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City Council Has Brief Monthly Meeting

by Storie Sharp

The June 17th meeting of the Sonora City Council didn't meet for long in regular session before adjourning to executive session.

Virgil Polocek and James Blackman were the only council members present, with Gloria Lopez and Vivian Miers unable to attend. Mayor James Stephen called the meeting to order and asked Reverend Lewis Allen to lead the opening prayer.

Minutes from the regular meeting on May 20th, the special meeting on May 27th and the Sutton County Appraisal District monthly tax collection report were all approved.

Planning and zoning case

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Hale Elected President/CEO of First National Bank

The Directors of First National Bank of Sonora announced the election of Michael V. Hale as President and CEO of the bank. He previously served as Senior Vice President of the bank.

Mr. Hale, a West Texas native, has 27 years of community banking experience. He joined First National Bank of Sonora in 1976. Mr. Hale is a 1973 graduate of Angelo State University and Southern Methodist University/Southwest Graduate School of Banking in 1982. He is active in the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Lions Club, First United Methodist Church and President of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

First National Bank of Sonora, chartered in 1900 is a community bank with offices in Sonora and San Angelo, Texas. First National Bank of Sonora has 44 employees, 3 full-



Michael V. Hale

service offices with total assets of \$116 million. The bank focuses on providing deposit, loan and investment services to individuals, families and businesses throughout Sonora and the Concho Valley.

Sonora Steer Wrestlers Tie For Second At State, Headed For Nationals

Sonora was represented well at the Texas High School State Finals held last week in Abilene, Texas.

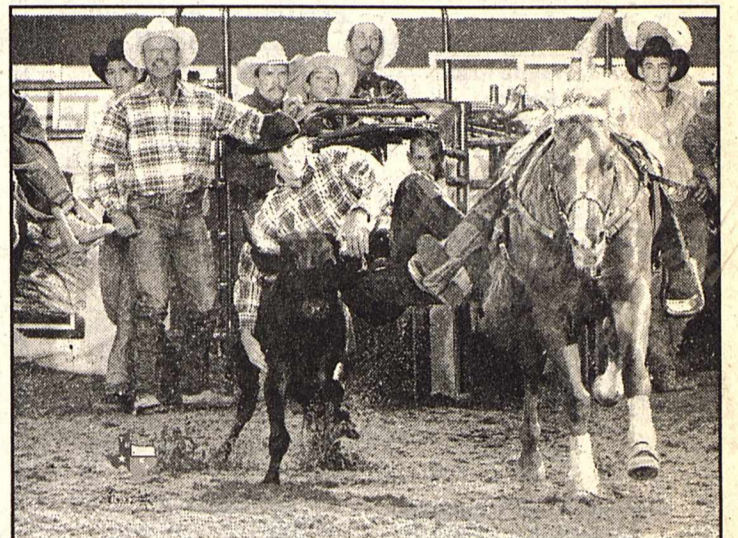
Koda Armke had two good runs in the goat tying, but it just wasn't enough to make it to the short-go.

Steven Duhon had a 10.78 on his first steer in the Steer Wrestling competition. On his second steer he placed 3rd with a 4.5. In the short-go he threw his steer in 4.7 to place 2nd, this put him 3rd in the average.

Laramie Hall placed 1st in the 1st go, with a 4.05. He was 6th in the 2nd go with a 4.90 but had bad luck in the short-go and missed his steer. Laramie ended the finals 6th in the average.

Laramie and Steven tied for 2nd in the State in the Steer Wrestling, with 39^{1/2} points. This earns them both a trip to the National High School Finals in Farmington, NM from July 21st - 27th. Featuring over 1,500 contestants from 39 states, five Canadian Provinces and Australia, the National High School Finals is the world's largest rodeo. In addition to competing for over \$125,000 in prizes, NHSFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$150,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National High School Rodeo Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top twenty after two go-round of competition before advancing on to Sunday's final championship performance. This year, the Sunday championship performance will be televised nationally on 20X Rodeo High, a part of the Outdoor Channel's weekly "Rodeo Round-Up" series. It is scheduled to air September 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Eastern, September 24th at 8:00 p.m. Eastern, September 27th and September 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Laramie Hall also brought home several other honors from the



Laramie Hall, above, had the fastest time in the Steer Wrestling at the Texas State High School Rodeo Finals. Steven Duhon, below, stayed strong at State and tied for 2nd with Hall. Photos by David Jennings

Minor League All-Stars Winning Big In Summer Tournaments



The Sonora City League Minor League All-Stars are on a winning streak. A championship win at the Eldorado Tournament last weekend secured an undefeated season for the team, who also won the Big Lake Tournament the first weekend in June. The All-Stars are coached by Marty Parks, Keith Hudson and J.J. Jimenez. The 2003 All-Star team consists of: 1. Davis Virgen, 2. Gunter Pennington, 3. Blake Esparza, 4. Word Hudson, 5. Clayton Parks, 6. John Lopez, 7. Darien Lopez, 8. Nolan Kinder, 9. Aaron Hinsley, 10. Jared Hinsley, 11. Cadesman Pope, 12. Garrett Smith, 13. Nathan Villa, and 14. Jesse Vaquera.

The boys next game is against Ozona on Wednesday, June 18th.

June Is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

June has been dubbed "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" by the American Cancer Society.

What Is Prostate Cancer? The prostate, found only in men, is a walnut-sized gland located in front of the rectum, at the outlet of the bladder (underneath the bladder). It contains gland cells that produce some of the seminal fluid, which protects and nourishes sperm cells in semen. Just behind the prostate gland are the seminal vesicles that produce most of the fluid for semen. The prostate surrounds the first part of the urethra, the tube that carries urine and semen through the penis.

Male hormones stimulate the prostate gland to develop in the fetus. The prostate continues to grow as a man reaches adulthood and is maintained after it reaches normal size as long as male hormones are produced. If male hormones are removed, the prostate gland will not fully develop or will shrink.

In 2003, an estimated 220,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. An estimated 28,900 men will die from prostate cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death in men, this year.

Most prostate cancers grow

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Chamber of Commerce Plans Move To New Location

The new location and Sutton County Days are the hot topics for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce this month. The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Sutton County Steakhouse on June 12, with Lisa Seaton presiding in the absence of Board President, Keith Butler.

Ruthie Bounds, Chamber Manager, reported for the membership committee, that B&H Catering joined as a new member.

Ann Kay, manager of the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street program reported that a benefit lunch was being held for Vivian Miers at the Sutton County Civic Center on June 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to help with medical costs for Vivian.

Industrial Development Board manager Justin McGeath reported that they had recently funded two expansion projects for local businesses and were working with three prospects that look promising. Justin then informed the Board that this would be his last Chamber meeting because he had resigned from his position and was taking the Chamber Executive position in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The board congratulated Justin on the new job, but assured him that he would be missed in Sonora.

A Sutton County Days Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, June 18th at the Chamber of Commerce office. Bounds reported that First National Bank had agreed to coordinate the parade again this year. Victoria Richardson has updated the banners that will be hung over the road, announcing Sutton County Days. The tents have been ordered that

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U. M. Army Marches Into Town



by Storie Sharp

An army of "soldiers" marched into Sonora on Sunday, June 8th, bearing hammers, nails, paint brushes and other tools of carpentry. The United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth brought 62 people, the majority of which are high school age, to Sonora to provide Christ centered, quality home repairs for those unable to help themselves. The youth groups came from High Park United Methodist Church in Austin, Wimberly, Port Lavaca, Columbus and Dripping Springs.

