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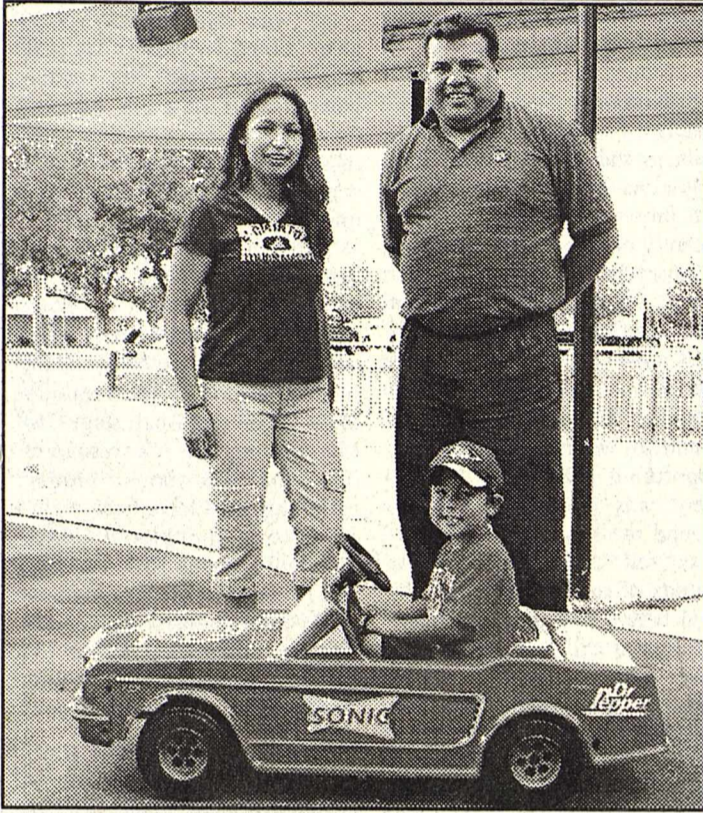
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Salazar Cruises Off With Sonic's Mini Muscle Car

Little Omar Salazar was "car hoppin'" at the Sonic on Friday, July 6, 2003, but you couldn't place an order with him, you could hardly even catch him. Omar is the lucky winner of the battery powered replica of a 1965 Sonic Muscle Car. Omar's mom, Janet, entered him in the give-away that is part of Sonic's 50th Birthday Celebration. Sonic Manager, Joe San Miguel presented the vehicle to the "tot" Friday afternoon who could hardly contain his excitement and couldn't wait to "shake" things up. So if you see a little red streak go by it's probably just Omar out for a cruise in his new convertible.

Welcome Home Ceremony To Honor Returning Marines

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, City of Sonora, KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, and Sutton County would like to invite you to the "Welcome Home Soldier" Ceremony and the removal of the Old Oak Tree yellow ribbon by returning Marines, Gabriel Perez and Adam Esquivel. These two young men will remove their yellow ribbon from the Old Oak Tree at 12:15 p.m. on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn on Thursday, July 3, 2003. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come help welcome the young men home and show your support of their valiant efforts for our country.

Common Sense In A Time of Uncommon Diseases

Public concern has increased in the past several weeks as we added monkeypox to SARS and West Nile virus in our Pandora's box of new, exotic diseases.

Many Texans are worried, despite the fact that, so far, in our state, we have no confirmed human cases of West Nile virus this season, none ever of monkeypox, and only one "probable" case of SARS, and that patient has recovered. Still, to many people, there's something deeply alarming about these exotic-sounding mysterious ailments.

The truth is that average Texans are highly unlikely to become ill with any of these diseases.

That doesn't mean it's not important to carefully analyze, track and control every new infectious disease we encounter.

In fact, it's one of the important roles assigned to the public health system. Infused with new funds for public health preparedness, the public health system is quickly tracking and understanding what we're up against with every emerging disease.

This becomes even more important when we suspect that the disease may have jumped from animals to humans. Remember, the AIDS virus, possibly the most deadly human pathogen in history, probably jumped from African primates. It pays to keep a close watch and take precautions to lower your risks.

There are certain things all individuals can do to protect themselves and their families and to minimize their risks of becoming infected with these diseases, as well as more common diseases.

For example, mosquitoes carry and transmit disease such as West Nile and St. Louis encephalitis. They also cause your skin to be irritated and itch. There are four simple ways - all starting with "D" - that will help you avoid getting mosquito bites. These are:

- Drain standing water in your backyard and neighborhood. Look for old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters, which are likely mosquito hatching sites. Get rid of the places where mosquitoes hatch, and you'll reduce the mosquito problem. Mosquitoes don't travel very far.

- Dress in long sleeves and pants, when possible. For extra protection, spray clothing with repellent.

- DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow the instructions on the label.

- Dusk to dawn are the hours when mosquitoes - at least those carrying the West Nile virus - are likely to be feeding. Try to avoid outdoor activities, if possible, from dusk to dawn. If you must be outside, protect yourself with a mosquito repellent containing DEET. Also,

See Diseases page 6

Stars, Stripes and Safety for Fourth of July

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public to celebrate the Stars and Stripes this holiday weekend with an added sense of safety on the roadways.

- * Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.

- * Have everyone in the vehicle buckle his or her seat belt. Remember, "Click It or Ticket."

- * Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.

- * Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.

- * Be polite and courteous while driving - do not practice road rage behavior.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following fireworks safety tips:

- Always read and follow label directions.

- Have an adult present.

- Buy from reliable sellers.

- Use outdoors only.

- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).

- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.

- Light only one firework at a time.

- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).

- Never give fireworks to small children.

- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.

- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.

Calling All Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contestants

If your child is interested in competing in the 2003 Little Miss or Little Mr. Contest please go by the Chamber of Commerce office at 205 Hwy 277 North or The Devil's River News office to pick up an entry form. Pre-entry forms MUST be returned no later than Friday, August 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. to the Devil's River News office. You may submit a photo or one may be taken on the day you return the entry form. Judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. on the Main Stage on Saturday, August 16, 2003.

Contestants may check-in that morning at the Chamber of Commerce/Information tent at the county park. A \$5 entry fee is required per contestant. Contestants entered in the contest must have turned 3 years of age and must not have turned 6 years of age prior to August 16, 2003. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County. For more information call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or Trevlin Strong at 387-3968.

