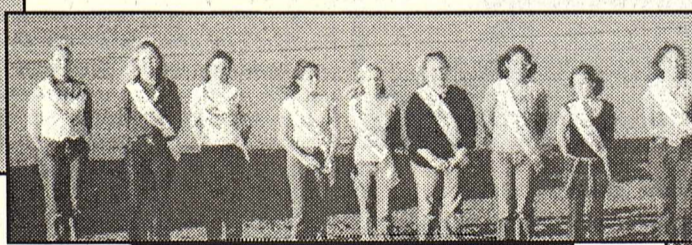
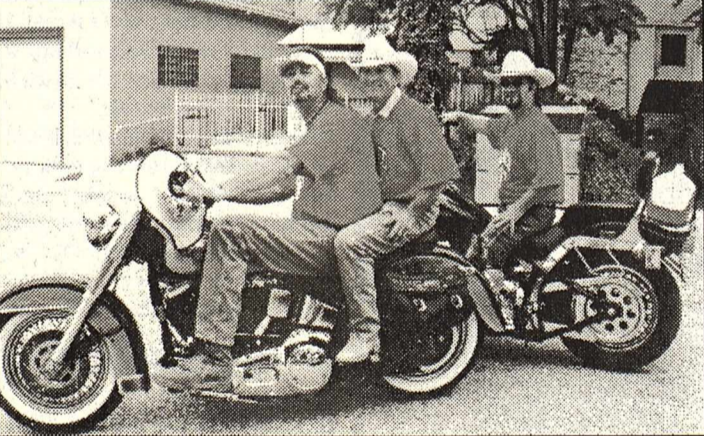
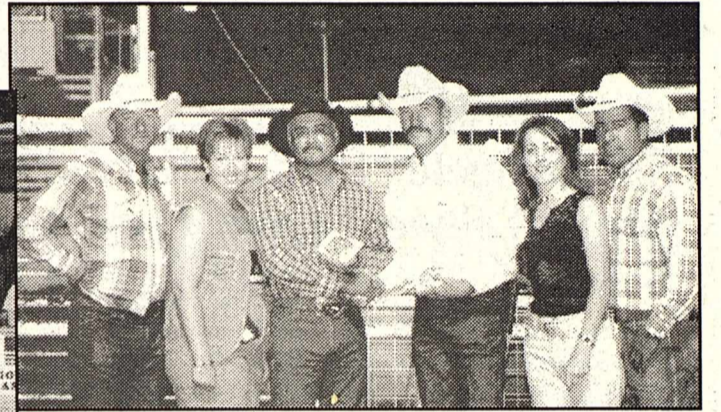
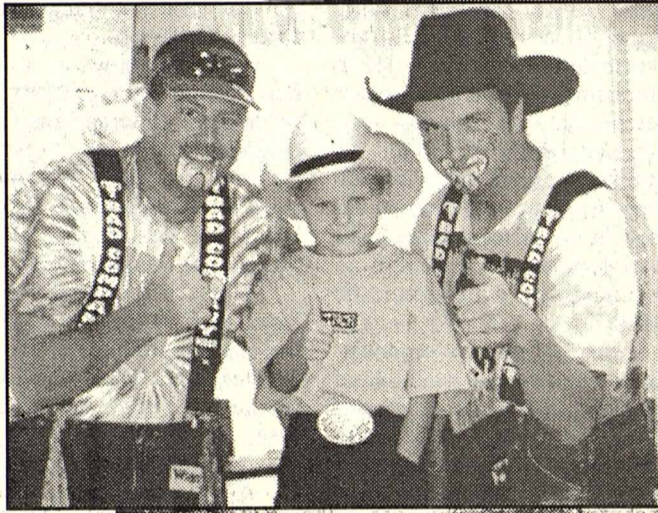
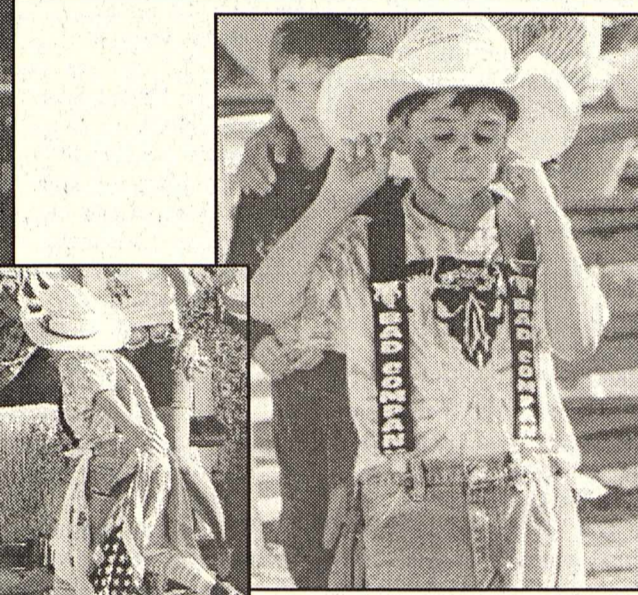
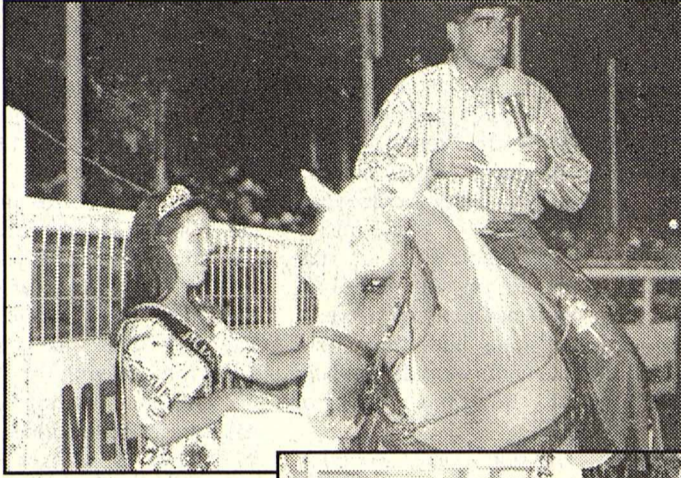
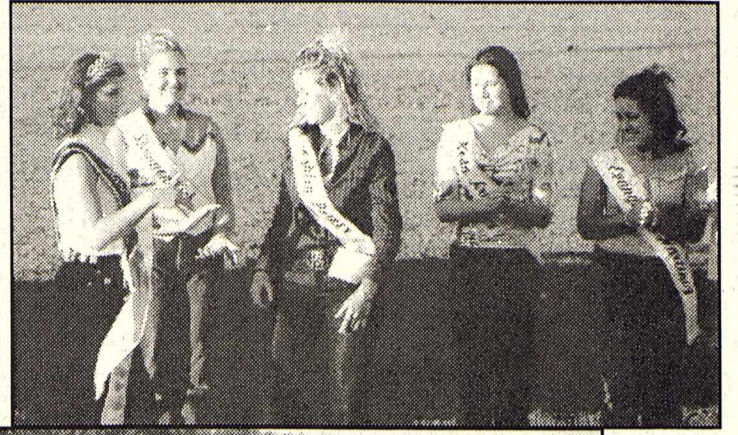
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San Angelo Center Sets 29th Annual Sheep, Goat Field Day Sept. 5

