

Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Has a list of graduates of the Sonora High School ever been printed in the newspaper?

A. A list of graduates for that year is printed each year, and in the October 25, 1940 Devil's River News, a list was printed in the paper of the graduates from 1906-07 through 1938-39. If you would like a copy, stop by the office any Monday 8-4, Tuesday morning or Friday 8-4, as it is much too long to print in this column. For later years we suggest you contact your local homecoming committee.

Dee Word told a great story about his family in this issue and we will share it with you now:

O. T. and T. D. Word, brothers, came in 1892 from Fort McKavett to Sutton County, but long prior to that time, since 1886 to be exact, they had run cattle on the open range in what was later Sutton Co.

O. T. Word's first ranch, after the fences became fashionable and land titles were in order, was 12 miles south of Sonora. He had some 30 sections and ran stock there until his death in 1918. (Note: Sutton Co. Burial Park records indicate O. T. Word was born 1-21-1853 and died 8-1-1919) O. T. Word was a man of popular manners, pleasant in his relations with people of all conditions of life; a relater of amusing anecdotes for the joke's sake, never turning his hand to politics. His children that survived him were his only son, Ira W. Word, of San Antonio; Mrs. Alex McGonigall, of Marfa; Mrs. Mannie Wilson and Mrs. Sol Kelly of Sonora.

T. D. Word, like his brother, was familiar with the Sutton County country some years before he came here in 1892. He first leased range in the Midland Valley during the 1880's, and later acquired, in 1899, his ranch here. It lies 25 miles west of Sonora on Willow Draw, a name conferred by him on the usually dry sometimes waterway. He owned 12 sections, all still in the family, belonging to Dee Word, Miss Nettie Word and Mrs. Luella O'Leary, all of Sonora. The other two children are H. O. Word of Fort Stockton and C. R. Word of Burnett County. T. D. Word was a quiet man of business who loved his ranch life

and gave it his undivided attention.

John R. Word, the third brother, came to Sutton County in 1899, from Quanah, Texas. He freighted from San Angelo to Sonora with three wagons and eight horses until the coming of the auto; then he bought auto trucks and operated them until the railroad took over the transportation business, some nine or ten years ago. He died in 1927 in Quanah, where he had gone to visit his son, Frank Word. His other children are Mrs. Jones of Quanah; W. R. Word, of Eldorado; Mrs. Henry Bridge, of Del Rio; O. W. Word, of San Antonio; and another daughter who was Miss Elma Word before her marriage but who now lives with her husband near Houston.

Sam Word, the father of the pioneer Words, came as a young man to Texas and settled in Hunt County early enough to get into the Civil War for about the total duration of the conflict. He returned home ill after the conflict only to die the day following his arrival. His widow came with her two sons, O. T. and T. D. Word to Sutton County in 1892 from Fort McKavett. She died not long after and was among the first buried in the Sonora cemetery (Sutton County Burial Park records indicate Cynthia Jane Ross Word wife of Samuel Word 5-20-1830 through 5-17-1890).

Dee Word remembers that in the late 1890's frequent horse races were run on Main St. in Sonora for considerable stakes. He had seen \$100 bet on a single fall in wrestling by boys. Lem Johnson was about 16 at the time, and was matched on one occasion against a boy of the same age from Eldorado. The match bet was \$100, but many times that original stake was laid in side bets.

Another famous boy wrestler was Marion Stokes, and his Sonora admirers loved to back him in that way as far as the ceiling for a limit. He was, said Mr. Word, on one occasion matched with a younger brother of Will Noguess of Menard. The boys wrestled an hour without a fall. Then to avoid drawing the bet, the stakes were doubled and Will Noguess himself took his brother's place against all comers and won the first two and only succeeding falls. "Those



Snow in Sonora 1957. Photo courtesy of Eaton Collection

were sporting days in Sonora," Mr. Word agreed. (Note: Sutton Co. Burial Park records indicate Dee Word was born January 3, 1886 at Ft. McKavett and died November 11, 1958 in Houston).

We think this written account of the family gives a lot of information but wish the reporter had verified dates. Since Mrs. Samuel Word died in 1890, and was one of the earliest burials in the cemetery, their time of arrival must have been 1890 not 1892 as this story indicates. O. T. Word died in 1919 not 1918. Researchers, oral history is a great way to get personal information on family members, don't stop doing those interviews. But please verify the dates of birth and death before you list them in your records. Cemetery stones aren't always correct, it is best if you get your dates of birth and death from the actual birth and death certificates. Bibles are a great reference tool, but we have found that many times ladies have shaved a few years off their age in the family Bible.

Back in the old days a woman who wasn't married by 18 was considered a little long in the tooth and not the best marriage material. Men figured if someone hadn't married her up 'yet,' there must be something wrong with her. More than one 18, 19 and up young lady shaved a few years off her birth date so men wouldn't be scared off. They usually went to visit

their out of town relatives, where the locals didn't know their age, to catch a husband. We even found one woman that managed to shave a whole 11 years off her birth date in the family Bible. Her husband made sure the correct dates were put on her cemetery stone and with a little smile said, "I promised not to tell while she was alive; didn't say anything about once she was dead."

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net or call us at 325-387-5084 Mondays 8-4, Tuesday mornings 8-12 and Fridays 8-4.

Saturday, July 26th we will have a Branding Party at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot) starting at 8 am. We have several electrical outlets for the "modern ranchers" and will have a wood fueled barbecue grill set up for the "old fashioned ranchers," and if anyone wants to bring a torch we won't object. Coffee, iced tea and some of our members delicious homemade goodies will be served. Come put your brand on a board and help us preserve the history of Sutton County. Members please give me a call and let me know what you can bake and if you can serve that morning. Goodies can be dropped off at the office on Friday the 25th 8-4 if it's more convenient for you. Thanks!

Chamber Chatter

by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This week the "Chamber Chatter" column is featuring Days Inn-Devil's River and giving you some information on Sutton County Days Food Booths.