A Community Gathers Together For One of Their Own



Dominion Exploration and friends of Vivian Mears put together a benefit bar-b-que lunch on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 to help with medical expenses incurred because of cancer. Vivian is the manager of KHOS Radio and is a lifetime resident of Sutton County. Without insurance, her medical expenses have been astronomical and all proceeds from the lunch will go to help with those bills. Once again Sonora proved that it isn't just a town where we live, it is a family that helps each other in hard times.

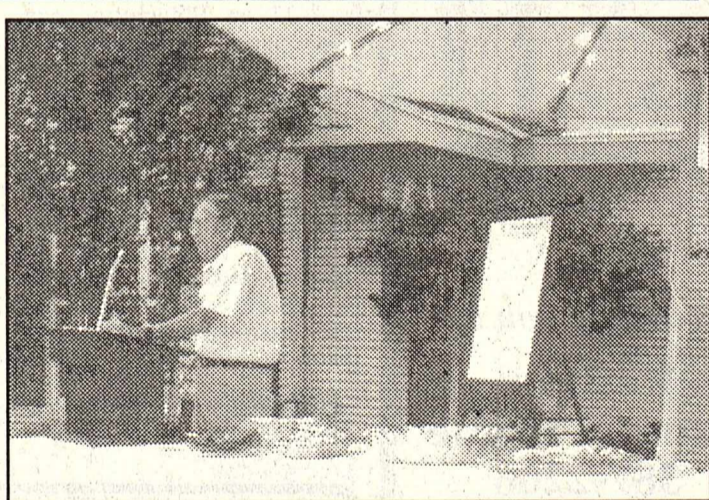
Lawn Party Introduces Sutton County Health Foundation

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Health Foundation held a special "wine and hors d'oeuvres" party on Saturday, June 28, 2003. The weather was perfect for the affair that was held in the beautiful backyard of Claire Richards. Dark clouds that teased thoughts of rain just blew in a nice breeze that cooled things off. Guests were treated to a delightful buffet of tenderloin, shrimp, chicken-ka-bobs, summer veggies and more, catered by Linda Love and A Catered Affair.

Sonora Mayor and Foundation Board of Directors President, Jim Stephen welcomed guests to the party and informed them that we are never certain that finances will be available in the future and the Sutton County Foundation wants to ensure that there are quality medical facilities for the future generations of Sonora and Sutton County. Stephen said that currently the hospital operates on tax dollars and funds generated from the ranch, but as we are all aware, values are decreasing and eventually our tax base will dwindle and taxes will have to be raised. The Foundation hopes to raise money so that they will be able to continue hospital operations.

Foundation Board member Dr. Alvis Johnson then took the mike to give a little history on the hospital and the purpose of the Sutton County Foundation. Dr. Johnson said that the Foundation is a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 organization, which seeks tax-deductible funds to build an endowment through bequests, contributions, memorials, insurance policy proceeds, and gifts. The principal of this



Dr. Alvis Johnson talks about the future of Sutton County and how it will affect the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital.

endowment will be invested in a conservative portfolio and income from these funds will supplement the hospital and other county health related organizations. Dr. Johnson told guests that there has already been a pledge of \$100,000 if the Foundation can prove to be successful.

Hospital Administrator Keith Butler was the last speaker of the evening, talking about the future of Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital. Keith reported that the hospital has operated in the black for two years and is hoping to continue doing so. He introduced the new doctor, Dr. Gregory Johnson and said that they are looking forward to even more good things. Keith reminded everyone of the projects currently underway at the hospital, including the expansion of the doctor's clinic, the moving of the hospital into the old nursing home building and the addition of a wellness center. He also talked about the rehabilitation and cardio/pul-

monary facilities that are now available locally. Other additions that Hudspeth will soon be seeing is a cat scan machine and filmless x-rays. All of these improvements are for the benefit of the residents of Sutton County. Keith ended the evening by reiterating the fact that the Foundation and the future of the hospital will not be possible without the support of the community. If you would like more information about the Sutton County Foundation you can contact any Board member: Jim Stephen, Rande Fawcett, Sharon Holman, Pascal Allison, Dr. Alvis Johnson, Ben Pool, Carl Teaff, Curry Campbell, and Lolabeth Jones, or Steering Committee members: Mike Hale, Cleve T. Jones, Joe David Ross, Melissa Teaff, Ronnie Cox, Lesa Gamez, Laurie Garza, JoAnn Hernandez, Rodney Knight, Eddie Sawyer, and Keith Wallace. You can also contact Keith Butler at the hospital.

Commissioners Hear Budget Requests

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners began the meeting with general business on Monday, June 23, 2003, approving prior minutes and accounts payable.

Commissioner John Wade commented that the cemetery looks great and the maintenance crew is to be commended for the upkeep. Commissioner Belia Castaneda agreed, but reported that someone had informed her that there had been someone washing their vehicle in the cemetery. It was agreed to look into this matter and see that it is stopped.

Sutton County Judge Carla Garner reported that County Extension Agent, Preston Faris, would be retiring on August 31, 2003. The job will be posted state wide.

Judge Garner reported that she had attended the CVOG Security Meeting as authorized by the Commissioners. She said that about \$20,000 has been allotted for Sutton County to spend on communication systems that will enhance regional communication. She added that more money had been added and that after it was split, probably about \$40,000 would be available for Sutton County to spend.

The commissioners approved the acceptance of a vehicle from the District Attorney's office to the Probation Department.

Judge Garner then began preliminary budget discussions. Garner informed the commissioners that some new requests had been submitted from department heads, and some of them were costly. One additional expense will be the group insurance, but money has been allotted for this increase. The Justice of the Peace has requested two full-time employees for her office. This sparked a lengthy discussion about the necessity of these employees. J.P. Adelia Alvarez explained that the work load continues to increase with the addition of citations, warrants, personnel, etc. Alvarez said that she requested the additional employees because she felt that they were needed to keep the office running efficiently and it would allow for her to concentrate on trial work. She explained that the clerical work alone makes for excessive hours. Questions and concerns were fielded by the commissioners and Alvarez.

The next request pointed out by Judge Garner was for a new copier for the Tax Assessor office. The current machine is not operating correctly. The request is for a \$567 lease that will include maintenance.

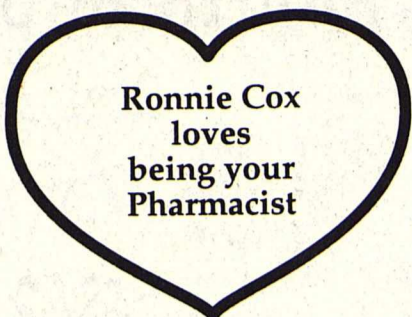
Some electrical work, in the range of \$1000, will have to be done in the storage room used for lawn equipment and at the old police station.