by: Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO - Topics ranging from scrapie surveillance issues to nature tourism will be on tap for this year's 29th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day Sept. 5 at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center here.

The center is north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The morning field tour begins at 9:30, as does a morning-long health screening in the center's classroom. It is being coordinated by Noemi Samaniego, Health Education for Rural Outreach specialist at the center.

The morning's six-stop tours will feature such topics as

carcass measurements for lamb markets, meat goats, nature tourism, remote-sensing cameras in wildlife management, on-ranch fiber testing and scrapie surveillance.

After a catered lunch, the afternoon program begins at 1 p.m. with industry updates from the Mohair Council of America, National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, Ranchers' Lamb of Texas Inc., Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board, and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

The field day's final topics feature updates on quail populations and the new farm bill.

For further information contact the center at (915) 653-4576.

AG Industry Honors 'Tres Amigos': Bonilla, Combest, & Stehnhalm

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Members of the Texas Agriculture Industry held a Texas-style barbecue to honor Congressmen Henry Bonilla, Larry Combest and Charlie Stehnhalm.

The group of three Texas Congressmen are known to people on and off Capitol Hill as the "Tres Amigos." Each of the three congressmen play an integral role in keeping the agriculture industry safe and strong. Bonilla is Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee; Combest is Chairman of the Agriculture Committee; and Stehnhalm is the ranking member on the Agriculture Committee.