The Days Inn-Devil's River is proud to be part of Sonora and has been serving visitors to Sutton County since 1974. Built by local resident Joe David Ross and George Alexander, the original property was known as the Devil's River Inn and had 40 guestrooms. Over the next several years, new buildings were added and the property was expanded to 99 guest rooms. In April of 1996 The Devil's River Inn franchised to Days Inn and became the Days Inn - Devil's River.

The Days Inn - Devil's River offers affordable, comfortable sleeping accommodations, two meeting rooms, a swimming pool, guest laundry, business center and complimentary continental breakfast for its guests. Its location next to the award-winning Sutton County Steakhouse and Sonora golf course makes it a perfect place for visitors to stop and stay in Sonora.

Over the years our staff has grown as we have expanded, but there are those that have been with us for many years. Our success is due largely to these long-term associates: Faye Thorp, Juanita Vickers, Lupe Buitron, Emelina Faz and Augustina Contreris. They have all been with the Days Inn Devil's River for over 20 years. Glen Love has been with the property for over 8 years. Preston Love, former General Manager has only recently left the Days Inn to spend more time at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Our new General Manager is Paul Ramsdell. Paul plans to continue the support of agriculture and local events that Preston and his team have established. Paul and his wife have strong family ties to the

area and he looks forward to carrying on the tradition of serving visitors to Sonora and Sutton County.

If you have a local civic non-profit organization that you need to have a fund raiser for, then come by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office on Hwy 277 North and sign up to have a food booth at Sutton County Days. We reserve the slots for food booths for these local civic organizations and would really like to have you come be a part of the fun while raising money for your organization. We try not to have duplicate food items sold, so that people won't be competing against each other and to provide the crowd with a wide variety of local foods to enjoy. We mailed out information on these food booths a couple of weeks ago to the participants from the past couple of years, but just in case we forgot anyone I wanted to include it in my column this week. We have plenty of room for everyone, come join in the fun.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce
Ph# 325-387-2880
e-mail: soncoc@sonoratrax.net
website: www.sonoratrax-chamber.com

Happy Birthday

June 26 - Bill Tittle, Julio Samaniego IV, Amanda Russell, Marc Hernandez, Thomas Bloodworth, Jason Vitela, Farrah Virgen, Martin Tabarez, Meghan Galbreath

June 27 - Paul Faz, Ashley Vickers, June Williams, Chelsea Hillis, Brandi Wesson

June 28 - Chris Perez, Ryan Cramer, Zane Powers, Linda Savell

June 29 - Tommy Gutierrez, Angie Torres, Pedro Virgen

June 30 - Riley Crain, Wil Trainer, Francesca Gandar, Treka Vickers

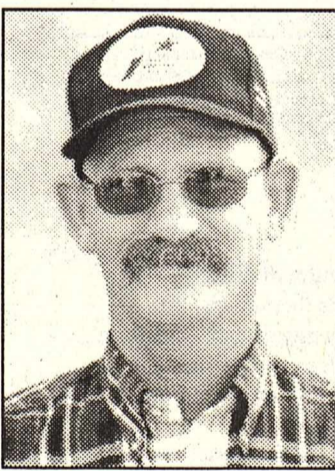
July 1 - Kenny Armwine, Juanita Buntyn, Don Seigler, Shanna Ranger

July 2 - Mary Beth Morgan, Terri Johnson, Rita Lipham, David Benson, John Creek

TxDOT Recognizes Employees For Years of Service



Donnie Fuentes



Donnie Overstreet

Two employees from the Sonora Maintenance Section have been presented five-year service awards from the Texas Department of Transportation. The San Angelo District

transportation maintenance techs include Donnie Fuentes and Donnie Overstreet. The service awards were announced during the second quarter.

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of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Thursday, June 26th
Friday, June 27th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Some Tiny Visitors Drop In



Jacqui LaRue Bills had a drop-in visitor a few days ago. The first of the most recent group of storms brought down a tree limb in front of her house and left one branch hanging. The hanging branch bore a hummingbird nest and the next wind dumped a baby from the nest onto the branch lying on the lawn. Once Jacqui realized the baby bird was there, she broke out the big garden umbrella when it rained hard and spent hours watching the baby get bigger and more coordinated, and watching the mama feed him. Jacqui took the photo above on Sunday afternoon, about six hours before mama and baby flew off together.

Crowder Completes Golfsmith Program

Jim Crowder of Sonora, TX recently completed Golfsmith's Master Craftsman Program in Austin, Texas. Golfsmith, the leading golf club component supplier and golf clubmaking company, was the first to offer training programs in clubmaking in 1970. The school that Mr. Crowder attended offers instruction and hands-on training in a wide range of advanced clubmaking skills including clubhead and shaft design analysis, customized grinding and head shape profiling, and golf component manufacturing techniques. This comprehensive program, the only one of its kind in the golf component supply industry, is presented by a skilled team of Golfsmith clubmakers, designers, engineers and repair craftsmen. Participants receive a thorough understanding of products, processes and techniques, and invaluable shop experience working alongside Golfsmith's technical staff. Crowder and a group of other participants also worked with various special tools and equipment necessary to perform these advanced clubmaking services. Students are also trained to analyze the golf swing for fitting purposes, and observe the ball flight characteristics of different equipment as tested on Max Headspeed - the only mechanical testing robot in the golf components supply industry. Crowder is one of twenty six clubmakers worldwide to have completed this course. If you have any questions or problems with your golf game, give Jim a call.

F.Y.I.

A trust fund has been established for Vivian Miers 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.