The Road and Bridge Department is requesting uniforms for the employees and two new diesel dump trucks. Department manager, Oscar Jimenez told the court that two of the trucks that are currently being used are very old and will soon need extensive repairs which will be costly.

The Sheriff's Office has requested two vehicles for the department to replace the two with high mileage.

The Department of Public Safety has requested a new land line phone system for their office, as well as four cellular telephones.

Judge Garner ended the meeting by reminding the commissioners that these were preliminary discussions and these were items they needed to be thinking about.



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Obituaries

Herbert W. (Corky) Fields, Jr.

Herbert W. (Corky) Fields, Jr. was born October 1, 1945, in Big Lake, Texas to Herbert Wardlaw Fields and Loise Lewis Fields. Corky graduated from high school in Sonora in 1964, and attended Texas Tech University. He moved to Houston, Texas in the late 60's, and was a self-employed real estate broker in that city. Corky was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two brothers, Dr. John Fields and his wife, Jeryl, and Tryon Fields, and his wife Cindy, all of Sonora, as well as five nephews and nieces, Amy Fields Youngblood of Tucson, Arizona, Becca Fields, of Lubbock, Tanner Fields, Sean Fields, and Kayla Fields, all of Sonora. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.



Ida Rosa Crenwelge

Ida Rosa Crenwelge, 82, died Monday, June 30, 2003, in a local care center. Visitation was at Schaeffer Funeral Home Chapel. Vigil and burial services were at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Survivors include children, Stanley Crenwelge, Dora Lee Sewell, Darlyn Jung, Sidney Crenwelge, Gene Crenwelge

and Atlee Crenwelge, all of Fredericksburg, Eugenia Ann Jenschke of San Antonio, Elizabeth Terry of Inez, Larry Crenwelge of Junction, Archie Crenwelge of Sonora, Cecil Crenwelge of San Saba, Mary Jason Henrich of Mason and Irene Fritz of Castroville; and brother, Ewald Weinheimer of Fredericksburg.

Up On Eaton Hill

Owls and Agaves on Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

Owls have fascinated mankind for countless centuries. From ancient civilizations to the present, owls have been assigned all sorts of symbolic meaning ranging from death to protection. In early Indian folklore, owls possessed the power of prophecy and represented helpfulness and wisdom. American Indian tribes often associated owls with protection of the human soul after death. Owls have been considered harbingers of death or evil, associated with witchcraft, and today are most commonly and appropriately symbols of wisdom. There are over 200 species of owls in the world, five of which reside in our area. During cooler months additional migrating owls may be found here. We can boast residency of one the largest – the great horned owl and the smallest – the elf owl, a birding favorite. At approximately five inches in length, elf owls are the smallest owls in the world. These tiny raptors have yellow eyes, white eye brows and a short tail. I recently enjoyed the experience of observing young elf owls at Seco Mayfield's ranch in Edwards County. For years, elf owls have been nesting near the ranch house in a large oak tree. Arriving with a friend before sundown, we initially feared the opportunity had been lost as there was no visible activity around the nest site. As darkness fell and the nighttime sounds of nature drifted on the cool breeze, we suddenly heard a different call and tracked the puppy-like yipping to a nearby tree. Using flashlights, we searched the tangled branches

and saw...branches. And leaves. "Look, there they are!" said Seco, shining the light on two tiny owls which seemed to emerge from the tree limbs just over our heads, coming into focus like a hidden picture hologram. Success! In total we saw four young elf owls and took several pictures and some video. The owls were amazingly tolerant of our presence and the experience was thrilling. Elf owls also nest annually at the Caverns of Sonora so it seems the Mayfields have got the elf owl mojo! Although the Eaton Hill elf owl nest box project conducted by Sonora's 7th and 8th grade GT class did not confirm nesting on Eaton Hill, I am encouraged to continue the project next season and there has been some discussion of incorporating a monitoring camera.

I was told recently of a great horned owl nest in the cliff opposite the flag. The owlets have left the nest but I guess they enjoyed an owls' eye view of our majestic flag. There's something balanced about that image.

Here is a little owl trivia: What do you call a group of owls? A parliament.

Another noteworthy sight on Eaton Hill is the Agave plant in full bloom. The century plant is in the final stages of life, putting all it's resources into the enormous bloom. Hummingbirds have been sighted visiting the bloom which reportedly smells like decaying meat – another one of natures surprising contrasts. Apparently bats are also attracted to the flowers. Agaves are fascinating and beautiful plants which have

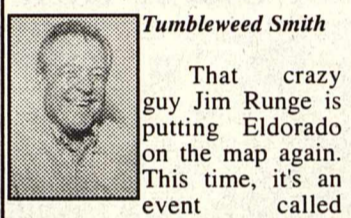
See Eaton Hill back page



Elf Owls hide in the trees.

TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Eldorado is at it again with "Running of the Bull"



Tumbleweed Smith

That crazy guy Jim Runge is putting Eldorado on the map again. This time, it's an event called "Running of the Bull." No, it's not a copy of the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Bull in this case is singular. "Eldorado has lots of bull shooters," says Runge, "so we thought we'd have a contest to see who can do it the best." Obviously, it's a running of the mouths rather a running of the bulls. The thing has gotten out of hand, as most of Runge's events do. It has come to the attention of people in nearby towns and some that are not so nearby. It seems that every Texas town has some outstanding bull shooters.

More than twenty categories have been established for competition. Some of these are the biggest lie contest, fastest talker, cowboy poetry, punning, personal stories, shaggy dog stories, parodies, rhyming prose, tongue twisters and a special freestyle category. No entry fee is required and winners will receive special trophies. It all takes place July 26 and 27 on Eldorado's court house square. The event has a website, ShootTheBull@hotmail.com. The phone number is 325-853-2434. The competition is open to anyone except those from France. Besides the tall tales, jokes and mangled English (ala Norm Crosby), there will be arts, crafts and food vendors galore. Antique and classic cars will be on display and visitors can enjoy face painting, clowns, carnival

games, a giant inflatable slide and a "Count The Bulls" contest in which contestants try to see how many bulls they can count on promotional signs in the area. One hitch to that: only signs in Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Menard and Tom Green Counties can be counted for the contest.