U.M. ARMY® began in 1979 when 36 youth and adults from Houston area churches decided that rather than go to Appalachia for a mission project, they would save the travel money and spend it working on needs near home. The next year they were joined by others and the program was incorporated U.M. ARMY®. It is a non-profit organi-

zation separate from the church and run by its own Board of Directors. People of all denominations and beliefs participate in and are served by U.M. ARMY®.

Each work camp involves about 100-140 volunteers (two adults per five youth) who each pay \$150 to attend.

Although the Department of Human Services provides most work referrals, they often receive work referrals from United Way, Senior Citizens, Visiting Nurses, Meals on Wheels and various community service organizations.

Participants sleep in a local host church, help prepare their own meals, and clean the facility daily. Each day, teams of five youth and one adult work in the community from 8 AM - 5 PM, shower at a nearby school, have an evening program, and then reflect on the day's work and what it meant. Emphasis is placed on visiting with those

being helped, who often feel lonely and neglected.

Sonora's camp was one of the smaller missions held this year, said Jerry Monahans, Camp Director. The group assisted in many repairs around town, including repairing a roof, painting a room on Glasscock, building a set of stairs on Ben Juarez, installing steps with a handrail, building a wheelchair ramp and much more.

Monahans has been involved with U.M. ARMY® for over eight years, and he is only 21. He said that U.M. has been a positive influence in his life and he remains passionate because he enjoys seeing the other participants grow spiritually.

While in Sonora the group visited the Caverns of Sonora and were treated to a hamburger dinner at the Senior Center. They also made many new friends who will not soon forget their kindness and generosity.

Health Foundation Makes Plans For Fund Raisers

The Sutton County Health Foundation met on June 10, 2003. President Jim Stephen called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Susan Bloodworth, Alvis Johnson, Sharon Holman, Pascal Allison, Lola Beth Jones, Randee Fawcett and Ben Pool.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed.

Sharon Holman reported that the current bank balance at First

National Bank is \$6,109.08. Income from memorials for the month was \$475.00. Expense for the month was \$291.96 for presentation boards. Raymond James stockbroker account has a balance of \$9,495.00 from the sale of the stock donated by a board member.

Plans for a party to introduce the foundation to the community were discussed.

Sharon Holman discussed the

possibility of a booth at Sutton County Days. The general consensus of those in attendance was to not have a booth at Sutton County Days, but to concentrate on stand alone activities such as a golf tournament for community awareness and fundraising. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

An Exceptional Year At Girl's Hunter Safety Camp

by Rodney Knight

The Girl's Hunter Safety Camp, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the McPherson 4M Ranch, was held June 9 - 12, 2003. Sixteen girls attended the camp: Jetton Fontenot, Taylor Little, Nicole Looka, Kenna McCrea, Brittany Chandler and Jessica Saenz from San Angelo; Steely Ingham and Kalya Webb from Sonora; Ashley Lozano, Alicia Corrales and Macy Chatham from Eldorado; Kristen Kothmann and Alicia Robbins from Junction; Maeghan Eckert and Dein Saur from Comfort and Paige Carter from Boerne.

In the past I have bragged on how good certain groups of girls have been. These sixteen girls were unbelievably good. They were very enthusiastic about everything, except having to watch another survival movie. They were as sweet as they could be, and by Friday morning, after I got home, I missed them already.

Each year the instructors pick a girl as the "Outstanding Camper of the Camp" and is presented with a pocketknife. This year the instructors each gave me a name and there were eight different names. So, I put the names in a hat and drew one out. I should have had 16 knives for this bunch of great girls. The pocketknife for "Outstanding Camper" was awarded to Alicia Robbins of Junction.

The girls learned gun safety and handling while shooting rifles, shotguns and pistols. They were instructed by Game Wardens J.D. Gould, Marco Alvizo, Don Jackson and Michael Jamarillo; Supervisors were Mack Caudle and Scott Davis and retired Game Warden Rodney Knight.

Brent Gesch, Sonora City Manager, presented a program of the history of handguns and their safe handling. Then the girls were allowed to try their skill at braking balloons with a .45 automatic.

Retired Game Warden Gary Dick and local rancher, Marvin Shurley, taught the girls the proper

techniques and safety of archery. Gary shoots with Mathews Bows and is one of the top archers in Texas.

Jim Stephen, Mayor of Sonora, and Preston Love presented a program on the history and proper handling of Muzzleloaders. They let the girls actually fire different rifles; this really impressed the girls.

Mary Humphrey, TPWD, Game Biologist, instructed the girls in wildlife identification, game management and hunting ethics.

I want to thank the McPherson brothers, Sandy and Doug, for furnishing one of the most beautiful ranches in Texas. When the parents bring their kids to the camp, they can't believe the beauty found at this ranch. Maria, the "General" did a super job. She and I are getting this cooking thing down to an art.

Jennifer Carr stayed with the girls the first night, and helped me teach the first aid section. Jennifer is a Physician's Assistant in Junction. The rest of the time, local rancher, Maggie Davis, not only stayed with the girls, but also took the course right along with them. We dubbed Maggie the "Drill Sergeant", but according to the girls, nobody can make a snack out of cold biscuits and jelly like Maggie can. A special thanks to

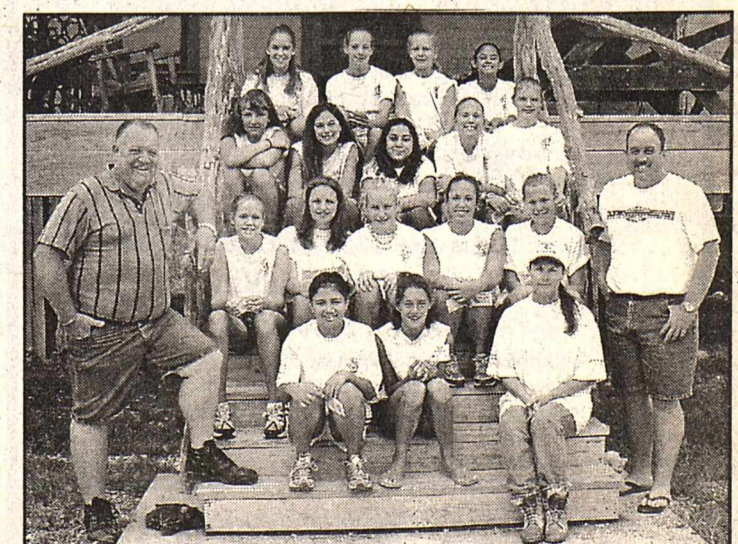
both of these ladies.

One other thing about Maggie Davis, seems she was having a little trouble hitting the skeet with the shotgun. Finally, she got one and I made one of my usual brilliant remarks about her shooting. I never knew a woman that little could hit so hard!

I would like to thank my fellow Game Wardens, Instructors, Laborer Diagnostics of Lafayette, L.A. Rafter W Feed, The U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Dean Dermody and Pete Flores, TPWD Regional Commander, who came down and spent the day with us. I helped train him eighteen years ago, and now he's a "Commander".

All sixteen girls and Maggie received their Hunter Safety Certification. There were six 100's made on the written test.

While we were waiting for the parents to come on Thursday, some of the girls told Scott Davis and myself to come to the dining hall; they were going to put on a play. We both laughed until we had tears in our eyes and that's when I realized "the best medicine in the world is sixteen good girls!"