"The Texas Sheep and Goat Association is very pleased to honor the "Tres Amigos". They are some of the best friends we've ever had and have been very helpful for many years," said Glen Fisher, past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers.

The "Tres Amigos" event is held annually and is sponsored this year by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers. It's an opportunity for members of the Agriculture industry to honor the three Congressmen for their accomplishments and steadfast support.

"Agriculture has been the backbone of Texas since its beginning. And because of the 'Tres Amigos,' the future of agriculture looks bright," said Chairman Bonilla. "Whether we're in Washington, D.C. or back in the great state of Texas, Larry, Charlie and I are doing all we can to keep the Ag industry safe, strong and prosperous."

"Whether you're looking at the various groups assembled at this event or the Members of Congress being honored, there's one clear message: when we all pull together to work on a common goal, good things happen. Henry, Larry and I, all three, understand how important the agriculture producers are to this area and we're going to continue working to support them in every way we can," said Stehnhalm.

Livestock Producers Warned To Keep Eye Out For Animal Diseases

by Edith A. Chenault

COLLEGE STATION - Beef quality begins with the state's cattle producers being allowed to maintain open trade and exports, according to the executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

"A reporter once told me there is no free trade, only open trade," Dr. Linda Logan told participants at the 48th annual Beef Cattle Short Course held at Texas A&M University. She was one of the featured speakers at the short course, which drew about 1,100 cattle producers and trade show exhibitors.

However, "animal diseases are a non-tariff (trade) barrier," she said. Diseases can "close down trade overnight."

With 1.3 million people entering the United States and millions moving about the world every day, it is difficult, if not impossible, to keep this country from having either an accidental or deliberate introduction of a devastating animal disease, she said.

Livestock producers, agencies such as the TAHC and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and livestock organizations must work hard in order to keep diseases from causing trade barriers, Logan said.

The biggest constraint to livestock producers in Texas presently is cattle tuberculosis, and it promises to be a costly disease to deal with, she said.

The USDA published an interim rule in June that downgraded Texas' cattle tuberculosis status from accredited-free to modified accredited-advanced.

In other words, unless cattle are moving directly to slaughter, Texas breeding cattle and bison must be officially identified and tested for cattle tuberculosis within the 60 days before being transported across state lines. Untested Texas cattle and bison still can move freely within the state.

Two domestic herds in Texas were diagnosed with cattle tuberculosis in 2001.

The major concern with the disease is that it is a threat to humans when they drink unpasteurized milk, she said. Milk pasteurization was, in part, introduced about 100 years ago in order to combat tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis also is a trading constraint, she said. The disease also causes poor growth rates and general un-thriftiness in cattle.

It can spill over into wildlife, including white-tailed deer, and it has been shown to affect other animals such as skunks, badgers and opossums, she said.

"You really don't want to get TB established in your herd because it is not only a threat to your herd (and) your ability to sell your animals, but also to wildlife," Logan said.

The TAHC feels the downgrade in Texas' tuberculosis status is unfair, Logan said, because it has had only two cases out of 153,000 herds. Due to its large size and number of herds, Texas should not be com-

pared with other, smaller states, she said.

Therefore, TAHC has asked the USDA change the rules and base the loss of the "free" status on prevalence (how many cases per animals) and not on the old rule of "two herds per state," she said.

The TAHC also has proposed an "action plan" and is in the process of "selling" this plan to producers, Logan said.

The first part is to continue to "zone out" the area around El Paso. Texas initially earned accredited-free status in 2000 when El Paso and Hudspeth counties were "zoned out" by the USDA due to low levels of infection in dairy herds there. For purposes of cattle movement and eradication, the state will remain split and these counties could not apply for accredited-free status until three years after the herds were depopulated and no additional infection detected.

The state's other 252 counties may reapply to the USDA for accredited-free status in two years if no more infected herds are found.

Also, stepped-up tuberculosis surveillance would be implemented in slaughter facilities and in dairy and beef seedstock.

Since the TAHC believes almost every case of tuberculosis in Texas has some indirect relationship to Mexican roping steers or Mexican feeder cattle that have been on pastures adjacent to domestic cattle, TAHC is proposing limited contact between these two groups.

Certain criteria would be outlined, including having "approved pastures" that would include no adjacent fence lines with domestic stock or allow no co-mingling with domestic stock.