"Running of the Bull" has attracted some colorful folks. Dennis Gaines of Kerrville says he didn't talk until he was almost six when he said "This hot chocolate is no good." When his mother asked him why he waited so long to talk, he replied, "Up until now, things have been just fine." He was named the Cowboy Storyteller and humorist of the year by the Academy of Western Artists.

Jimmy Girvin of Arlington talks even during domino games and was once run out of town for talking too much. Pam Gaddis of Alpine has the Trans-Pecos Dinosaur Obedience School and is a licensed freckle inspector. Jim Collins of McKinney was born with a plastic spoon in his mouth and as a child loved to sit in front of a roaring fire. His daddy always got mad because the house had no fireplace.

The "Running of the Bull" comes, on the heels of the Eldorado Elgotarod, an event for goats similar to Alaska's Iditarod. All these events are being presented by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee (the EOBOC) to shore up their credentials to host a future Olympics in Eldorado.

Attendees to this event should wear tall boots and raise their pant legs.

Senior Center News

- July 7 - Bingo!
- July 8 - Sugar/blood checks! West Texas Health Care. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- July 9 - Volunteer to deliver meals. Call 387-5657
- July 11 - Run errands and pay bills! Call Lilia 387-3941.

Senior Menu

- July 7 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot raisin salad, rolls, cookie, milk.
 - July 8 - Hamburger on bun, chips, onions, tomatoes, lettuce, baby carrots, seafoam salad, milk.
 - July 9 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach, garlic bread, fruit cocktail, pound cake, milk.
 - July 10 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, peas, potatoes, cornbread, sunshine fruit salad, milk.
 - July 11 - Chicken fajita salad with cheese, tossed salad, crackers, macaroni salad, pie, 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

- July 10-12
 Deer Habitat Workshop
 Texas A & M Experiment Station
- July 14 - 18
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 Methodist Church

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. When did Wes Young become a deputy?

A. Devil's River News, January 25, 1946-Wesley Young, formerly of Elk City, Oklahoma, and veteran of over three years service with the Seabees, this week assumed duties as special county deputy. He will work through the sheriff's office and in conjunction with the county and city peace officers. His appointment was made, at a special session of Commissioners' Court that Monday, because of the increasing number of robberies, rowdiness and peace disturbances locally in the past few weeks. He was to serve primarily as a night patrolman, but be on call at all hours. He would enforce traffic regulations and his "beat" would include all of the city and county. His salary was to be paid by the City of Sonora, Sutton County and owners of large private and business properties in the city limits.

The new peace officer had a good record of law enforcement duties behind him, having served as a peace officer in Childress, Texas for two years before entering military service. He also spent two years in the Navy as a Shore Patrolman, working often with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in San Francisco, California. His father had been sheriff of Elk City, Oklahoma for the past twelve years.

While in the service with the Seabees, Young saw fifteen months of service in the Aleutian Islands. He had received his honorable discharge about six months before his appointment and moved to Sonora with the E. Y. Young Drilling Co., owned by his uncle. Mrs. Young and their two small daughters, Jetty, four and Cecilia, one were living in Sonora with him.

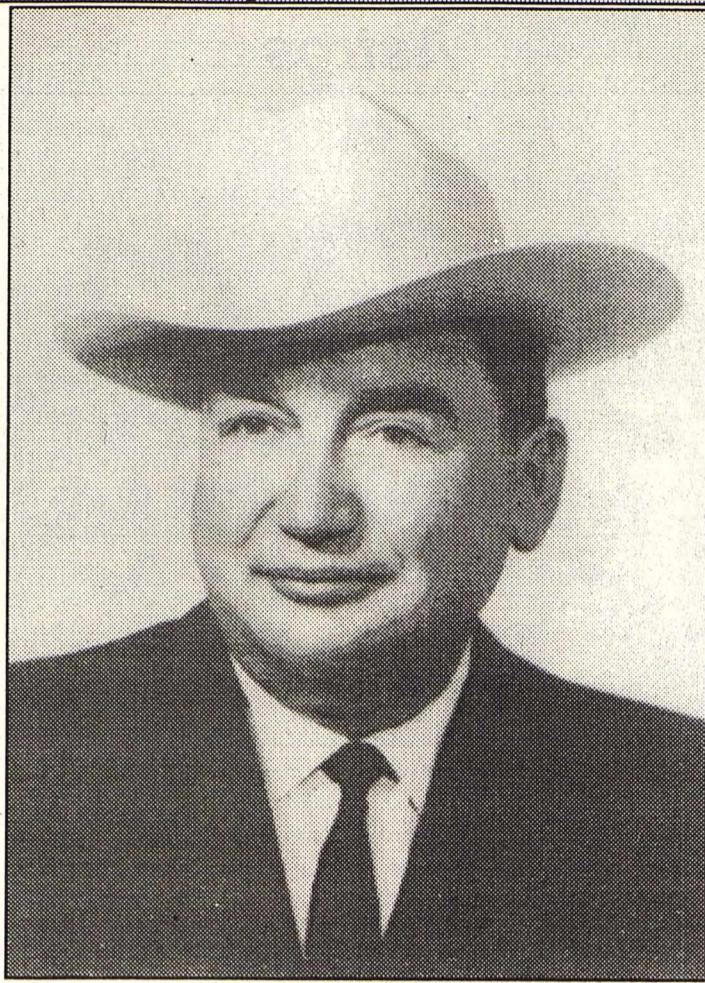
In an article right next to the one regarding his appointment the "News" told of four burglaries in Sonora that week. Someone had broken into the Stanolind Oil and Gas Co., a warehouse being rented by George E. Smith and H. V.

Stokes Feed Co., and the Taylor and Moore Stock Medicine Co.

On January 17, 1946 there were robberies at Ben Cusenbary's ranch and Rector Cusenbary's ranch. A pickup truck, 30-30 rifle and .22 rifle were taken from Ben and a .22 rifle stone from Rector. Sheriff Brown and Wesley Young found the truck and when the boys took off on foot gave chase toward Juno. Highway patrolmen, rangers, and sheriffs and deputies from Sutton and surrounding counties joined in and the chase ended with the boys arrest; one at the Sim Glasscock ranch and one at Beaver Lake. One boy was from Eagle Pass and said, "he didn't know why he was being chased." The other boy, a local, admitted he and as many as three of his friends had broken into and stolen from the following parties in the past week: The Devil's River News \$7; Sonora School \$10; Methodist Church \$25; Sonora Recreation Club \$3; Cashes Taylor \$40, two checks and a watch; Rouche Bros. Service Station \$1.25; H. V. Stokes Feed Co. \$1.50; Stanolind Oil Co. \$126 and the thefts at Rector and Ben Cusenbarys. The boy said two helped him in the school robbery and one in the Taylor robbery. All three accomplices were apprehended. The ringleader had come back in the stolen truck to get some of the money he had hidden at home. He said he committed the robberies to get money to go to California.