2003 Girls Hunter Safety Camp at the McPherson 4M Ranch



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504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
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304 N. Water
387-3190

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

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404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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

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387-5713

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

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387-3241

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387-6072

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
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509 Amistad
650-3121

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387-2616

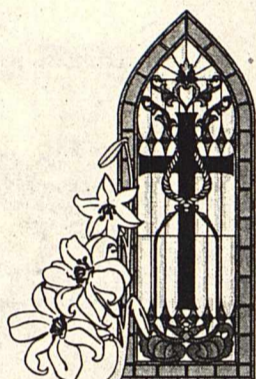
LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
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PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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Father William DuBuisson,
O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Mike Dixon
1306 Savell St.
387-5215



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Dining Out Directory

B & H Catering
207 W. Chestnut
387-2528

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering
109 W. Main
387-0623

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
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Obituaries

Willie Zuniga

Our brother, uncle and friend Willie Zuniga went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 15, 2003. His best friend and love Cindy Clanton joins him in his journey.

Willie was born on May 14, 1952 in Borger, Texas. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1970 and went on to complete his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education at Angelo State University. He then committed his life to educating children. Beginning his career as a coach, Willie soon focused his energy on teaching the children of San Angelo art. He believed "that art can really save a lot of kids who would drop out of school otherwise," and that each student had some form of creative ability.

Willie was intrigued with the role the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts plays in public art education and its affiliation with the San Angelo ISD. In 1994, he volunteered his time and talents to the remodeling efforts of the space at the Cactus Hotel, which became home to the Children's Art Museum. He was involved in SAMFA'S ARTIZ and Envision programs, which were designed for gifted junior high and senior high school students. He worked for San Angelo ISD for twenty years and leaves behind many special friendships.

He gave himself in many ways. He served on the Boards of Concho Resource Center, which helps the handicapped, and the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council. He was a sports enthusiast and an avid Harley Davidson biker. Willie built his first motor-

cycle himself in his apartment while in college. He spent his summers touring the United States on his bike and made many lasting friendships.

Services for Willie Zuniga and Cindy Clanton will be Thursday, June 19, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. A rosary will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home. His father and mother, William and Marcella Zuniga, preceded Willie in death. Pallbearers will be Randy Barbee, Hector Cantu, Sebastin Guerrero, Monte Floyd, Corky Smith and Ed Wagner.

Survivors include three brothers, Leroy Zuniga and wife Amy of Grape Creek, Bobby and wife Tina of Sonora, Alfred Garza and wife Janie of Lubbock. His sister, Mary Jane Foelker and husband George A. Foelker of San Angelo also survive him. Willie leaves behind six nephews, Justin Zuniga of Sonora, Colten and Cody Zuniga of Grape Creek, Leroy Zuniga, Jr. of Princeton, Alfred Garza, Jr. and Michael Martinez of San Angelo; four nieces, Stephanie Martinez of San Angelo, Maci Zuniga of Sonora, Ashlee Wilson of Paradise and Brenda Garza; and by two great-nieces Erin Martinez of San Angelo and Cheyenne Zuniga of Princeton. Willie also leaves behind many aunts and uncles who loved him very much and a wonderful group of friends from the Lone Wolf Pub and his "biker buddies."

Goodbye brother, uncle and friend, we will miss you very much.

George Hoffman

George Hoffman, 27 year resident of Sonora, passed away at 1:15 a.m., June 4, 2003. George had been fighting cancer for the past 2 years. George will be remembered as a dedicated Christian, son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, hunter, fisherman, and author.

George was born May 14, 1935 in Center, Missouri to George L., Sr. and Bessie Hoffman. George is preceded in death by his father George Sr. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Margaret Webb Hoffman who resides in Sonora; two daughters, Deborah Dennis of Mansfield, Texas, and Cynthia Caldwell also of Sonora. He leaves behind his only granddaughter, Georgina Marie Maritz, who was the apple of her grandfather's eye and his favorite bass fishing buddy.

George is also survived by his mother Bessie Hoffman of Center, Missouri; one sister, Susie Couch of Center, Missouri; brother David Hoffman of Hiawatha, Kansas; mother-in-law Gertrude Webb who made her home with George and Mary for the past 30 years; 2 son-in-laws Samuel Caldwell and Charles Dennis;



plus many nieces and nephews.

George had a multitude of friends, especially his hunting and fishing buddies who were devoted to calling and checking on him during his illness. They will never know the contribution they made in helping him get through the long and difficult days of illness. Their friendships are a treasure.

George was laid to rest Sunday, June 8, in Center, Missouri, his place of birth and family home.

Memorials may be made to: Samaritans Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC, 28607; www.samaritanspurse.org

Card of Thanks

Memorial service was held on Monday afternoon for Earl Gene Hokit at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Good friend and pastor, the Reverend Lewis Allen officiated the service. Prior to the service, lunch was graciously served by the congregation for the immediate family and friends.

Survivors, his wife, Helen Hokit of Sonora, three sisters, Frena Snyder of Tusahoma, OK, Beta Joe Roberts of Okema, OK, Betty Baker of Irving Texas. Sister-in-law Carolyn Hokit of Buffalo Valley, OK, adopted daughter Donna Harrison of El Paso, and godchild Tori Valliant of Sonora all attended the service. Also attending were: sister of the wife Mary Roberts, Weatherford, TX, step children, Caroline & Ray Vogt, Houston, Glynn Wood, Jacksonville, FL, Linda & Donald Johnson, San Diego, CA, Charles Harrison, El Paso, TX, step Grandson Michael Stewart, Atlanta, GA, Great Aunt Doris Wood, Talpa, TX, Long time friends of the family Tommy, Brenda, Trapper and Travis Valliant.

Our special thank you to all the people of Sonora and friends that traveled so far to share these moments with us.

Hughes Makes Dean's List At Sam Houston

Breg Allan Hughes, son of Brad and Chandra Hughes, has been named to the Dean's list at Sam Houston. This consists of full-time students having grade point averages of 3.5 and above.

Senior Center Celebrates Father's Day

The Sutton County/Sonora Senior Center celebrated Father's Day by honoring all the "Senior" fathers with a cap, candy and kisses (chocolate ones!).

Fathers that took part in the celebration were Jimmy Harris, Beto Duran, Claudio Flores, Arturo Trevino, Tive Chavez, Vernon Humphrey, Nig Wall, David Flores, Luis Vallejo, Clay Cade, Pat Jungk, Jose Sentena, Phillip Cooper, Sam Perez and Jaime Flores from San Antonio.

Happy Father's Day to all these fathers from everyone at the Senior Center.

Sonora Students Among Texas Tech Dean's List and Graduates

Spring commencement at Texas Tech University saw more than 1,900 students awarded degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 17 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

About 5,000 Texas Tech University students made either the President's List or the Dean's List for the Spring 2003 semester. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively. Cindy Leigh Jones, daughter of Johnny and Cathy Jones, a junior in Civil Engineering, was named to the Dean's List. Jason Phillip Jacoby, son of Scott and Diane Jacoby, received a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness.

Senior Center News

June 25 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.

June 27 - Birthday Party for June Babies! Noon.

Senior Menu

June 23 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, baked French fries, carrot salad, apple, milk.

June 24 - Pork chops with gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple, waldorf salad, milk.

June 25 - Chicken & rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake, milk.

June 26 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, baked potato, green beans, wheat roll, juice, lime rice swirl.

June 27 - Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad, milk.

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.

Community

June 17-19
Annual Sonora Wool & Mohair Show
Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest
at the 4-H Civic Center &
Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. Warehouse

The Community Calendar



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June 19
Special School Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. • Administration Bldg.
June 23
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on Don Erasmo Villareal?