Nearly 1 million feeder cattle are imported annually from Mexico, where cattle tuberculosis is still a problem. Many of these imported cattle are used for roping practice, competitions or rodeos, according to the TAHC.

Trade barriers also could be caused by the fever tick, also known as *Boophilus annulatus*, which is capable of carrying a protozoa, or minute parasite. When the tick feeds on cattle, it injects this protozoa into the bloodstream. The protozoa attacks red corpuscles, causing acute anemia, an enlarged spleen and liver. A fast, brutal death occurs in up to 90 percent of the affected cattle, according to the TAHC.

Cattle fever has been eliminated in the U.S., and a "fever tick" buffer zone of eight South Texas counties is located along the U.S. and Mexico border.

"We have to maintain that barrier," Logan said, especially since 18 states in Mexico have a species of fever tick that is resistant to the acaricide (pesticide) used to dip or spray cattle in the U.S.

Even though veterinary services personnel from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service continually

inspect cattle in that zone and cattle being imported from Mexico, the state's ranchers still need to be watchful for ticks on their livestock, she said.

Another disease that could cause trade barriers is brucellosis, Logan said. Brucellosis, which can cause female livestock to abort their young, is passed to other animals through contact with infected aborted fetuses or afterbirth, or to offspring through nursing. And though rare in humans, brucellosis is a potentially debilitating and chronic disease that can be transmitted by drinking unpasteurized milk or by handling infected cows.

The disease rate in Texas cattle herds has dropped from 810 infected herds 10 years ago to only three last year, Logan said. Texas and Missouri are the only two states that still have herds infected with the disease.

Chronic wasting disease has been in the headlines recently, and it is another disease ranchers need to be watchful for. It is an un-treatable, fatal, neurological (brain and nervous system) disease found in deer and elk in certain regions of the U.S., and there is no test that can be used to determine whether it has infected a live animal. Epidemiologists with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have studied CWD, however, and found no evidence that it poses a risk to humans or domestic animals.

CWD is known to infect free-ranging deer and elk in northeastern Colorado and free-ranging deer in western Colorado, southern Wyoming, western Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, New Mexico and Saskatchewan.

While there are no known cases of CWD in Texas, deer and elk have been imported into the state, and "We do have the potential of chronic wasting disease spilling over into our state," Logan said.

Another disease Texas ranchers need to be watchful for is foot-and-mouth disease.

"I think there's been a higher level of awareness (among livestock producers of foreign animal diseases) because of the foot-and-mouth outbreak in the United Kingdom and because of 9-11. People are more concerned about the accidental or intentional introduction of foreign animal diseases.

"We're certainly more concerned about it. Just because foot-and-mouth has gone away in the United Kingdom, it's still a disease of global threat to the United States because many countries have foot-and-mouth," Logan said.

Foot-and-mouth is a highly-contagious disease that causes serious, chronic illness in cloven-footed animals such as cattle, swine (feral or wild and domestic), sheep, goats, captive and wild deer, elk, bison and llamas. It also can cause high mortality in young livestock, such as pigs.

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Agriculture Commissioner Combs Visits Sonora

On a recent 35 town tour, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs made a brief stop in Sonora. Combs is busy working to get rural Texas known and is running hard for reelection because she feels that she still has a lot to do in office.

Agriculture is Texas's second largest industry, generating a total of \$80 billion annually to the state economy. Overseeing this diversified business is a large task. With her 6 foot 2 inch stature, Susan Combs feels she has what it takes to be that person in charge. She's "standing tall for Texas", consistently working for cotton delegation, fighting for water with Mexico and pushing the "Go Texan" marketing campaign. The "Go Texan" campaign promotes Texas agriculture products.

As a fourth-generation rancher, Combs knows what it is like to depend on the agriculture market to make a living and she wants to ensure that rural Texans have a voice. Combs is the first Agriculture Commissioner to have someone



in Washington to be heard for the agricultural industry.

Susan has done, and continues to do, many important things for the agricultural community.

For more information on Susan Combs you can visit her website at www.susancombs.com

Hospital Board from page 1

Butler presented the preliminary budget for 2003. He went over each department in detail, covering the increases/decreases in the expenses and revenue. A discussion was held in depth regarding the budget for 2003 and the tax rate for 2002. Dannheim made the motion for the Board to set the tax rate at the next regular meeting in September. Pool seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Butler reported that accounts receivable was down a little from last month. Collections for the month of July were good. Medicare payments have been very good and are paying promptly. Butler also reported that the work on the physician's parking lot had begun. This project will take approximately one month to get finished. He advised that the Health Fair will be October 1, 2002, and will be in the Annex of the Hospital. Butler explained that various tests that will be done include Mammography, PSA, Cholesterol, Glucose, hearing and posture screening.