The boy from out of town was sent back to his home in Kimble County, the four local boys were eventually all paroled to their relatives. The father of the boy who was responsible for the whole scheme paid back all the money that was taken and returned all the stolen items to their rightful owners. Because these things happened in juvenile court we don't know any names and we really don't want to. We are sure the families of the youths involved, the 13 law enforcement officers from the State and local counties, the Judge, and the local preachers put such a "fear of God," into those boys they never even thought of going on another crime spree.

Wesley Cecil Young was



Wesley C. Young

appointed Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton Co. on April 2, 1954 following the death of Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson. He served until a special election could be held and was replaced in office by Sheriff W. Hill. Wesley Young was born on August 3, 1919 in Mountain Park, Oklahoma to Mr. and Mrs. Daner Young. He was working as a drilling contractor when he died in an automobile accident on March 1, 1970 about 21 miles south of Sonora at the Rocksprings and Del Rio "Y." He was buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

Other news of 1946: Tommy Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom bond, former Sonorans, now ranching at Fort Stockton, received his Eagle Scout's badge at a recent Ship of Honor held in Fort Stockton. Bond is a member of the Sea Scouts which has a Ship of Honor for making awards in place of the regular Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts.

The Sonora Recreation Club changed hands this week, when three local men, Sanford

Trainer, James D. Trainer and Lloyd (Snuffy) Hendricks bought the business from H.V. Morris. James D. Trainer and Hendricks are discharged veterans, having served in the Army and Marine Corps respectively.

First Lieutenant Harrell T. (Wampus) Espy arrived home after two years overseas and a total four years in the service. He served in the artillery in the Army as a forward observer. Lt. Espy received his discharge in San Antonio and he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Espy drove home from there. Another Sutton Countian home with his discharge from the service is Wilfred Berger, son of Mrs. Joe Berger, who completed two years in the Navy and was discharged at Terminal Island with the rate of Carpenter's Mate second class. He plans to engage in the ranching business with his father. James D. Trainer, who has been working at the Sonora Post Office since his return from the U. S. Marine Corps a year ago, was appointed the new acting postmaster of Sonora.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You can call us at 325-387-5084 on Mondays 8-4, Tuesdays 8-12 and Fridays 8-4. If you would like to tour the Miers Home Museum stop in the office the same days and times.

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Correction

In the School Board Minutes from 6-9-03, that were printed in the June 26, 2003 issue of The Devil's River News, item 6 regarding the TAKS scores: The correct text should have read "...with Mr. Berry expressing his appreciation to Mrs. Glasscock, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Brockman for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the students."

Main Street Traffic

by Ann Kay, Manager

The Texas Downtown Association has invited Sonora to take part in an advertisement opportunity in the July issue of the Texas Monthly Magazine. As you're flipping through the pages of Texas Monthly look for the "Picture this...You...downtown!" headline at the top of the page. The ad spotlights special vacation spots to visit in Texas.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street web site has been averaging about 125 hits a month and the meter has total of 1631 hits as of today. The web site is not a year old yet and is a great way to advertise our community as THE place to slow down and visit some western heritage and country life.

We have had a lot of visitors from Florida and California lately, who have enjoyed our western heritage and all of the historic preservation that has been completed in Sonora. One group from Florida chose to stay an extra night so they could take time to explore the beautiful rock work around town. Another visitor recently was a Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Administrator in the 1060's. The family enjoyed their visit and were happy to see that the hospital was doing so well. You never know who is walking the streets of Sonora.

Masonic Lodge Installs Officers



The Masonic Lodge Officer Installation for 2003-04 was held at Ft. McKavett, TX including Lodges from Junction City Lodge, Menard, Ft. McKavett, Eldorado and Sonora.

New officers of the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 in Sonora are as follows: L to R: Senior Deacon, Milton Cavaness; Tiler, Mallie Turner; Treasurer, Frank Wamble; Secretary, Jim Cusenbary; Worshipful Master, Curry Campbell; Jr. Warden, Smith Neal; Jr. Deacon, Joe Brown; Senior Warden, Terry Brooks; Chaplain, Lee Bloodworth; Installing Officer from Rocksprings, TX, Charles Carson.

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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.

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Bobby and Moe Mogford would like to announce the arrival of their granddaughter
Skylar Nicole Mogford
 She was born May 25, 2003
 10:47 a.m. at North Austin Hospital.
 Skylar weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs.
 and was 19 3/4" long.
 Proud parents are
Brad and Amber Mogford.
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Kathy Fazzino and Joe Fazzino,
 both of Bryan, Texas.



Sonora City League Minors - Baseball

Astros



The **Astros** were coached by Juan Jimenez, Keith Hudson and Lupe Ramon. **Astros:** (not in order) Davis Virgen, Sam Powers, Jesus Vasquez, Word Hudson, Darien Lopez, Damien Lopez, Eric Santana, Nathan Villa, Erasamo Esquivel, Jansen McBride, and Phillip Stephens.

Longhorns



The **Longhorns** were coached by Marty Parks, Cades Pope and Curry Campbell. **Longhorns:** (not in order) Clayton Parks, Garrett Smith, Jessie Vaquera, Cadesman Pope, Cody Barber, Marky Quiroz, Tyler Smith, Garrett Baucom, Will Dutton, Stephen Dominquez, Chance Campbell and Gunter Pennington

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Raiders



The **Raiders** were coached by Sam Hughes, Lynn Hinsley and David Sanchez. **Raiders:** (not in order) Aaron Hinsley, Jared Hinsley, Michael Sanchez, Robert Hernandez, Andreas Acevedo, Keanu Gamez, Cande Tobias, Hunter Hughes, Edward Garza, Josque Dominguez, Leonard Ibarra, and Stanley Gaytan



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY from Congressman Henry Bonilla

The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties.

On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates our freedom and our bonding as a nation.

Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation.

Have a safe weekend and a Happy Fourth of July!