A. Don Erasmo Villareal was married to Manuela Villareal and they had a store, cantina, water tank, and a few other business ventures in Santa Rosa de Sonora. The Villareal's lived about where Arturo Sanchez now lives. Don Erasmo was known for all the fresh goods he grew on the extensive property he owned surrounding his home. He owned all the way to the draw and had all his property under irrigation. He grew grapes, from which he made a delicious wine, when the neighborhood children left him some to make wine with. He grew sugar cane, which many children remember buying at his store. Sucking the raw sugar out of the canes was a real treat for children, and some adults, back in the old days. He even processed some of the cane himself and sold the sugar. He grew wheat, which he ground himself into a rough flour. He also grew corn, melons, pumpkins and many different vegetables.

The 1920 census of Sonora states that Erasmo Villareal was 58 years old, born in Mexico and was a merchant who had a dry goods store. It lists his wife as Manuela and states they were both born in Mexico. This would mean he was born in 1862 and she was born in 1874. In the 1930 census Manuela is listed as 60 years old, which would make her born in 1870. Cemetery Records show Erasmo Villareal and Manuela Villareal are buried in block E-2. It lists their dates of birth and death as: Erasmo 1855-1923 and Manuela 1873-1945. We did find that in the 1930 census the widowed Manuela is head of household, with "adopted son," Amador Castillo age 25 and his wife Severa and lists a "grandson" Amador.

In our conversation with Severa Castillo, she told us that Amador Castillo was the son of Victor Castillo and Florencia Rodrigues. They were related to Manuela but she was not Amador's mother it was an honorary title. Amador and Severa helped care for the elderly woman and he ran the store after Manuela's husband died. Severa is the one that told us about all the gardens Don Erasmo Villareal had and that his store and cantina were located in Santa Rosa de Sonora "before any other store was built in Sonora." She explained further that, "many Anglos purchased their supplies from Don Erasmo in the early days, before Sonora had another store." If this is

true, his store predated Callahans store on Main St.

Severa Castillo was born a Garza in San Antonio. About 1917 her family moved from San Antonio to Sonora so they could buy a home and not have to pay rent. Severa remembers they came in a wagon, pulled by two horses and camped along the way. Meals were cooked on a campfire and they tasted so good after a long day on the trail. They obtained water from wells along the way and would heat it on the fire and wash off the road dust each evening. Meat was bought at stores and kept packed in tins on ice so it didn't spoil. Her father cooked bread over the campfire, enough for three days at a time, and they would munch on it during the day and have their big meal when they stopped for the night. She remembers stopping at Junction and filling their tins with water there. She also told us that the family was very happy when they arrived at their new home in the Sinaloa section of Sonora. It was good to be living near relatives again and in their own home.

Severa could remember when many of the people became very ill with an influenza (Swine Flu) and a lot of them died. The town was under quarantine at the time. She also remembered that the first school she attended was a very old building assigned to the Mexican students from first to seventh grade. The children had to carry water from a well, several blocks away, to the classroom. Two were sent out with a bucket and a pole to share the weight of the heavy load. Water was poured from the bucket into glasses the children had to bring from home. Some were too poor to have glasses and she remembers seeing the labels from tomato cans on the tins that these children drank from. Finally a well was put on the school property so that the children didn't have to haul water for several blocks. As time went by the school became very crowded and she and Adolph Flores were told they couldn't go beyond the sixth grade because the teacher had to have room for the new students coming in. Severa's father insisted the children be allowed to stay through seventh grade and spearheaded a petition to have a larger school built in the Mexican section of town. He went house to house getting the petition signed and took it to L. W. Elliott. Mr. Elliott saw that the school needed to be replaced and spearheaded a drive to get a new school built in the Mexican section of town. The school was finally built and named the L. W. Elliott school in his honor.



John Mittel (1/7/1894-3/21/1920) and Henry Mittel - 7/10/1896-1955 - WWI, sons of William and Christina Mittel

When Severa married she and her husband moved from Sinaloa section to the Santa Rosa section of Sonora. Amador and Severa had the following children: Amador Jr., Yolanda, Leroy and Samuel. The family attended the Primera Baptist Church. Amador and Severa insisted all their children complete school and then sent them off to college. Amador Sr. and Leroy have passed on but Severa still owns a home in Sonora and she and the other children and her grandchildren visit here regularly.

Severa told stories of all the people getting together to build Liberty Plaza during WWII. She said that her brothers-in-law, Gilbert and Raul, ran a gas station in Sinaloa for many years. They also had a trucking business. Another brother-in-law, Victor Jr., opened a Mexican bar in San Angelo. Severa told how she cleaned houses and her sister Ysaura Sanchez did fine sewing to help raise extra money to educate their children. They had survived the Swine Flu epidemic, the depres-

sion in the 1930's, the drought in the 1950's. Her life story is fascinating, she brings history to life when she tells it. We enjoyed our visit with her and her family.

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 give us a call at the office at 387-5084 on Monday 8-4, Tuesday mornings or Fridays 8-4. To book the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Santa Fe Depot) give me a call at the same number on the same days. If you would like to tour the Miers Home Museum, or Depot when it isn't rented, just stop in the office when we are open and one of our volunteers will be glad to take you through the buildings. The Sutton County Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Sutton County. We have extensive archives for on site use by anyone researching our area.

Eastern Star Donates Money



Front row: Virgil Polocek, Frank Wamble, Charlotte Wilson, and Candy Nelson. Back row: Beverly Valliant, Jackie Polocek, Darla McKissack, Geneva Wade, Carol Ann Hardee and Brenda Valliant.

submitted

The Sonora-Eldorado Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star has donated \$2615.24 to the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge toward the installation of a personnel lift. The lift will be used by members to gain access to the Lodge/Chapter floor, located on the second story of the Masonic Lodge building here in Sonora. These monies became available through the efforts of Sonora Eastern Star members who purchased three E-bonds back in 1960. The bonds were placed in the safety deposit box rented by the Masonic Lodge at First National Bank, where they resided undisturbed for over forty years.

During his term as Worshipful Master of Dee Ora Lodge, Frank Wamble, opened the safety deposit box to inventory its contents. Much to the surprise of the current Eastern Star members, the long forgotten E-bonds were discovered. In the months that followed, numerous discussions have taken place about the best use of these funds. Recently, a longtime member of

Sonora Chapter OES came by to visit, but was unable to attend the scheduled meeting, because his health has deteriorated to the degree that he can no longer climb the stairs to the chapter room. Heartbroken by his plight, the OES members unanimously committed the E-bond monies along with a small saving account they had previously designated as the "elevator fund" to the Dee Ora Lodge efforts of installing a lift. We feel that the generation of members, who invested these monies in E-bonds back in 1960, should reap the benefits of their labors. Those members are forty-three years older now and many have been unable to attend during the latter years of their lives because they just couldn't climb the stairs. It is our hope that this "seed money" will encourage others to recognize the need and assist the Dee Ora Lodge in their efforts to install a lift so that the members who built these two charitable organizations will be able to continue to actively participate in their ongoing business.

Happy Birthday

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June 24 - Koda Armke, Jason Vitela, Jr., Donny Yocham, Hunter Hughes, Mikey Sanchez, Elle Newton

Tom Green County CAC Looking For Directors In Sonora Area

The Tom Green County Community Action Council (CAC) currently has several vacancies in its Board of Directors. The three sectors of the Board are the Target Area (area made up of mainly low-income families); Public Officials (elected representatives of the community), and Private Organizations (private sector of the community). We are in the process of recruiting qualified individuals for these vacancies. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact our office at (325) 653-2411.

The CAC serves 13 counties in the Concho Valley Area. There are two Neighborhood Centers providing services to low-income individuals and Janet Appleton is the Director. The one in San Angelo is located at 1100 Martin Luther King Drive and one in Eden at 319 Blanchard. Mrs. Appleton and her staff travel to the surrounding counties to provide services. The following services are provided by our agency: weatherization, food bank, utility assistance, etc.