Knight reported that the Hospital showed a Net income of \$6,450 for June. The expenses were under budget. Upon a motion by Faris, seconded by Dannheim, the board approved the July, 2002 expenditures and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Internet Safety from page 5

or her privileges can be revoked.

Technology also enables school librarians to view the computer screen without the student's knowledge, Akin said. If a student is found to be looking at an inappropriate site, she said, the librarian can cause the screen to go blank.

Akins said parents can ensure their child's online safety at home by:

- Becoming Internet-savvy themselves. "They need to know the process of what their child is doing," she said.

- Exploring child-safe search engines and knowing which one the child's teacher or librarian recommends.

- Knowing what the child's homework is.

- Sitting with the child at the computer on a random basis and watching what he or she does.

- Knowing the legitimate sites and steering the child there.

Theft from page 1

Family Dollar and the subjects were now inside the store. Store employees were contacted and it was asked that Officer Humphrey be allowed to enter the store through the back door. Sutton County Deputy Bob Hartman was contacted to assist Officer Humphrey by watching the vehicle in front of the store.

Officer Humphrey reported that he witnessed the suspect shoplifting small toiletry items. When the suspect left the store he was detained and approximately \$13 worth of merchandise was found on his body. Further investigation allowed for the Officer to receive permission to search the motel room and the vehicle of the suspects. More stolen items from an earlier burglary of a vehicle were found in the suspects possession, including a weapon and some stereo equipment. The suspects were arrested and other charges are now pending. Troopers Cody Cory and Earlie Williams assisted in the arrest.

Public Notices

SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Education Code, Section 44.038, It is the intention of the Sonora Independent School District to select via a Request for Proposal one step process a Construction Manager at Risk for the construction of an Elementary School Additions and Renovations, Middle School Accessibility Renovations, and High School Accessibility Renovations with a total construction budget of \$7,500,000. The selected Construction Manager is to assist the District and its Architects with cost estimating and scheduling during the design and construction documents phases, and to build the projects thereafter as a Construction Manager at Risk. Proposal Questionnaires, Criteria for Selection, Description of Services & Proposal Forms are available from:

Brant Myers, Superintendent
Sonora Independent School District

807 South Concho Avenue
Sonora, Texas 76950

Queries about the projects and request for sealed proposals should be addressed to Brant Myers, Superintendent, Sonora ISD. A proposal packet containing the Proposal Form, Proposal Questionnaire and evaluation criteria will be issued to interested parties.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at Sonora Independent School District Superintendent's Office at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2002. All proposers may attend and ask questions regarding the Request for Proposals and projects. Attendance at the meeting is not mandatory.

Three (3) copies of Proposal Form must be submitted to Brant Myers, Superintendent, Sonora ISD, 807 South Concho Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2002. Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope, sealed, and clearly marked:

Sonora ISD
School Additions and Renovations
Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for Construction Manager at Risk Services.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 p.m., September 6, 2002 in the Sonora ISD Superintendent's office. The District's administrative staff will then review the proposals and conduct interviews as deemed appropriate. An administrative recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees at a future board meeting.

Schedule
Request for Proposals Released - August 13, 2002
Receive and Publicly Open Proposals at 4:00 p.m. - September 6, 2002
Review Proposals and Conduct Interviews - September 11, 2002
Board Approval of Firm - September 12, 2002
Pre-Construction Services, Project Design, Design Development and Construction Documents - September thru December 2002

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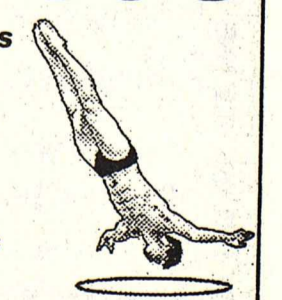
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with Madison Emerit taking first in Division 1 and Debra Valla taking second. Emily Newton won first place in Division 2.

The rodeo was cooler for many visitors this year, with the "topless" grandstands provided by last week's wind storms. The "renovations" didn't stop rodeo fans from enjoying yet another great show put on by Bad Company Rodeo and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee.