Congressman Henry Bonilla

School Board Members Continue Education At Leadership Institute

Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Jesse Bustamante, Tom Payton, and Barbara Jennings, board members and Superintendent of Sonora ISD, Brant Myers, joined local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute June 19-21 in San Antonio. More than 2,000 new and veteran school leaders received in-depth training on every facet of effective board governance and heard keynote addresses from nationally known experts.

Hot topics covered during the three-day institute included an update on the 78th Texas legislative session, parental rights and the No Child Left Behind Act, recent legal ruling on student searches, teacher recruitment and retention, and the Texas Open Meetings Act. Other relevant sessions focused on the district's role in preparing students for higher education, school finance, staff motivation, alternative revenue sources, and using data to remove achievement gaps among different student groups.

Thursday's general session, The Magic of Leadership, featured Billy Riggs. A professional motivational speaker and illusionist, he asserts that effective board-superintendent leadership teams consistently hold a set of core beliefs in common that can



Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Jesse Bustamante, Tom Payton, Brant Myers and Barbara Jennings (not pictured) attended the School Board Leadership Institute.

inspire and motivate students, staff and community to achieve success. Riggs identified the core beliefs of truly effective leaders and exploded the myths that render others ineffective.

Tamara Hall, Friday's general session speaker, believes that the diversity of people is one of the greatest resources of a free country. In her presentation, *Burnout Is Not a Way to Keep Warm*, she outlined ways that will help administrators and board members work as a team to lessen stress and accomplish more. Hall is a former school trustee and has served on numerous state and national education committees, including three terms on the Montana School Boards Association.

In-depth sessions were led on such topics as boardsman-

ship and district governance, parliamentary procedure, the board president's key duties, planning productive meetings, and team problem solving and decision making. Other breakout sessions explored changing student relations, effective facilitation skills and school foundations.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to served local public school districts in Texas. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$28 billion and employ more than 560,000 people.

Chamber Chatter

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Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This week the "Chamber Chatter" column is featuring Ol' Sonora Trading Company-Merle Norman-Rosey Bud Florist and A Catered Affair.

Ol' Sonora Trading Company was started in 1986 as a place the local ranchers could show a quality product from the mohair they produced. In 1994 Jimmy Cahill and Mary Ann Kenney decided to combine their business efforts so that more could be offered to the people of Sonora. The Merle Norman Cosmetic franchise, gifts, clothes, and mohair items make for a diverse shopping experience. April of 2002 saw the opening of Rosey Bud Florist. The flower shop has been the most exciting and rewarding part of each day, for Dorothy and Mary Ann. Now they are even more excited about Rosey Bud Florist becoming an FTD florist to better serve Sonora. From everyone at Ol' Sonora Trading Company - Merle Norman- Rosey Bud Florist - a big thank you to everyone for their support.

I wanted to report to our local community about my first visit to a Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives convention. I was fortunate enough to visit San Angelo this past week to attend this convention. I went up there thinking I wouldn't see but one or two familiar faces, since I'm new at this job and had never attended one of these conventions. Little did I know that a company owned and operated by a Sonora local would be catering almost all the meals for the entire convention. There was a lavish cocktail hour and buffet at the Cactus Hotel on Sunday night, a perfect lunch at the Convention Center on both Monday and Tuesday and a wonderful West Texas breakfast served on Tuesday morning. Everything was done by Linda Love and the staff of A Catered Affair. I looked up during one of the breaks between speakers and saw Linda talking with the convention director, that was my first clue, then as we all rounded the corner into the dining area I caught a glimpse of some of the people that were helping serve the meal; they were all familiar faces because they were all from Sonora. I no longer felt as though I was among strangers and I immediately took advantage of the bragging rights. I pointed out to everyone that would listen that all the wonderful food they had been raving about was prepared and served by someone from Sonora. I made a lot of new friends in a very short period of time. I know I would have eventually met most of these people from all over Texas, but being able to brag on Linda and her business help to expedite the process, not to mention getting to eat lots of her wonderful food. I was bursting with pride for Sonora.

I also wanted to remind everyone that Sutton County Days & The Outlaw Pro-Rodeo will be held the third weekend of August as has been the custom for many years and will be August 13-16 at the Sutton County Park & Arena Complex. Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325-387-2880

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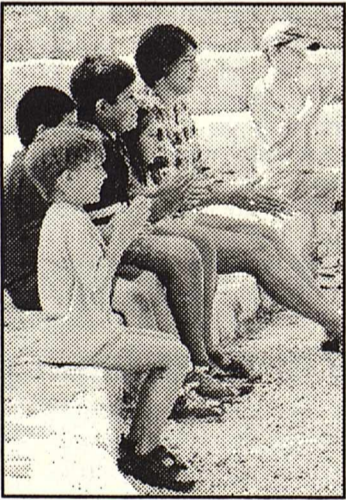


Above: Ventriloquist, Joe Libby gets a visit from the "head" honcho, Charles. Right: Young guests enthusiastically applaud the antics of Libby.

by Storie Sharp

Young and old alike were entertained by ventriloquism, magic and just good humor on Tuesday, July 1, 2003.

The Sutton County library played host to ventriloquist and magician, Joe Libby of San Antonio. Joe has acted and directed in numerous productions over the years at the San Pedro Playhouse, Harlequin Dinner Theatre, San Antonio Symphony, and elsewhere. Joe is one of Texas' best known children's entertainers for his work at schools, libraries, daycares, and birthdays. His visit to Sonora incorporated the "ABCs" of reading in his act, using humor to emphasize the importance of reading and utilizing the library. Libby introduces audiences the act of ven-



triloquism, or throwing your voice and does magic acts too. Later in the afternoon a "Magic Class" was held for those who had registered, teaching some tricks of the trade. This is an annual visit for Libby, who changes his act to incorporate the current reading program at the Sutton County Library. If you haven't visited the library recently, you should "Check it out."

Clogging Group To Headline "Running Of The Bull" Festival

There will be many acts to be seen and/or heard at the "Running of the Bull" Festival in Eldorado this July 26 & 27 that are one-of-a-kind, but none quite so off-the-wall as the "Hoof'N Heifers Running from the Bull." This clogging group, comprised of members from San Angelo and Sonora, will enter the competition both days and will exemplify the spirit of this unique event.

This group of dancers has put together several clogging routines that will be "udderly" delightful to the assembled lovers of "bulloney." Costuming will be a large part of the festivities and these ladies will steal the show with their outfits. Joining this group of insane heifers will be invisible face painters, painful poets, punsters, flim-flam artists, tongue twisters and other dog and pony shows.