Main Street Traffic



Trevor Gibson and his father were able to see his great grandfather's design at the Sutton County Courthouse.

by Ann Kay, Manager
 The Sutton County Courthouse was designed by then-prestigious Texas architect Oscar Ruffini of San Angelo in the 1890's. Ruffini made the 140 mile round trip from San Angelo to Sonora by buggy or horseback several times a month for nearly two years to oversee the work, which was complete in 1891. As the largest structure in the county, the courthouse served as a gathering place for town meetings, political rallies, weddings, dances, parties, school commencements exercises and Fourth of July celebrations. On June 17, 2003 the Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program had the honor of meeting the great grandson of Oscar Ruffini, Trevor Gibson of Salt Lake City, Utah. Trevor and his father came to see the beautiful courthouse his great grandfather had designed more than a hundred years ago.
 • Rudy Charo is the new person on Main Street in historical downtown. He is a young man who has been contracted by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program to clean up Main Street. We would like to keep our historical downtown Main Street clean from weeds and trash and Rudy is going to help. If you see Rudy working to make our town a clean and beautiful place to work and visit for our community and tourists, stop and give him a word of appreciation.
 • You don't need to go to San Angelo to shop! You don't even need to shop on-line for the recently released *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Just stop by our local Alco Store. On Amazon.com the new hardback *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* book costs a good \$63.00 with shipping and Alco has it for only \$25.75 plus tax. Shopping news courtesy of The Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program. Shop Sonora First!

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.

OUTDOOR I & II, CPR/FIRST AID & PROGRAM AID June 27-29, 2003 at Camp Jo Jan Van - Cost: \$20.00 for Outdoor I & II and CPR/First Aid - Cost: \$10.00 for Program Aid. Please bring clothes, bedding, toiletries, etc. Your meal will be provided Saturday night, or it will be an extra \$10.00 to provide meals for the whole weekend. Minimum registration is 6. Please Register ASAP using the Training Registration Form. F.M.I. contact Linda Hubbard.

4-H Playdays will be 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. 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.

When you need Transportation, think about Thunderbird Transit in Sonora. Whether it is for Summer School, Vacation Bible School, Summer Reading Program at the public library, swimming lessons, whatever the reason, give us a call! 387-2509. Rate: Student - 50¢ one way/\$1.00 round-trip; In-town - 75¢ one way/\$1.50 round-trip; Senior Citizen (60+) - contribution only.

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.

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Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Barium	0.174	0.1650-0.1740	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Fluoride	0.5	0.3000-0.5000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2002	Nitrate	1.82	1.6800-1.8200	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Gross alpha adjusted	1.9	1.2000-1.9000	15	0	pci/l	Erosion of natural deposits.

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Disinfection Byproducts NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Unit of Measure	Reason for Monitoring
2002-2002	Bromodichloromethane	0.125	0.0000-0.5000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2002-2002	Dibromochloromethane	0.325	0.0000-0.7000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1999	Lead	1.8000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.2220	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

COLIFORMS

What are coliforms?
 Total coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because testing for them is easy. While not disease-causing organisms themselves, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more hardy than many disease-causing organisms; therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption.

Fecal coliform bacteria and, in particular, E. coli, are members of the coliform bacteria group originating in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals and are passed into the environment through feces. The presence of fecal coliform bacteria (E. coli) in drinking water may indicate recent contamination of the drinking water with fecal material. The following table indicates whether total coliform or fecal coliform bacteria were found in the monthly drinking water samples submitted for testing by your water supplier last year.

Total Coliform

Year	Constituent	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Total Coliform Bacteria	3	*	Presence	Naturally present in the environment.

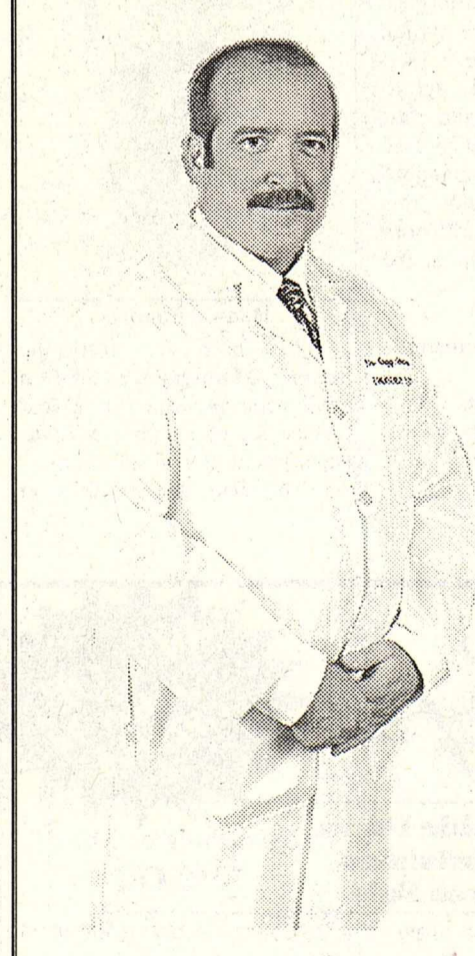
* Two or more coliform found samples in any single month.

Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED

Violations

Violation Type	Explanation	Health Effects	Duration	Steps to Correct
MICROBIOLOGICAL-PUBLIC NOTIFICATION VIOLATION	Contaminated bottles were used to gather water samples.	Failure to notify consumers of a bacteriological related violation makes it impossible for consumers to consider alternatives to drinking water that is contaminated or inadequately tested.	11/1/2002 to 11/30/2002	Using new sterilized bottles to gather water samples.
TOTAL COLIFORM MCL VIOLATION-NO FECAL	Contaminated bottles were used to gather water samples.	Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.	11/1/2002 to 11/30/2002	Using new sterilized bottles to gather water samples.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce that Gregory P. Johnson, M.D. will begin practice in Sonora on July 7, 2003.



Dr. Johnson completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Texas-Austin and received a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Johnson is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and will practice General and Family Medicine. Dr. Johnson and wife Becky are pleased to make Sonora their home.