The 2003 budget for the CAC is approximately \$789,637.00. The duties of a member serving on the Board of Directors include oversight and approval of the programs and budgets, signing of checks and representing their sector. Meetings are held every 10 weeks, are usually at noon and last approximately one hour.

Two Sonora Grads Receive Carr Academic Scholarship

Angelo State University has awarded Carr Academic Scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year to 248 outstanding high school graduates who will be enrolling at ASU this fall.

The scholarships range in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000.

During the current academic year more than 1,000 students from throughout Texas, the U. S. and several foreign countries are attending ASU on Carr Academic Scholarships.

To qualify, entering freshmen must, as a general rule, rank in the top 15 percent of their class

and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT I or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

The scholarship program at Angelo State is supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo. Award recipients for 2003-2004 from Sonora are Kesha L. Frasier, daughter of Benny Frasier and Karen Kearney-Frasier and Shannon M. Vick, daughter of Pam and Todd Munn and James and Tonya Vick.

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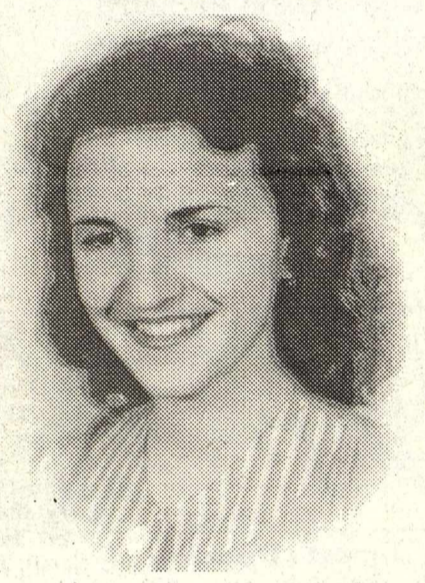
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In our "Chamber Chatter" column this week, we are featuring Tedford Jewelry/ Tedford's RadioShack. We also have a little bit of information about our upcoming Sutton County Days in August and a reminder about an event to benefit one of Sonora's finest.

Tedford Jewelry has been a part of the life of downtown Sonora for three quarters of a century. Founded in 1929 by George Barrow, it moved to its present location at 107 Northwest Concho in 1939.

Dell & John Tedford purchased the store in 1975. They celebrated its 50th anniversary with a complete renovation addition, more than doubling the size of the store, and changed its name to Tedford Jewelry. This expansion was an outgrowth of their determination to provide Sonora with a full-line jewelry and gift store comparable to those in Dallas and other large cities. They offer fine diamond jewelry as well as sterling and other casual jewelry; china and Waterford crystal for formal occasions, along with a wide range of dinnerware and accessories for casual living. In all areas—jewelry, dinnerware, watches, and gifts – the Tedfords goal is to provide the finest quality products in every price range.

And now, to observe the 75th anniversary of the store, Tedford Jewelry has again expanded, opening a RadioShack dealership in an adjoining historically renovated building. A priority was to preserve the original front door, window and ceiling from the old barber shop, which closed in the mid-1950's, leaving intact a Sonora Chamber of Commerce window decal dating from the days when Buzzy Stokes was chamber manager. Tedford

Jewelry's RadioShack features the company's best-selling items. Anything else offered by RadioShack nationally is readily available and at the same price. The store offers Cingular cell phones, RCA & Panasonic TVs and other electronics, Pioneer vehicle sound systems, and will soon offer XM satellite radio and Dish satellite TV.

We will be looking for volunteers and sponsors to help with Sutton County Days. Please understand that when you are contacted to become a volunteer or a sponsor, that we are each just doing our job to promote one of, if not the largest, events in Sonora. Many businesses in Sonora depend very heavily on the increased number of people that are in town the week of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days. If you think your business, or you as an individual, do not benefit from this event, you might want to reconsider. Virtually everyone in our community benefits in some way, either directly or indirectly, by having so many out-of-town people spend money in Sonora. We hope that you will listen to us with an open mind when we contact you for your sponsorship or your assistance. We are looking forward to a wonderful Sutton County Days this year and we want you to be a part of it.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone about the Barbeque Plate Benefit at the Sutton County Civic Center, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Wednesday, June 25, 2003 to help Vivian Miears with medical expenses. We hope to see you there!

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Treasures and Tidbits from Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

What bird is making that unusual call after the sun goes down? Have you been outside at night and heard the melodious call of the Chuck-will's-widow? Several people have asked and thanks to Mary Humphrey's phone line identification, the answer is certain. The Chuck-will's-widow, named for the sound of its call, is a nocturnal bird very similar to a Whip-poor-will. The Chuck-will's-widow belongs to a unique family of birds referred to as nightjars or goatsuckers. Apparently, farmers in Europe once thought that these birds would latch onto a goat's teat and drain the milk during the night. Picture that a moment. What a bizarre legend, but I guess here in Sonora we know there is always something after the goats! Actually, I'm thrilled to report, Chuck-will's-widows dine on insects – especially mosquitoes (and occasionally small birds). They are ground dwellers and are practically invisible with their "cryptic" coloration of browns, golds and buff. Perfectly still and camouflaged against the dry leaves of their habitat, few people will ever see one. Chuck-will's-widows are about a foot long, have short beaks, wide mouths and whiskers. Scientists are unsure of the function of the whiskers, but believe they assist in funneling insects into the open mouth of the bird during flight. It is also speculated that the whiskers may serve in an echo-location capacity similar to that of bats. One writer referred to this bird as a "feathered boom box" while another found their repetitive call annoying. Personally, I find the song interesting and pleasant and will overlook the monotony, knowing the bird is a "mosquito jar" and hoping its belly is full.

Moving to another type of echo location, there is a new game in town. It is a high-tech, worldwide treasure hunt called "Geocaching" and you can join in the fun right here on Eaton Hill. All you need is a GPS unit and access to the internet. Global positioning systems allow you to pinpoint your location within 6-20 feet, anywhere on the planet. "Caches" are hidden all over the world by participants and the location is posted on the internet site: geocaching.com, using longitude and latitude. A cache is a container which can hold a variety of treasures from books to computer software to trinkets and jokes. The idea is to locate a cache using a GPS unit, log your discovery in the log provided and on the internet site, take a treasure and leave a treasure. There are numerous variations of the game including "hitchhikers" which are objects that travel around the world from cache to cache. According to the website, there are currently 56,855 active caches in 176 different countries including one on Eaton Hill! GPS units range in price from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. To learn more or get started in the game, visit the website where there is comprehensive information available.

Eaton Hill is enjoying a second spring. Recent rains have sparked a resurgence of wildflower blooms and once again daisies, blue curls and Indian blankets line the trails. A variety of butterflies can be seen fluttering about. I recently spotted a small, brilliant blue butterfly and an unusual looking spotted moth with orange leg buffers. You just never know what natural wonder will reveal itself on the hill. There also seems to be a lot of nest building going on. Perhaps it is a rebuilding effort following the high winds of recent storms. Birds can be seen flying about with various materials streaming from their beaks. Keep an eye out for the brightly colored orioles in electric yellow and black or orange and black. These vibrant birds dine on fruit and nectar and will often visit a hummingbird feeder. Other species are feeding their hatchlings and young birds are leaving the nest to brave the world on their own. Unseasonably cooler temperatures make for pleasant hiking, so visit the ever changing Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary today. Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

F.Y.I.

A trust fund has been established for Vivian Miears at the First National Bank to assist with medical expenses.

A workday has been scheduled at the old WTU Icehouse for June 21st at 8:00 a.m. A rain-out date will be June 28th.