Built on the premise that "not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life should be taken seriously" this gathering will have something for everyone on Saturday from 10-5 and on Sunday from 12-5. Spectators should wear all white with red bandanas and additionally, either wear tall boots or roll their pants legs up.

For additional info about entering this courthouse lawn event, i.e. the bullshooting competition or car shows, acquiring a vendor space, or just to shoot the bull, contact Jim Runge at shootthebull@hotmail.com or 325-853-2434.

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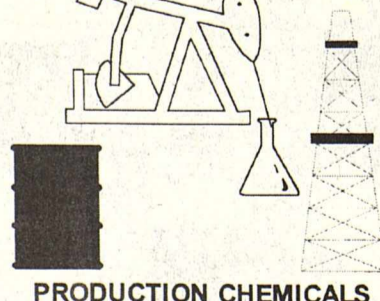
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Farm Bureau Supports Country-of-Origin Labeling

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 26, 2003 - The American Farm Bureau Federation today reaffirmed its support for country-of-origin labeling (COOL) laws, which it believes can be implemented "in a fair manner to all producers without large costs and burdensome paperwork requirements."

In testimony before the House Agriculture Committee, Colorado Farm Bureau President Alan Foutz said country-of-origin labeling is simply a program that allows consumers to differentiate between U.S. and foreign products and gives U.S. agriculture producers the chance "to promote the excellent products they take great pride in producing."

The process does not have to be onerous or costly, Foutz said, because the Agriculture Department has stated support for a process verification system that can be used by all segments of the agriculture industry to verify country-of-origin claims.

Farm Bureau supports a process verification system for livestock producers so they can verify any claims made to the packer regarding country-of-origin. "Livestock producers with assembled herds of U.S., Canadian or Mexican stock will have to set up a system to segregate their animals in order to verify any claims they make as to country-of-origin," Foutz said.

'Wildlife Damage' Agency Funds Cut

Just days after the veto of the entire budget of the Texas A&M University System's Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, the agency's director says he still hopes to find a way to keep the doors open for the coming biennium.

"We're talking with the governor's office and others to see if there is any way this situation can be rectified," said director Gary Nunley, whose San Antonio-based agency employs 195 people and provides services in 220 counties. "Of course, we had no idea this was coming. In the meantime, we are working with groups and local officials all over the state whose businesses and jurisdictions depend on the services that we provide."

The governor's veto eliminates the \$6.9 million state appropriation from the agency's budget, which directly funds 87 employees and funds most of the direct services provided by the agency. The lack of state support, Nunley explained, also jeopardizes 74 other positions that are funded through cooperative agreements with local funds, totaling \$4.5 million statewide.

"Unless we work out a solution, the state stands to lose those positions as well," he said. Federal cooperative funding may also be threatened if the agency is forced to shut down, Nunley said.

"We are committed to work with the governor's office and key legislative leaders to preserve these vital services," he said.

The Texas agency is the largest wildlife damage management agency in the country. Each year, it provides primarily predator control services to more than 5,000 properties with more than 20 million acres.

"Obviously these producers will have more work to do than a producer with all U.S. born and raised animals (but) this is a reality of the law and our producers are willing to work with USDA to verify the origin of their animals."

Currently, country-of-origin labeling is voluntary for meat, seafood, peanuts and fresh fruits and vegetables, but is scheduled to become mandatory after Sept. 30, 2004. Foutz told committee members that a voluntary, rather than mandatory, labeling program would be ineffective.

"A mandatory program is the only way to get all segments of the food chain coordinated to label final products for consumers," he said. Foutz cited the mandatory nutrition labeling program as a success, despite its opposition by the food industry.

The House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday passed the agriculture spending bill for fiscal 2004. The bill contained language prohibiting the Agriculture Department from using 2004 funds to implement the farm bill's COOL provision for meat and meat products.

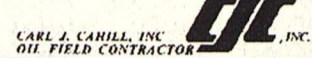
"It is important to carry out the law as passed in the farm bill and not separate commodities during implementation because it weakens the entire labeling program," Foutz said.

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"Rawhide" Symposium To Address Ranching Viability In August

by Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO - A symposium on "Ranching Aimed at Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Diversification of Enterprises," otherwise known as RAWHIDE, is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and will be held in two West Texas locations in August.

One program will be at the Abilene Civic Center Aug 4-5; the other will be Aug. 7-8 in the University Center at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Registration starts at noon in both locations. Ten Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered for pesticide applicator license re-certification.

Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife associate at San Angelo and symposium coordinator, said the interest in wildlife and wildlife habitat enhancement in the ranching enterprise mix continues to boom across the state. Cearley said the symposium is directed at ranchers, landowners, land managers, and others interested in good land stewardship.

"We're directing the program at those who want to improve wildlife habitat so they can diversify into additional wildlife-related enterprises," said Cearley. "The meeting's purpose is to help give a renewed sense of hope to ranchers."

"We're trying to convey the idea that ranchers can maintain their operations' long-term viability by making a few well-

thought-out wildlife/livestock concessions related to the stocking rate, grazing systems, and type and class of livestock utilized. The bottom line will likely be a more economically stable ranching business and healthier rangelands.

"We're conducting these twin programs, offering the same format at two locations, to expose more folks to this information. The two host sites are quite different geographically, but the problems and solutions are fairly universal no matter where you are in West Texas."

Topics addressed will include gauging rangeland health, using innovative tools for ranch planning, and understanding economic considerations related to the wildlife/ranching enterprise. Others session will address the habitat needs of wildlife and livestock, and such tools for habitat management as brush sculpting, rangeland water conservation, grazing management, and prescribed fire.

The symposium concludes with a presentation of case studies based on situations found in the Abilene and Alpine areas.

Pre-registration is \$75 per person through July 23. Registration after July 23 and at the door is \$100 per person. To register online, visit <http://www.pware.com/1542>. For registration by mail or fax, call (979)845-7692.

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Diseases from page 1

keep mosquitoes out of your house by being certain that screens are in proper repair.

Sever acute respiratory syndrome, SARS, is carried primarily by saliva droplets, as are most respiratory diseases such as the common cold and the flu. Washing your hands with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of disease. The use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer is a good substitute when soap and water are not available.

Wash your hands before preparing food, before eating, after sneezing or coughing on your hands, after changing a baby's diaper, after playing with pets, and after using the bathroom. It's also important to cover your mouth when you cough. Another precaution - for those with wide-ranging travel plans - is to check travel advisories from the World Health Organization and the traveler's health web page

www.cdc.gov/travel. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before you travel.