Dr. Johnson's Office is located at the Sonora Medical Clinic, Suite B.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. For appointment, please telephone (325) 387-7911. Se habla español

Sonora City League Minors - Softball

Purple Shredders



The Purple Shredders were coached by Brenda and Rome Johnson. Purple Shredders: Ladonna Clavilo, Marilee Reyna, Caitlyn Garza, Leandra Castaneda, Kash McGee, Evelyn Solis, April Castillo, Jennifer Sanders, Terra Gule, Marci Parks, Joni Casey and Logan Smith (not pictured in order).

Trouble



Trouble was coached by Patsy Samaniego, Harvey Sanchez and Rachel Aguero. Trouble: Selena Mesa, Paige Sykes, Macie Friess, Kory Humphrey, Kallie Humphrey, Kelsey Taylor, Haily Berry, Serena Allison, Rose Karnes, Delilah Aguero, Ana Lesa Samaniego, and Adrienne Sanchez (not pictured in order).

Wild Things



The Wild Things were coached by Tracey Myers and Kate Jennings. Wild Things: Maddie Lang, Courtney James, Alex Lang, Abby Creek, Kelsey Favila, Madison Myers, Hunter Jennings, Adriana Faz, Micaela Moore, Sidney Dermody, Raynnie Lockaby, Kylie Love (not pictured in order).



Sonora City League Majors - Softball

Flamingos



The Flamingos were coached by Jani Mitchell, Janna Martinez and Juanita Gomez. Flamingos: Bridgett Mitchell, Sierra Gomez, Mackenzie Perez, Shaylynn Kresta, Chelby Lynn Ramos, Victoria Robles, Jessica Loera, Deyanira Alvizo, Chelsea Martinez, Tracy Brenner, and Sara Gillit.

Lightning



Lightning was coached by Julie Martin and Rachel Aguero. Lightning: Steely Ingham, Jessica Snyder, Monica Traylor, Kasey Gutierrez, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Desiree Alvarado, Danielle Rodriguez, Shelbi Johnson, Sharee Johnson, Shainah Johnson and Laura Martin.

Mystic



Mystic was coached by Leanne Higgins, Sam Huges and George Villanueva. Mystic: Yolanda Sanchez, Monica Sanchez, Kari Nocholas, Kati Chavez, Alexis Galindo, Bethany Berry, Maci Zuniga, Stacy Sanchez, Heather Hughes, Kimble Luna, Azeneth Villanueva and Haley Higgins.

Red Devils



The Red Devils were coached by Tiger Duran and Jamie Hernandez. Red Devils: Maggie Ramirez, Vanessa Lopez, Alyssa Favila, Morgan Smith, Ashley Brown, Paula Zaragosa, Jaimee Duran, Kayla Webb, Lyndsey Frasier, Karley Frasier, Valerie Torres, and Christina Sanchez.

“Lightning Kills, Play It Safe” NOAA’s Campaign To Alert Public

The official start of summer this week heralds the peak season for deadly and yet dangerously misunderstood weather phenomena - lightning. In an effort to save lives, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) and Olympic Medalist Siri Mullinix, goalkeeper for the Women's United Soccer Association's (WUSA) Washington Freedom, are campaigning to alert the Nation to the dangers of lightning.

The campaign runs year round and kicks off during the nationwide Lightning Awareness Week (June 22-28). Officials said the campaign's theme, “Lightning Kills, Play It Safe,” sends a strong, clear message.

“Lightning is an underrated killer, claiming more lives each year than tornadoes or hurricanes,” said Buddy

McIntyre, meteorologist in charge. “Little league coaches, parents and all outdoors enthusiasts should take a lesson from the pros. If the Washington Freedom can postpone play when lightning threatens so can we.”

Lightning casualties occur year-round, although the summer months are the most dangerous. Overall, 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes occur in the United States each year. From 1971 to 2000, lightning strikes killed an average of 73 people each year compared with 68 tornado fatalities and 16 hurricane deaths.

“All thunderstorms have the potential to produce lightning, so it's up to all of us to heed the warnings,” McIntyre said. “The bottom line is lightning can strike up to ten miles away from a thunderstorm, so if you hear

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Sonora City League Softball Finishes Season with Swimming Party

submitted

The Sonora City League ended the 2003 regular softball season at the Sonora City Pool on Monday, June 16. Both major and minor girls' teams were recognized and all-star awards were given to the season's outstanding players in each division.

In the 10 and under division, placings were as follows: Third place went to the Purple Shredders. Second place went to the Wild Things and First place went to Trouble. All-star awards were given to: Madison Myers, Hunter Jennings, Adriana Faz, Kylie Love, Selena Mesa, Kallie Humphrey, Kelsey Taylor, Haily Berry, Rose Karnes, Adrienne Sanchez, Leandra Castaneda, and Evelyn Solis.

In the 14 and under division, placings were as follows: Fourth place went to Lightning. Third place went to Flamingos. Second place went to Red Devils, and First place went to Mystic. All-star awards were given to: Bridgett Mitchell, Sierra Gomez, Mackenzie Perez, Heather Hughes, Azeneth Villanueva, Kimble Luna, Haley Higgins, Jaimee Duran, Kayla Webb, Steely Ingham, Jessica Snyder and Laura Martin.

The league's season was a successful one and there will be several tournament teams traveling to the all-star tournament in July. The city league would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors who make their program possible.

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9:00 a.m. - ?

WHERE? Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett (Old Theater)

WHY? Help send the Youth to Church Camp



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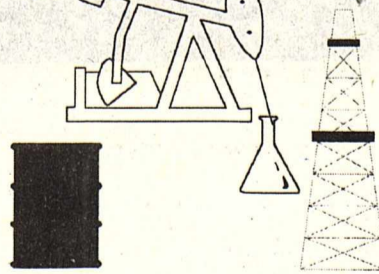
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News from the Neighbors

"Running Of The Bull" Drawing Statewide Entrants In Eldorado

The list of contestants is growing larger each week for the "Running of the Bull" Festival in Eldorado on July 26 & 27. The event comes on the heels of the more famous event in Spain called Running of the Bulls. But, the winners in Eldorado will be those who can run their mouth with the most bull. A small statewide sampling of participants include Dennis Gaines of Kerrville, Jimmy Garvin of Arlington, Pam Gaddis of Alpine and Jim Collins of McKinney.