Attention All Ranchers! The Sutton County Historical Society needs you and your branding irons. There will be a branding party on Saturday, July 26, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. until afternoon. There will be branding in the Amphitheater at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (the depot). Come put your brand on a future part of history. Brands will be showcased on the front porch railing of the Sutton County Historical Society office and on boards to be displayed in The Ice House Museum when it opens. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 387-5084 or 387-2855.

GIRLS SCOUTS PROGRAM AIDE TRAINING - July 12, 2003 at the Girl Scout Little House. The cost: \$15.00 (includes shirt, pizza, materials... everything). To register contact Tammy Grossheim (325) 212-4867 or tammyg@rock300.com.

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4-H Playdays will be 6/24, 7/8, 7/15 and 7/29 at the Sutton County arena, enter at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start. Events will be pole bending, barrels, and goat tying. Age divisions are: lead line, 8 & under, 9 to 11, 12 to 15 and 16 to 19 determined by age on 6/10/03. There is a one time fee of \$25 to participate. A current negative coggins is required and will be checked with entry. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information.

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Jim Bowie Days 5K Run/Walk, Menard, TX, Saturday, June 21, 2003. Registration \$15, Registration- 8:00 a.m., Race- 9:00 a.m. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt. For more information call Penny Wade at 325-396-2365.

St. Ann's Parish Team "Castro/Duran & Friends" will be selling Menudo, Pan Dulce and Brisket Plates (brisket, beans, potato salad, dessert and tea) for \$6 on Sunday, June 22nd at St. Ann's Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to order ahead of time call Mon - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 387-2278 or after 4:00 p.m. at 387-3327. On June 22nd call 387-5190. We can deliver! All money raised from the food sales will go towards the St. Ann's Parish Building Fund.

Sutton County EMS is sponsoring an EMT-Basic course that begins August 12, 2003 and ends November 8, 2003. The classes will be held at 211 East Third Street, in Sonora. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. There will be two classes that will be held on a Saturday. Please contact the Sutton County EMS office at 387-5132 if interested.

New Life Ministries is announcing a Sabbatical - there will be no services this month. We are so thankful to all who have participated with us in worship throughout these five years, and invite anyone without a home church to join us Sunday, July 13, at 10:00 AM to "press in...in the

Chamber Executives Will Meet In San Angelo

The Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives is renowned as the oldest and one of the largest associations for chamber executives in the United States. TCCE is an organization of chamber executives from across the state, working together to improve the business climate in Texas, while developing ways to enhance the quality of life in the communities that they represent.

Since 1906, TCCE has been enhancing and promoting the professional growth of chamber executives by providing leadership for chamber employees through its many publications and resources. There are many networking opportunities including the annual conference held each summer, mini-conferences and other meetings with the purpose of bringing executives together to exchange ideas and success stories.

This year's State Annual Conference is being held in San Angelo from June 22-24, at the Holiday Inn/Convention Center, hosted by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce. With over 180 people attending the conference, it is anticipated to be one of the largest attended in TCCE's history, with chamber professionals representing some 140 communities visiting.

TCCE Chairman, Richard Knapik (Bay City), and Program Committee Chair, Jack Stewart (Waco), have designed a unique program that features topics such as

motivating staff, how to communicate with the media and how to develop a sense of community around your chamber. Speakers include Bill Hammond, the President/CEO of Texas' strongest business lobby, the Texas Association of Business; motivational speaker, Catherine Jewell; Vice President of Abilene Christian University, Dr. Gary McCaleb; humorist, Sheriff J.B. Smith; Fox News reporter, Jeff Crilley; and Communications Director for the Texas Association of Business, Cathy Dewitt. A multitude of awards will also be presented to the attending chamber executives, including awards for excellence in media design, outstanding programs of the year and honors for lifetime achievement.

President Michael Dalby, Vice President of Chamber Operations Peggy Arnold, and the rest of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce staff have been working diligently for months to prepare for the conference, tailoring the evening events to San Angelo's West Texas charm. Events include a reception at the historical Cactus Hotel, a night of dinner and dancing at Fort Concho, as well as a tour of its museum, which is a national historic landmark. It promises to be an enjoyable and educational conference.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce manager, Ruthie Bounds, will be attending this conference.

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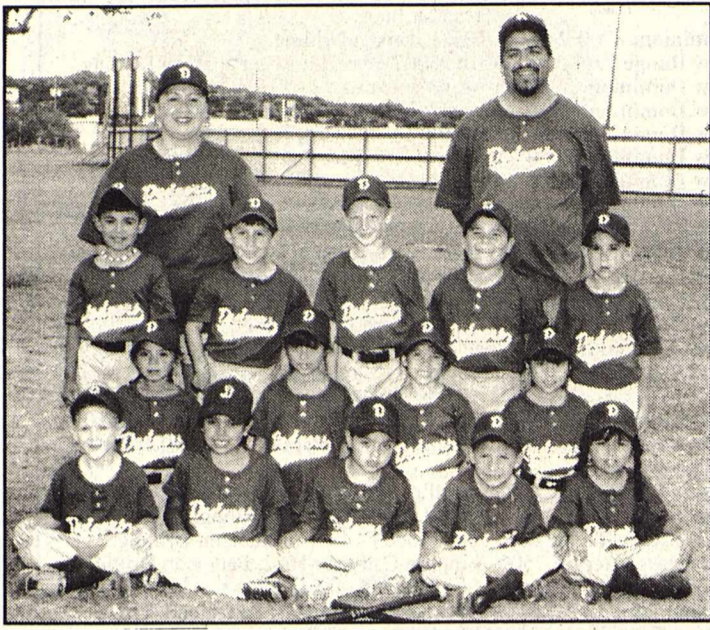
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Yankees



The Yankees, sponsored by Gonzalez Carpentry and Sanchez Welding, were coached by Sally Gonzales and Elia Longoria. Yankees: (Not in order) Jesi Telles, Jay Telles, Fabian Guzman, Scott Gonzalez, Kandys Rodriguez, Kelsey Velez, Miranda Perez, Ronald Pincince, Kamrie Martinez, Ethan Patlan, David Torres, Edgar Hernandez, Adrian Gomez, Alex Morales.



Astros



The Astros, sponsored by Smitty's and Sonora Water Station, were coached by Kenny Henderson, Sonny Samaniego and Jason Herring (not pictured). Astros: (Not in order) Emily Cory, Kenzie Herring, J.D. Garcia, Jamie Braly, Katy Braly, Sierra Samaniego, Hannah Henderson, Kobie Herring, Christopher Lujan, Jeremy Doran, Gage Glidewell, Jacob Kimbrel, Darby Ramsdell and Netza Estrada.

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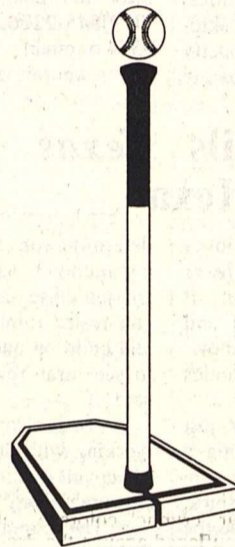


The Rangers, sponsored by Pizza Hut, were coached by Judy Holmes, Mike Dixon and Joe Hudson. Rangers: Dustin Holmes, Sidney Anderson, Tanner Esparza, Sara Ortiz, Annalisa Perez, Jonathan Paredes, Tanner Myers, Micaela Dixon, Jovanna Arredondo, Sydney Burnham, Joseph Hudson, Emilio Espinosa, Jay Hudson and Drew Buitron.