Preventing diseases like monkeypox requires another kind of common sense. Before you acquire a pet, any pet, you should be aware of the health risks involved, especially with exotic animals. Be certain that ALL your pets have been properly vaccinated and checked by a veterinarian. If you do own an exotic animal and it becomes ill, it is very important that you seek the assistance of a veterinarian at once.

It is possible now, by the way, to have your horse vaccinated against West Nile virus. You can ask your veterinarian whether vaccinations are recommended in your area.

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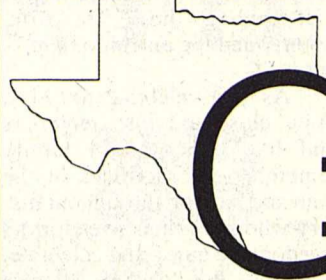
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

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Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Admin. Office of the SISD at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until July 9th, 2003 at 3:00 PM. Faxed proposals will be not be accepted.

Sonora ISD reserves the right to waive all formalities and award the contract in the best interest of the school district.

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.

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST on July 17, 2003 at the office of: Keith L. Butler, CEO Sutton County Hospital District 308 Hudspeth Street P.O. Box 455 Sonora, Texas 76950

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.

Copies of the Documents may be obtained at the office of H. Schmidt Architects, 123 South David Street, San Angelo, Texas (325) 653-4242, for the refundable deposit of \$100.00 per set of documents.

A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at the site at 2:00 P.M. CST on July 10, 2003.

Bid Security in the amount of (5%). Five Percent of the bid shall be submitted with each proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds and insurance.

The Sutton County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bidders qualifications prior to contract award.

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Church News

New Life Ministries is announcing a Sabbatical - there will be no services until July 13. 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 Kingdom' through worship, as we 'prepare a Place for His Presence!'

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Are you trying to start a business or expanding your existing business and need financing? Learn how to obtain financing for your business ventures at the SHAKING THE MONEY TREE seminar given by the ASU Small Business Development Center. Free - Tuesday, July 15, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the ASU campus, room 100 of the Rassman Building. Call 325/942-2098 to register.

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

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.

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.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays, Tuesday until noon and Fridays.

Celebrate Freedom



Henry Bonilla, Washington, D.C.

This July fourth we will commemorate the birthday of our great nation. The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is a red-white-and-blue day of barbecues and fireworks. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties.

On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates

the American family and our bonding as a free nation.

In towns dotted all over Texas people know what it means to be free. We celebrate the fact that we live in strong and united communities. We recognize how blessed we are to enjoy unparalleled freedom - freedom that has been earned and protected at a high price.

Let us not forget to give thanks on this day. On July 4, 1776, our founding fathers set up the greatest nation on the face of the planet. They knew that a truly free nation would not be defined in terms of its borders, but in its philosophy. For 223 years courageous Americans have risked their lives to adopt and maintain the true meaning of the Declaration of Independence. "...that all

men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."

As you celebrate this day, draw close to your neighbors and like one grateful family remember the sacrifices of the men and women throughout history who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy and celebrate.

Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation. Have a safe week-end and to all of my fellow Americans, Happy Fourth of July!

Public Notices

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 Statewide 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.

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 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 X6/12

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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.

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.

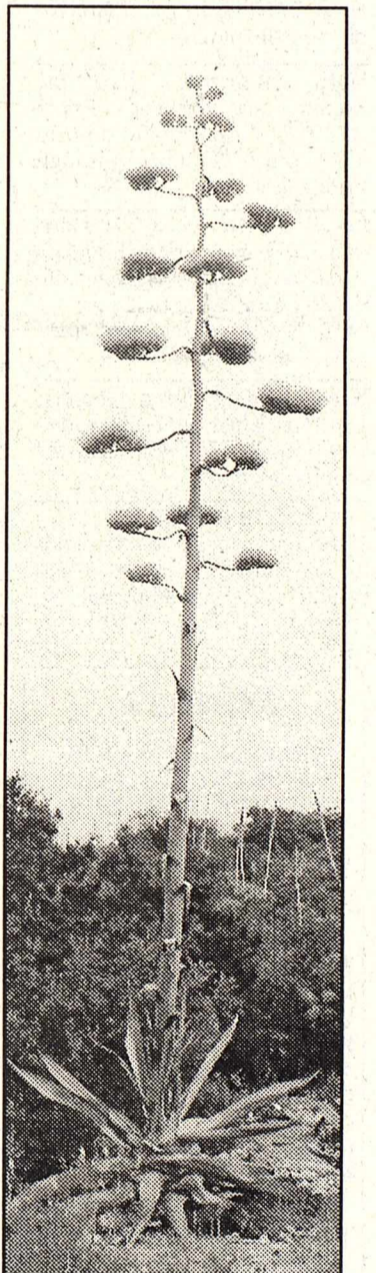
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY July 23, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES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

Vacation Bible School To Help Kids Discover God's Light

The Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches present "Lighthouse Kids".

"Lighthouse Kids" is an exciting way for kids, ages 3^{1/2}-6th grade to discover God's Light. All our lighthouse adventures will take place at the Methodist Church on the corner of Oak and Water streets. Registration will be Monday, July 14, from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Activities will take place each morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Each day will include exciting bible adventures, games, refreshments, music, and crafts.

Eaton Hill from page 2

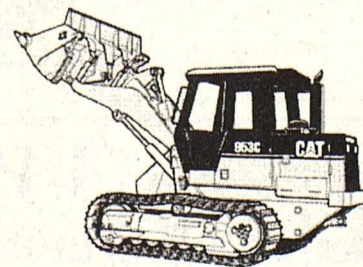


A blooming Agave on Eaton Hill.

food, fiber and medicinal value. In Mexico, tequila is made from a close relative to the species found here. The amazing stalk was aptly described by one observer as: "like something out of a Dr. Seuss book." The plant is located along the Agave Ridge trail and can be seen on the left side of the road leading to the Eaton House. It makes a nice photograph but watch out for Yertle or Horton or even the Grinch tossing green eggs and ham from the top! Rosie Whitehead donated a couple agaves to the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and we appreciate your thoughtfulness!

We continue to see painted buntings and numerous other birds on Eaton Hill and white tailed deer favor the hill in the summer time. Come on out and explore the hill. There is just no telling what you may see. The Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

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