Dennis Gaines has come a long way. He didn't talk until he was almost six, when he said, "This hot chocolate is no good!" His mother asked him why he waited so long to talk. He said that up until then, everything had been just fine. In 2000, he was named Cowboy Storyteller and Humorist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists. He will be entering the contests for cowboy poetry, tongue twisting and the freestyle category.

Jimmy Garvin was born in a log cabin that he helped his father build. He is one of

Eldorado's favorite sons... favorite because he left town early on. He was actually run out of town for talking too much. He even talks during domino games. He will be entering the true story, biggest lie and longest talker without stopping categories.

Pam Gaddis is best known for her Trans-Pecos Dinosaur Obedience School and for organizing the National Underground Balloon Races. She is a licensed freckle inspector and will compete in the extemporaneous speaking, mime bull and double talk categories. When not performing, Pam will have a booth for invisible face painting, which will be open in a self service version while she is on stage.

Jim Collins was born with a plastic spoon in his mouth, and his favorite thing to do as a child was to sit in the living room in front of a roaring fire. This always made his father furious, however, because they had no fireplace. He was scarred by this experience and has always felt "he gets no respect!" In 1950, he

was named poster child for the national birth control campaign. Jim will compete in the cowboy poetry and comedy routine categories.

Eldorado will not be left out when it comes to entrants as locals Jerry Felver and Bobby Sykes have thrown their hats into the ring. Other interested persons may enter by contacting event organizer Jim Runge at shootthebull@hotmail.com or 325-853-2434. There are over 20 different categories to be contested. There is no entry fee and distinctive trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category.

Other events for the weekend festival include an all comers car show both days, arts, crafts, food and amusements such as a petting zoo, pony rides, giant slide, obstacle course, bounce house and games...both carnival type and interactive. Eldorado is located at the confluence of U. S. highways 277 and 190. The activities will be held on the vastly shaded courthouse lawn.

Texas Announces Largest July 4th Holiday Crackdown

Stepped Up Law Enforcement Aimed at Drunk Drivers

State officials have a stern warning for motorists whose 4th of July holiday plans include alcohol: Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.

Texas troopers and local patrol officers statewide will step up enforcement of DWI laws between June 27 and July 13. Thousands of officers will be out in force during the 17-day period which coincides with the long Independence Day holiday weekend.

Texas is part of a massive nationwide effort aimed at getting impaired drivers off the nation's streets and highways. The mobilization is being spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce alcohol-related crashes this summer.

"Our message to all drivers is simple and direct: If you drink and drive, you will go to jail," says Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. "There are 60,000 law enforcement officers in Texas who can arrest drunk drivers. Safe alternatives to getting behind the wheel if you've had anything to drink are to designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home

safely."

Starting today, the Texas Department of Transportation will air new television and radio announcements in English and Spanish with the Drink, Drive, Go to Jail message. The ads will run during programs typically viewed or heard by men between the ages of 21 to 34. Research shows this age group is more likely to drive impaired than any other group.

Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related fatalities. The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that 1,199 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in Texas in 2000. There were 10,083 crashes in which the driver was impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC). Penalties for a first DWI offense include \$2000 in fines, 72 hours to 6 months in jail and driver's license suspension from 90 days to a year.

For more information, contact Mark Cross, TxDOT Public Information Office at (512) 463-8585.

Up On Eaton Hill

Consider the Armadiller

by Delyse Jaeger

Armadillo - the name is derived from a Spanish word referring to the armor plates which cover the body of the animal. Almost as fun as a horny toad, armadillos are fascinating creatures and easily capture the imagination. A longtime symbol of our great state, the only armadillo found in Texas is the Nine-banded and it has been adopted as the state mammal. Looking like a combination of turtle, anteater, possum and dinosaur, armadillos can be seen (and heard) foraging for insects in the cooler parts of the hot summer days. They are said to eat 200 lbs. of insects per year, of which a large percent are scarab beetles and beetle larvae. This is great news for farmers and gardeners. Another interesting and unusual behavior is the armadillos' peculiar method of crossing water. They can hold their breath for up to six minutes, so if the water is not too wide, the little fellows just walk across the bottom. Should they need to swim any distance, armadillos inflate their abdomens to create buoyancy and avoid sinking due to their heavy bony plates. In self defense, the armadillo may leap straight up in the air to startle and scare off predators. This defensive behavior may contribute to the high instance of road kills as they unwittingly commit suicide against the underside of vehicles. Go around them if you safely can. One other point of interest has to do with reproduction. Armadillos bear four identical offspring from a single fertilized egg. Mating occurs around the end of July and the fertilized egg or blastocyst goes through a period of delayed implantation.



An armadillo sneaks around on Eaton Hill.

Around November, implantation occurs and normal development continues with the young usually being born in March. Every rose has its thorns and for the armadillo rosebud, its thorn is the fact that they are the only animal, other than humans, known to carry leprosy. If any of this sparks your interest, check out the Benevolent Order of Armadillos on the internet. The organizations' goal is "to promote the goodwill inspired by the armadillo." President Bush and family are listed as members. Next time you are hiking the trails on Eaton Hill, keep an eye out and an ear open for an armadillo - the inspirational state mammal of Texas.

The Eaton house recently had a special visitor. At Ann Kay's invitation, Tony Eeds, a restoration architect toured the Eaton house and offered his opinion on the feasibility of restoration and the historical value of the property. Mayor Jim Stevens, Jim Garrett, Ann Kay and I were all very pleased with the outcome and Mr. Eeds has agreed to help us pursue this project. Anyone who has an

interest in being part of this process, please contact the Sonora Industrial Development office at 387-6280.