Local ropers Victor Gonzales and Sterling Price took the top honors in the Sutton County Team Roping Challenge that was held during the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night rodeo performances.

Pete Hawkins of Weatherford, TX won the Bareback Riding with 82 points, riding the Bad Co. Stud "After Midnight". Neal Daniel of Lubbock was the Saddle Bronc Riding champion, with 83 points on "Heart of Glass". In the Bull Riding, Ryan Edmonds of Princeton, TX was 84 points on "Tush" for first place. Clint Akins of Aubrey, TX was the average winner on two calves, in the Calf Roping, with Sonora's Keith Hudson finishing second. Palmer, TX cowboy, Biggz Harper won the Steer Wrestling average with a time of 9.4 on two. The team of Chuck Speck and Boogie Ray won the average on the Team Roping, with a combined time of 11.6 on two steers.

Kay Blandford of Sutherland Spgs., TX won the Barrel Racing with a time of

17.40 and Karen Smith of San Saba and Tami Noble of Marble Falls tied to win the PWRA Breakaway Calf Roping with the quick time of 3.0.

The Steer Roping championship went to Jason Evans of Hunstville, Texas who roped three steers for a combined time of 32.1

The crowd was the big winner, with 4 nights of the best rodeo cowboys and cowgirls going down the road. This year saw a new addition to the rodeo, with Ms. Amanda Payne and her fantastic horsemanship. Payne had her horse and 4 wild mustangs making moves on top of a moving horse trailer, all while cracking a whip in one hand. The Texas Bucking Bull of the Year "Smokeless HammerTime" did his thing and continued his "no riders" streak by throwing off some unlucky riders, for a total of 53 straight times with no points scored.

The All-Around Cowboy this year was Clyde Himes, who won a total of \$2426.22 in the Calf Roping and the Steer Wrestling. A special award was presented to ex-bullfighter Michael "Smurf" Horton, who has retired this year. The Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee wanted to honor Smurf for his years of service and entertainment in Sonora and all of Texas.

Another year of memories and fun is behind us know, but preparations for next year are already underway.

Commissioners from page 1

down the remaining poles if he could have them. Since no one has taken responsibility for the poles, the commissioners agreed to let him have them. Wallace finished his report by stating that Warren Wallace, Justin Northcott and Mark Holman had finished painting the bathrooms at the county park.

Judge Garner reported on the grandstands, stating that they have served their life span and then some. She advised that temporary repairs be made until after Sutton County Days, at which time the commissioners and the Sutton County Days Committee can sit down and decide what to do. She stated that there was going to have to be some money spent that is not budgeted, but that these grandstands are very important for this large event and their repairs are something that has to be done. She advised that they will be researching some alternate funding for the stands. Garner also reported that Harrison Roofing had looked at the roof on the Civic Center and assessed that the leaks were being caused by problems with the downspouts that go through the rock on the side of the building. New and additional downspouts will have to be built over the rock, for a cost of about \$1200 to \$1500. The top of the roof is also reported to have rusted pin holes causing leaks. This problem is believed to be caused by a flaw in the coating process. Glen Fisher is contacting the builders, who is talking to the roofers, and all involved believe that the repairs will be

done by the roofers.

Garner continued her report by informing the court that negotiations are still being done on the TRAX van agreement. She reported that it is all very frustrating because she can't get exact answers on costs involved. Garner said that she would continue to look into this matter. Garner then told of Air Conditioning problems in the courthouse, the jail and the library. She informed the Court that these units are aging and upkeep will be increasing and that they need to be repaired.

A request by Bob Caruthers to waive road subdivision regulation on 30 acres he has on Bloodworth road was approved.

County Vehicle Tax Assessor, Deedie McIntire requested that electronic payment be initiated in the Vehicle Tax Assessor's office. She explained the process of such, and reported that it might help to get back and retain some large accounts that have payments made from outside the county. A motion was made by John Wade, seconded by Belia Castaneda to allow for online payments.

A discussion was then held regarding possible tax options. Garner reported that values had remained near the same. This will allow for taxes to stay at a minimal increase. Garner provided Last Year's Tax Rates that showed Sutton County to be on the lower end of the scale for surrounding counties. A motion was made to consider raising the affective tax rate to .349 per \$100. Motion was approved.

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- August 26 - Justin McGeath, Kate Kinder, Fran Pennington, Debra Hobbs, Kara Hard, Cassi Cole
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