Cardinals



The Cardinals, sponsored by American Sales & Service, Inc. were coached by Trey Rushing, Storie Sharp, Mickey Sharp and James Jaeger (not pictured). Cardinals: (Not in order) Julissa Esquivel, James Freeman, Alexa Sykes, Julia Pope, Garrett Jaeger, Straton Rushing, Elizabeth Bean, Mary Beth Parkinson, Mary Jayne Parkinson, Daniel Nicar, Ryan Martinez, Skyler Wood and Garrett Sharp.



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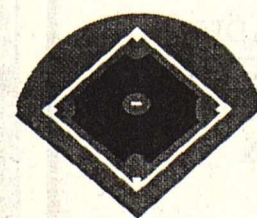
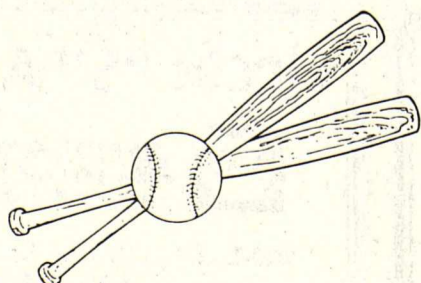
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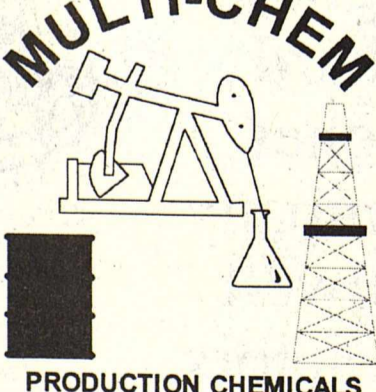
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Deer Habitat Workshop Scheduled For July

by Blair Fannin
A workshop focusing on the tools, techniques and strategies used in deer habitat management is scheduled for July 10-12 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora.

The Restore and Manage Deer Habitat workshop will provide information to develop a habitat which is pleasing to the ranch owner and is best suited for the deer population. Deer harvest can be an economic incentive for some ranches, while others may be devoted to providing deer habitat for the pleasure of the owners or increasing resale value, said Ray Hinnant, one of the academy instructors.

"Developing sustainable restoration strategies is one of the most important decisions one can make," Hinnant said. "Providing habitat that is natural in appearance

and provides the necessary nutrition for the deer herd is a worthy goal."

Participants will learn to identify important native plants, ecological concepts, interaction with livestock, habitat inventory methods for deer numbers and ratios, as well as pasture condition and current use.

Deer nutrition, the use of controlled burn programs to create desired plant habitat, high fences and exotic interactions will also be discussed.

Workshop participants will learn in an outdoor environment. Many graduate students have earned advanced degrees by doing deer management research at the Sonora station. Cost is \$395. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. To register online or for more information, go to <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm/>.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar Scheduled For August

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners - and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with Texas Cooperative Extension, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6 and 7, 2003, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course which will be held August 4-6. The seminar will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on August 6, and on August 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. Most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate

property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the giver and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top notch educational program emphasizing key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his board background and practical experience as a farmer, banker and lawyer.

Registration fees is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, lunch on Wednesday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon at (979)845-2226, Fax: (979)847-9374 or email s-wehring@tamu.edu.

Combs Unveils Texas Yes! To Bolster Rural Texas

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today unveiled *Texas Yes!*, the Texas Department of Agriculture's new campaign and rallying call to promote and showcase the cities, towns and counties of rural Texas.

"When it comes to Texas, just say 'Yes,'" Combs said during a news conference in Abilene. "In rural Texas you can find the spirit, grit and imagination that made the Lone Star State great to begin with, and this initiative will bring ideas together and honor those who are making a difference."

The program is open to businesses, organizations and government entities in non-metropolitan or unincorporated areas and cities with a population under 20,000.

Members will be able to use the *Texas Yes!* logo in promotional materials and participate in the *Texas Yes!* campaign; be included in the database available online to highlight rural Texas communities; receive the *Texas Yes!* newsletter filled with information and news of use to rural communities; and receive e-mail updates with timely information on workshops and resources.

Associate membership is available to Texas businesses, cities and organizations in larger metropolitan areas that do not qualify for regular membership but are committed to promoting and supporting rural Texas.

"There are many incredible success stories in rural Texas we will be sharing with you. They are homegrown successes that came about through innovation and pure grassroots, pull-up-your-sleeves

determination that are found in communities across the state. By sharing these ideas and success, we can foster rural economic growth and build on our combined interest to see rural Texas thrive," Combs said.

"I am also looking forward to working with Sen. Todd Staples as we unveil this important new effort for rural Texas," Combs said.

The commissioner also said Texas agriculture and the Texas Department of Agriculture had a good legislative session.

"TDA will be able to maintain its high level of programs and services to farmers, ranchers and Texas consumers despite a 3 percent reduction in staff and a 7 percent reduction in budget," Combs said.

"Last year TDA began looking at ways to cut costs while still providing essential services to agriculture and the people of Texas," Combs said. "Texas agencies must all do their jobs more efficiently at lower costs to taxpayers."

Combs said the reduction in staff was through attrition and the elimination of unfilled positions.

Legislation passed this session will also include the Texas agricultural industry in the fight to combat childhood obesity, which has doubled during the past 20 years.

The Legislature approved a bill to establish a joint interim committee, of which the commissioner of agriculture is a member, to study nutrition and health in public schools. The committee will look at all foods and beverages provided to Texas schoolchildren including the national school food program, a la carte foods, competitive foods and vending machines.

"Our children are facing dire health consequences from obesity, but we can help solve this problem by providing more nutritious food choices in school menus and in vending machines on school campuses," Combs said.

Oil & Agribusiness

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Historical Society Invites Everyone To Leave Their Brand On Sonora

Attention All Ranchers! The Sutton County Historical Society needs you and your branding irons. There will be a branding party on Saturday, July 26, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. until afternoon. There will be branding in the Amphitheater at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (depot). Come put your brand on a future part of history. Brands will be showcased on the front porch railing of the Sutton County Historical Society office and on boards to be displayed in The Ice House Museum when it is opened. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 387-5084 or 387-2855.

Prostate Cancer from page 1

very slowly. Autopsy studies show that many older men who died of other diseases also had a prostate cancer that neither they nor their doctor were aware of. Some prostate cancers, however, can grow and spread quickly. Even with the latest methods, it is still difficult to tell which cancers may become life-threatening and which likely do not require treatment.

The incidence of prostate cancer increases with age. More than 70 percent of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over age 65.

African American men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rates in the world.

Men with close family members (father or brother) who have had prostate cancer are more likely to get it themselves, especially if their relatives were young when they got the disease.

Men who eat high-fat diets, particularly animal fat, may have a great chance of developing prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer can remain symptomless for years. Men should talk to their doctor if they have questions or are experiencing any symptoms that concern them, such as: frequent urination, inability to urinate, or difficulty starting or holding back urinations, weak or interrupted urine flow, frequent pain or stiffness in the lower back, hip or upper thighs, blood in urine or pain or burning on urination.

Prostate cancer can often be found early by testing the amount of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in your blood. Another way prostate cancer is found early is when the doctor performs a rectal examination. Because your prostate gland lies just in front of your rectum, the doctor can feel if there are any nodules or areas of abnormal hardness in your prostate. These often indicate that there is a cancer. If you have had routine yearly examinations and either one of these test results becomes abnormal, your cancer has probably been found at an early stage.

The American Cancer Society believes that health care profession-

als should offer the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE) yearly, beginning at age 50 years, to men who have at least a 10-year life expectancy. Men at high risk, such as African Americans and men who have a first-degree relative (father, brother, son) diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age, should begin testing at age 45.