On behalf of the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Committee and the community, I offer thanks and appreciation to Ty Love. As part of Ty's Eagle Scout project, he constructed and installed protective cages for the flag lights. Thank you for your excellent work!

We now have WATER on the hill. Birds and other animals can bathe and drink from the rock tank located near the Birding Hut. The round tank near the flag is close to completion. This is an exciting addition which will improve our already substantial birding opportunities. The agave plant in bloom along the road leading to the Eaton House is attracting hummingbirds. It is a beautiful sight to behold - green and yellow against the blue sky. Come on out and explore the hill! The Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

Don't End a Picnic Early Because of the Potato Salad

As warm weather approaches be wary of foods sitting out for a long time, said Dr. Rhonda Cole, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and gastroenterologist at the Houston V.A. Medical Center.

High-risk foods include undercooked meat and dishes made with mayonnaise or creamy substances. Food poi-

soning symptoms can occur within five minutes or up to eight hours after eating. When bacterial toxins reach the stomach they first cause cramping, then nausea and vomiting and finally diarrhea. Cole recommends a trip to the emergency room if the symptoms continue for 24 hours or if you are vomiting blood and cannot keep fluids down. For mild symptoms, over-the-counter anti-nausea medicines can help alleviate discomfort.

"Keeping yourself hydrated if you have food poisoning is extremely important," Cole says. "Fruit punches and juices

are ideal to drink because they provide nutrients as well as help prevent dehydration."

Some tips to help prevent food poisoning:

- * Keep cold foods such as mayonnaise, cold meats and cheese on ice.

- * Know where your food came from and who prepared it.

- * Be cautious of buffets that leave food out for long periods of time.

"Severity of food poisoning depends on the food's bacterial toxin level," Cole says. "Symptoms usually last 48 to 72 hours but could last as long as a week."

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thunder it's time to take a break for safety's sake," added McIntyre.

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Top Nine Tips for Lightning Safety

Indoor Safety:

Get Inside. No place outside is safe during a thunderstorm! When you hear thunder you're too close. Remember, lightning can strike more than 10 miles away from a thunderstorm.

The safest place during a thunderstorm is a typical house or other fully enclosed, substantially constructed building with grounded plumbing and wiring.

Be careful even in a building. Stay away from chimneys, corded telephones, plumbing, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, metal doors or metal window frames, or any electrical conducting path leading outside. Don't watch lightning through a window or open doorway. An inside room is generally best.

The next safer location from lightning is a vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides, but close the windows and don't touch any conducting path leading outside. Convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with plastic or fiberglass roofs and sides offer no lightning protection. A common lightning myth is that rubber tires protect you in a car by insulating you from the ground. Wrong! Lightning laughs at two inches of rubber. It's the metal that protects you.

Outdoor safety:

Stay away from the fol-

lowing spots and activities if caught outside:

- Open field or elevated place. If caught outside, drop your backpack, get away from other hikers and crouch down to be the lowest object around.

- Trees or other tall isolated objects. In this case, an open area crouching down is a better choice.

- Water or water related activity such as swimming, boating, fishing, etc.

- Golf course. Again, if caught, crouch down in the open away from other people.

- Open vehicles (farm, construction, etc.)

- On the telephone.

- Radio or radio equipment

Suspend outdoor sports and practices when a storm is approaching. Outdoor sports have the fastest rising lightning casualty rate. Coaches, referees, parents, and children PLEASE have a lightning safety plan.

Get to a car, not a pavilion during a picnic. Open picnic pavilions and rain shelters offer absolutely no protection from lightning!

When outside, appoint someone to be the lightning monitor. Their job is to monitor the weather on weather radio, radio/TV, and observe the weather to tell the group when to seek proper shelter.

Lightning First Aid

Learn lightning first aid: Call 911, Perform CPR or mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if possible. Lightning deaths are usually from cardiac arrest/stopped breathing. Don't worry about touching a lightning victim. They cannot electrocute you!

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Public Notices

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Sonora ISD is seeking sealed proposals for Student Accident Insurance Coverage for the 2003-2004 school year.

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Invitation for Bids

The Sutton County Hospital District is advertising for Construction Bids for Additions and Alterations to the Sonora Medical Clinic, located at 301 Hudspeth Street, Sonora, Texas. Work consists of additional clinic space and Alterations to the existing Clinic Building.

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All proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., July 17, 2003 at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Annex.

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Emily Earwood, 7. Cash Jennings
Class 28- Yearling Buck: 1. Stephanie Kendrick, 2. Stephani Kendrick, 3. Meredith Earwood, 4. Emily Earwood, 5. Cash Jennings, 6. Stephani Grafe, 7. Laura Martin
Class 29- Kid Buck: 1. Stephani Kendrick, 2. Stephanie Kendrick, 3. Phillip Grafe, 4. Emily Earwood, 5. Stephanie Grafe, 6. Meredith Earwood, 7. Richard Grafe

Champion Doe Fleece:
Champion Buck Fleece:
Grand Champion Mohair Fleece:
Stephanie Kendrick
Medina FFA

Award Donors: Jimmy & Sharon Holman, Sonora, Texas

Fred T. Earwood Memorial Trophy goes to the Premier Junior Mohair Exhibitor Presented by: Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood
Exhibitor:
Stephanie Kendrick
Medina FFA

Joe and W.F. Berger Memorial Trophy goes to the Premier Junior Wool Exhibitor Presented by: Mr. L.P. Bloodworth, Chris and Larry Berger
Exhibitor: Thia McKissack
Sutton Co. 4-H

OPEN DIVISION Wool Single Fleeces Commercial: Finewool
Class A-1 - Yearling Ewe: 1. Bill Karnes, 2. Katy Karnes, 3. Katy Karnes, 4. Bill Karnes
Class A-3 - Yearling Ram: 1. Katy Karnes, 2. Bill Karnes, 3. Bill Karnes
Class A-4 - Aged Ram: 1. Hensel Matthews, 2. Glen Fisher, 3. Hensel Matthews, 4. Gerry Ingham, 5. Katy Karnes, 6. Bill Karnes, 7. Bill Karnes

Champion Commercial Wool Fleece:
Hensel Matthews - Sutton Co.

Registered: Rambouillet
Class A-5 - Yearling Ewe: 1. Sheryl Strauch, 2. Patti Strauch, 3. Sheryl Strauch, 4. John Henry Strauch
Class A-6 - Aged Ewe: 1. Patti Strauch, 2. Patti Strauch, 3. Sheryl Strauch, 4. John Henry Strauch, 5. Sheryl Strauch, 6. John Henry Strauch

Champion Registered Wool Fleece:
Patti Strauch - Sutton Co.

Grand Champion Wool Fleece:
Hensel Matthews - Sutton Co.
Award Donor: Kathleen Moore, Sonora, Texas

BAGS OF WOOL Twelve Months: Finewool
Class A-31 Best Put Up Bag: 1. Thia McKissack, 2. Carol & Robin Giles, 3. Bill Karnes
Class A-32 - Yearling Ewe: 1. Bill Karnes, 2. Kathy Karnes
Class A-34 - Aged Ram: 1. Thia McKissack, 2. Carol & Robin Giles

Grand Champion Bag of Wool:
Thia McKissack - Sutton Co.
Award Donor: The Bank & Trust, Sonora, Texas

Mohair Single Fleeces
Class A-25 - Yearling Does: 1. Emily Earwood
Class A-26 - Doe Kid: 1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Grant Giles
Class A-29- Buck Kid: 1. Emily Earwood, 2. Meredith Earwood, 3. Grant Giles

Champion Doe Fleece:
Meredith Earwood
Sutton Co.

Champion Buck Fleece: Emily Earwood - Sutton Co.

Grand Champion Mohair Fleece:
Meredith Earwood
Sutton County

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Junior Division Judging Contest LIVESTOCK

High Novice Individuals:
1- Kail Lantz- Kerr Co., 2- Hunter Jennings- Sutton Co., 3- Caleb Miller- Kendall Co., 4- Lane Hale- Crockett Co.

High Novice Teams:
1 - Sutton County; coached by Preston Faris: Team members: Hunter Jennings, Meredith Earwood, Bailey Joe Pennington, and Cash Jennings, alt.

2 - Crockett County; coached by: Donnie Laughlin, Charles Seidensticker, Judy Churchill, and Stephen Zuberbueler: Team members: Lane Hale, Lane White, Kelby Renfro, and Murphy Black, alt.

3 - Kendall County; coached by: Robin Giles: Team members: Caleb Miller, Mary Miller and Omero Ramos

4 - Kerr County; coached by: Lee Knox: Team members: Kail Lantz, Jackie Nentwich, Colton Reen

High Junior Individuals:
1. Carl Whitworth- Kimble Co., 2. Emily Earwood- Sutton Co., 3. Colt Brandenberger- Kimble Co., 4. Lance Bauer- Kerr Co.

High Junior Teams:
1- Kimble County; coached by: Dale Brandenberger and David Whitworth - Team members: Carl Whitworth, Colt Brandenberger, and Callie Whitworth

2- Sutton County; coached by: Preston Faris - Team members: Emily Earwood, Steely Ingham, and Laura Martin

3- Crockett County; coached by: Donnie Laughlin, Charles Seidensticker, Carlon Stapper, Kelvin Chandler, Judy Churchill and Stephen Zuberbueler - Team members: Craig Chandler, Kyann Kothman, Brooke Galindo, and Travis Zuberbueler, alt.

4- Val Verde County; coached by: John Allen and Bill Zuberbueler - Team members: Savannah Leonard, Kelley Hurley and Zack Bynum

High Senior Individuals:
1. Cody Kneupper- Kendall Co., 2. Isaac Miller- Kendall Co., 3. Grant Giles- Kendall Co., 4. Cassie Allen- Val Verde Co.

High Senior Teams:
1 - Kendall County; coached by: Robin Giles - Team members: Cody Kneupper, Isaac Miller, Grant Giles, and Kelly Haile, alt.

2 - Crockett County; coached by: Donnie Laughlin, Charles Seidensticker, Judy Churchill, and Stephen Zuberbueler - Team members: Aaron Renfro, Taylor Oglesby, Allie Bean, and Dub Walston, alt.

3 - Val Verde County; coached by: John Allen and Bill Zuberbueler - Team members: Cassie Allen, Craig Leonard,

and Laura Allen

RANGE High Novice Individuals:
1 - Caleb Miller- Kendall Co., 2 - Bailey Joe Pennington- Sutton Co., 3 - Cash Jennings- Sutton Co., 4 - Mary Miller- Kendall Co.

High Novice Teams:
1 - Sutton County; coached by Fran Pennington - Team members: Bailey Joe Pennington, Cash Jennings, Alex Lang and Sterling Love, alt.

2 - Kendall County; coached by Robin Giles - Team members: Caleb Miller, Mary Miller, and Omero Ramos

High Junior Individuals:
1 - Anna Miller- Kendall Co., 2- Craig Chandler- Crockett Co., 3- Colt Brandenberger- Kimble Co., 4- Lance Bauer- Kerr Co.

High Junior Teams:
1 - Kimble County: Colt Brandenberger, Carl Whitworth, and Callie Whitworth

2 - Crockett County: Craig Chandler, Laura Stapper, and Travis Zuberbueler

3 - Sutton County: Laura Martin, Emily Earwood, and Steely Ingham

4 - Val Verde County: Savannah Leonard, Kelley Hurley, and Zach Bynum

High Senior Individuals
1- Isaac Miller- Kendall Co., 2- Grant Giles- Kendall Co., 3- Kimberly Haile- Kendall Co., 4- Kelly Haile- Kendall Co.