Common treatments for prostate cancer include: Radical prostatectomy surgery, which removes the prostate, local lymph nodes, and some surrounding tissue; Radiation therapy, that is delivered by external beam or implanted radioactive seeds to destroy the DNA or cancer cells, interfering with their ability to reproduce;

Hormone therapy, which alters hormone levels to shrink the size of the tumor; and "watchful waiting" which makes use of careful observation without immediate treatment.

Possible side effects could include impotence or incontinence.

The five-year survival rate for prostate cancer is 97%, 79% survive at least 10 years or longer and 57% survive at least 15 years or longer.

From 1997-99, the American Cancer Society awarded approximately \$25.3 million for prostate cancer research, more than the Society had spent in this area in the previous 15 years combined. In 2002, the Society awarded 19 new prostate cancer research grants totaling \$8.1 million. As of January 1, 2003, the Society had 65 grants in effect, totaling \$29.2 million to support prostate cancer research. The ACS offers several programs for men and their families who have been affected by prostate cancer, including Man to Man®, a prostate cancer education and support program offering information to men and their partners in a comfortable setting.

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City Council from page 1

#355, a request from the Templo Jerusalem to place a mobile home on the same lot as the church, and only 17' from the street was approved. A second request, case #356, from Bill Doran at 222 Castle Hill Road to subdivide lot 9 was also approved. The council then appointed Lauri Smith and Yolanda Avila to the Planning and Zoning Board, if they so choose to accept. The expansion of \$12,432.56 of 4B sales tax for K.D.'s Convenience Store Project was reviewed.

Chamber of Commerce Manager, Ruthie Bounds explained a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a budget amendment on line items. The amendment would move money allotted for employee insurance, which is no

longer offered, to an equipment and sign maintenance line item. The amendment was approved.

The 1st reading of an Ordinance to abandon/close the alley in Block 26A was read. The council approved the number of sworn peace officers for the Police Department as presented by Chief Mike House.

The council then went into executive session for the annual evaluation of the city manager, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074.

After reconvening in open session Mayor Stephen announced that the evaluation had been tabled until the July meeting.

Chamber from page 1

will provide shade at the Sutton County Park complex during the Sutton County Days celebration. The tents will be put up on Thursday to avoid any problems with crowds on Friday.

Bounds gave the monthly financials, the statement of bills and presented a budget amendment moving funds allotted from insurance to equipment and sign maintenance. She then gave names of three new Sonora residents that needed to be visited by the Chamber Welcome Wagon and Storie Sharp agreed to take the month of June.

A discussion was then held regarding a misunderstanding on the purchase of an ad that is in the brochures that are in the local motels. Bounds explained that the prior manager had agreed to work with the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street program on the cost of the ad. After further questions and concerns, a motion was made to pay the \$347.50 for half of the ad in the brochure.

In new business, Bounds reported on the pay period changes. The board voted to assist the Wool & Mohair Show by donating \$250. The Wool & Mohair show brings in many out of town guest each year and is a positive event for the youth of Sonora. The Board also voted to donate \$800 to the Game Dinner Association for assistance with a trip to a hunting show in Houston. Doug Huddleston informed the board that the event is attended by thousands and last year they had

passed out tons of Sonora brochures and information packets. It was agreed to put together more information packets to be handed out at the show again this year.

A work day was scheduled for moving the office to the new location in the Park Place building, next to CellularOne. The July Business After Hours will be held in the new office, so everyone can see all the improvements. A date will be set later. The board reviewed the cost and progress of the new signs that will be placed over the new location. Bounds explained that the signs will all have the color logo and will be very visible to passers-by. It was agreed to make all signs match, and to save the existing Chamber of Commerce sign to use at events. Bounds ended the meeting by reporting that they had logged 53 phone calls requesting business or tourism information in the month of May (she stated that there may have been more, but since this is a new project, not all of the calls may have been logged). Twelve complete tourism packages had been mailed upon request and 600 Sonora brochures had been sent to Fredericksburg and Mason. She also reported receiving approximately 45 emails a day requesting information about something in or around Sonora and Sutton County.

Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C

DATE OF ISSUANCE: JUNE 12, 2003
Rule 37 Case No. 0235281

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA, TEXAS E & P, INC., 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY #600, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease line to drill Well No. 3, Mayer 20 Lease, 160 Acres, Sec. 20, Bk. D, G C & S F RR Co. / T. B. Adams Survey, A-1639, Sawyer (Strawn North), Sawyer (Canyon), Fawcett (Wolfcamp) Field(s), Sutton County, being 11 miles in a west southwest direction of Sonora, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:
600' from the north line and 274' from the east line of lease.

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Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Strawn North), Fawcett (Wolfcamp) fields are 467/1200, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8,700 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Steve Towns, Consultant, at 405-748-2767. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY July 23, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: defendant has defaulted in paying a debt.

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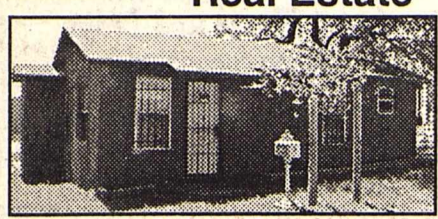
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Help Wanted: Part-time evenings and weekends. Apply at Mr. D's from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 216 Hwy. 277 N.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6098-94-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY IN SUTTON COUNTY, etc will be received on June 26, 2003 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 26, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$57,968.40.

Contract 6101-04-001 for LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE IN TOM GREEN COUNTY, etc will be opened on July 02, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$344,714.00.

Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking an experienced Air Driller. Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan and Dental Plan and Company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 325-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 325-336-7821.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list; at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 10047

Local Ranch needs working ranch foreman. Prefer Bilingual. Good salary with housing & utilities furnished. References required. Only sober & reliable need apply. Send resume to 228 E. Main.

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For Sale

For Sale: Washer, Dryer and miscellaneous furniture. 112 Deerwood Dr. Call 387-2893 leave message.

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For Sale: 1995 Ford 350, 123,000 miles, grill guard, headache rack, running boards, good condition, 387-3625 or 277-3353.

Garage Sale. 301 S. Water. Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st. 8:00 a.m. - ? Multi-family. Great toys, clothes, baby things, lots of misc.

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SUTTON BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED June 2, 2003, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Sutton County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on June 2, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in July, 2003 the same being the 1st day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Sonora, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Sutton and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NUMBER 4762 STYLING OF CASE AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Sutton County Appraisal District vs. Juan Carlos Gonzales and Lilia Gonzales. Being a Part of Lot 3, Block B, Pedro Domingo Addition to the West Mexico Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 130, Page 214 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

All of Lot 7, Block B, Pedro Domingo Addition to the West Mexico Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 122, Page 145 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

Lot 8, Block B, Pedro Domingo Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 123, Page 744 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: JUNE 12, 2003
Rule 37 Case No. 0235282
NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA, TEXAS E & P. INC. 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY #600, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statute Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to distance between wells to drill Well No. 4, Mayer 20 Lease, 160 Acres, Sec. 20, Bk. D, G C & S F RR Co. / T. B. Adams Survey, A-1639, Sawyer (Strawn North), Sawyer (Canyon), Fawcett (Wolfcamp) Field(s), Sutton County, being 11 miles in a west southwest direction of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

500' from the north line and 500' from the west line of lease.

500' from the north line and 500' from the east line of survey

Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Strawn North), Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field are 467/1200, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8,650 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Steve Towns, Consultant, at 405-748-2767. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY July 23, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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Thank you, Isael Perez
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Gracias,
Isael Perez

Church News

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