High Senior Team:
1 - Kendall County: Isaac Miller, Grant Giles, Kimberly Haile, and Kelly Haile, alt

2 - Val Verde County: Laura Allen, Craig Leonard, and Cassie Allen

The E.B. King Memorial Trophy is given to the High Scoring Judging Team. The 2003 winner was the Kendall County 4-H Senior Team consisting of Isaac Miller, Grant Giles, Kimberly Haile, and Kelly Haile, alt., coached by Robin Giles. This award was presented by the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District.

WOOL

High Novice Individuals:
1- Cash Jennings - Sutton, 2- April Hurley- Val Verde, 3- Lane White- Crockett, 4- Caleb Miller- Kendall

High Novice Teams:
1 - Sutton County: Cash Jennings, Bailey Joe Pennington, Meredith Earwood, and Hunter Jennings, alt.

2 - Crockett County: Lane White, Murphy Black, Lane Hale, and Kelby Renfro, alt.

3 - Kendall County: Caleb Miller, Mary Miller and Omero Ramos

4 - Val Verde County: April Hurley, Zackary Leonard, and Cole Perry

High Junior Individuals:
1- Craig Chandler-Crockett, 2- Colt Brandenberger- Kimble, 3- Bethanie Yeaman-Edwards, 4- Laura Stapper- Crockett

High Junior Teams:
1 - Crockett: Craig Chandler, Laura Stapper, Wendy Wilson, and Lakin Aaron, alt.



Our neighbors to the west, Crockett County, were the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest winners. Team members are Dub Walston, Allie Bean, Taylor Oglesby and Clint Hale. The team is coached by Charles Seidensticker and Donnie Laughlin.

2 - Kimble: Colt Brandenberger, Callie Whitworth, and Carl Whitworth

3 - Sutton: Laura Martin, Emily Earwood, and Steely Ingham

4 - Val Verde: Kelley Hurley, Savannah Leonard, and Zack Bynum

High Senior Individuals:
1-Cassie Allen- Val Verde, 2- Aaron Renfro- Crockett, 3- Kimberly Haile- Kendall, 4- Craig Leonard- Val Verde

High Senior Teams:
1 - Val Verde: Cassie Allen, Craig Leonard, and Laura Allen

2 - Crockett: Aaron Renfro, Clint Hale, Taylor Oglesby and Dub Walston, alt.

3 - Kendall: Kimberly Haile, Kelly Haile, Colton Rose, and Grant Giles, alt.

4 - James Madison FFA: Meagan Maenius, Adam Wetz, Charity Fox, and Katie Leigh, alt.

MOHAIR High Novice Individuals
1 - Meredith Earwood - Sutton, 2 - Cash Jennings - Sutton, 3 - Lane Hale- Crockett, 4 - April Hurley- Val Verde

High Novice Team
1. Sutton County: Meredith Earwood, Cash Jennings, Bailey Joe Pennington and Sterling Love, alt.

2. Crockett: Lane Hale, Kelby Renfro, Murphy Black, and Lane White, alt.

3. Val Verde: April Hurley, Zackery Leonard, and Cole Perry

4. Kendall: Caleb Miller, Mary Miller, and Omero Ramos

High Junior Individuals
1- Emily Earwood- Sutton, 2- Chase Lantz- Kerr, 3- Kelley Hurley-Val Verde, 4- Bethanie Yeaman-Edwards

High Junior Teams
1 - Kimble: Colt Brandenberger, Carl Whitworth, Callie Whitworth

2- Crockett: Laura Stapper, Craig Chandler, Wilson White, and Kyann Kothmann

3 - Sutton: Emily Earwood, Steely Ingham, and Laura Martin

4 - Val Verde: Kelley Hurley, Savannah Leonard, and Zack Bynum

High Senior Individuals
1. Isaac Miller- Kendall, 2. Jess Yeaman- Edwards, 3. Kimberly Haile- Kendall, 4. Laura Allen- Val Verde

High Senior Teams
1- Kendall: Isaac Miller, Kimberly Haile, Kelly Haile, and Cody Kneupper, alt.

2 - Val Verde: Laura Allen, Cassie Allen, and Craig Leonard

3 - Crockett: Aaron Renfro, Taylor Oglesby, Dub Walston, and Allie Bean, alt.

4 - James Madison FFA: Meagan Macnius, Katie Leigh, Charity Fox, and Adam Wetz, alt.

OVER-ALL HIGH NOVICE INDIVIDUALS

1. Caleb Miller, 1158- Kendall Co.

2. Bailey Joe Pennington, 1148- Sutton Co.

3. Cash Jennings, 1106- Sutton Co.

4. Meredith Earwood, 1055- Sutton Co.

5. Mary Miller, 1037- Kendall Co.
Awards: Medals, donated by The Bank & Trust, Sonora, Texas

OVER-ALL HIGH JUNIOR INDIVIDUALS

1. Colt Brandenberger, 1328- Kimble Co.

2. Craig Chandler, 1324- Crockett Co.

3. Carl Whitworth, 1269- Kimble Co.

4. Emily Earwood, 1236- Sutton Co.

5. Laura Stapper, 1228- Crockett Co.
Awards: Medals, donated by First National Bank of Sonora

OVER-ALL HIGH SENIOR INDIVIDUALS

1. Isaac Miller, 1412- Kendall Co.

2. Kimberly Haile, 1397- Kendall Co.

3. Grant Giles 1385- Kendall Co.

4. Kelly Haile, 1378- Kendall Co.

5. Cody Kneupper, 1351- Kendall Co.
Awards: Medals, donated by Sonora Wool and Mohair Co.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS for Best All-Around Club:

1st Kendall County 4-H,

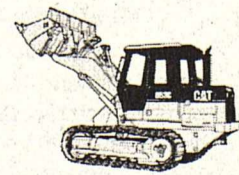
2nd Sutton County 4-H, coaches: Preston Faris and Fran Pennington,

3rd Kimble County 4-H

4th Val Verde County 4-H
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