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Photo by Storie Sharp

Officer Dudley and ARS Bust Drug Load

by Storie Sharp

Sonora Police Officer Dick Dudley was on routine patrol Saturday, July 26, 2003 when he received a report of a possible intoxicated driver heading into Sonora. Officer Dudley spotted a vehicle fitting the description, a small white Dodge pickup, stopped at the Town and Country Convenience Store on the south end of town. Contact was made with the subject, a male juvenile, who appeared

nervous and repeatedly gave inconsistent information when questioned by Officer Dudley. Further investigation led to the suspect giving consent to search his vehicle. It was during this search that Officer Dudley's trained narcotic K-9, ARS, alerted positive to the dash area of the pickup.

Sutton County Deputy, Oscar Chavez arrived at the scene to assist with the search. Hidden in a hollowed out compartment under the modified

dash were 80 bundles of marijuana wrapped in plastic. The 91 pounds of marijuana have an estimated street value of \$57,000.

The juvenile was arrested and transported to the San Angelo Juvenile Detention Center.

Officer Mike Routh and Sutton County Deputy Bob Hartman also assisted at the scene.

Lady Colt All-Stars Go Undefeated in Midland



Lady Colts stamped the competition at the Midland tournament. submitted photo

submitted

On the weekend of July 18-20 the Western Regional ASA All-Star tournament was held in Midland, Tx.

Nineteen teams participated in the 12 and under division of the double elimination tournament. Some of the teams competing were Fort Stockton, Snyder, Coahoma, Jal, NM, Pecos, Monahans, Alpine, Kermit, Andrews, Big Spring, Odessa, Midland, Lubbock, San Angelo and the Sonora Lady Colts.

The Lady Colts worked their way into the championship game, going undefeated by putting teamwork ahead of all else.

Masonic Lodge Cooking "Scholarship" Dinner for Sutton County Days

submitted

For the second consecutive year, Sonora's Dee Ora Masonic Lodge No. 715 is sponsoring the scholarship dinner in conjunction with Sutton County Days. The dinner will be held in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center on Friday, August 15, 2003. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This year's menu will feature your choice of sirloin steak, barbecue chicken, beans, coleslaw, iced tea and Blue Bell ice cream for dessert; all for the low price of \$8.00. The past two years, 17 Sonora High School graduates have been awarded college scholarships to the college of their choice. Please join us at the scholarship dinner and support our Sonora High School graduates.

Sign Up Now For Sutton County EMT-Basic Course

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 7:00 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.

Sonora P.D. Warns of Burglars

by Storie Sharp

Sonora police want to warn residents to report any suspicious people lurking, in the wake of four burglaries in the last two weeks.

Chief of Police, Mike House said, "We're urging residents to be aware of any strange people or vehicles in their neighborhoods and report any unusual activity immediately, especially after dark."

The burglaries have mostly consisted of jewelry, VCRs, stereo equipment and tools, all things that can be carried away easily. It appears that the burglars are entering the houses or vehicles through unlocked windows or doors.

"Everyone is encouraged to lock their windows and doors when they are away from the house. Tool boxes on trucks and storage areas should also be locked," said Chief House. "If you're going away for any length of time, contact the Police Department to have a house watch," he added.

If anyone has any information regarding the burglaries or suspicious activity please call the Sonora Police Department at 387-3888.

Commissioners Continue To Make Cuts On Budget

by Storie Sharp

Budget cuts were the hot topic at the July 28th meeting of the Commissioner's Court. Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner told the commissioners that the final mineral values were in and they show a loss of 12 million, not the predicted 25 million, which is better than bad news. Garner said that this should make the affective tax rate only increase by 1¢.

Garner began the budget discussions by reporting that the federal government is changing from a fund based accounting system to a cash based accounting system. This change requires new computer software for the county, who must be in compliance by June of 2004. The software will cost about \$4000 and has to be purchased.

As per the commissioners

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Outlaw Team Roping Challenge Kicks Off Sutton County Days

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Team Roping Challenge will kick off the 30th Annual Sutton County Days activities on Friday, August 1, 2003. The Open Draw Pot Roping will have 3 go-rounds and a short-go, progressive after one; enter once, draw four (if there is an

excessive amount of teams they will draw three). The fee to enter is \$100 per roper and everyone is encouraged to enter with a partner. Entries open on Friday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., with no exceptions. The roping will start at 8:00 p.m. with the last to enter being the first to rope. The

top 12 teams on Friday will advance to the Short-go during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo on August 15th and 16th. Buckles will be awarded to the winners of the average.

For more information call 325-650-8675 or 325-387-2981.

Hospital Board Chooses Contractor In Special Meetings

submitted

The purpose of the special called meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District on July 17, 2003 was to open and review bids for the Sonora Medical Clinic. Directors present for the meeting were Lewis Allen, President, Preston Farris, Virginia Epps, Maria Carrasco and Mike Healy. Also present for the meeting were Henry Schmidt, Architect, Representatives from F.C. Construction, Hilliard Construction, and Master Builders, Keith Butler Administrator/CEO, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

Mr. Schmidt advised the Board that five companies had picked up the plans for submission of a bid, only three of the five bid the project. Schmidt stated that the three construction companies, with representatives present, presented their bids for the expansion of the Sonora Medical Clinic. Schmidt

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Little Outlaws Get Ready To Bust Some Muttons

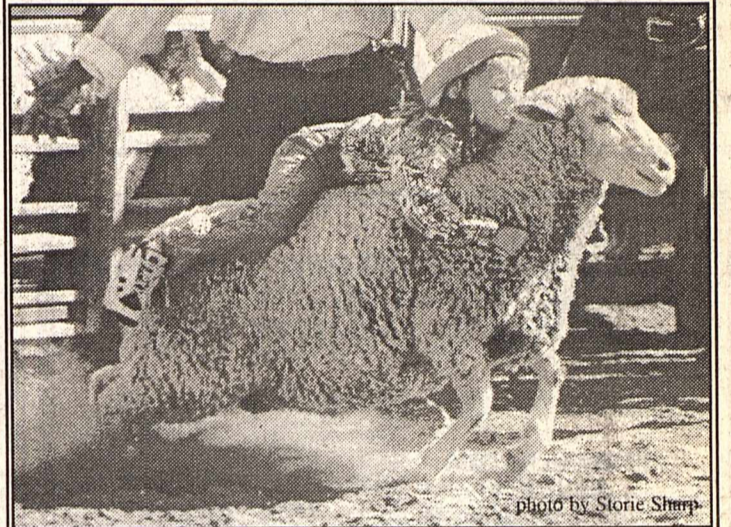


photo by Storie Sharp

The 2003 Sonora Outlaw Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be Friday, August 1, 2003 at the Sutton County Park Arena. Entries will be taken at the arena rodeo office on August 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Mutton Bustin' will start at 7:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 to 7, under 55 lbs or 46" tall may enter at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena Complex.

Entry fee is \$10 and a parent must sign a release form for their child to ride.

The top 10 contestants from Friday will qualify to compete in the Mutton Bustin' Finals during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo performance on Friday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m.

All contestants must wear protective vest and helmets that will be furnished by the rodeo committee. For more information call 387-2205.

Accident Claims Two, Injures Four



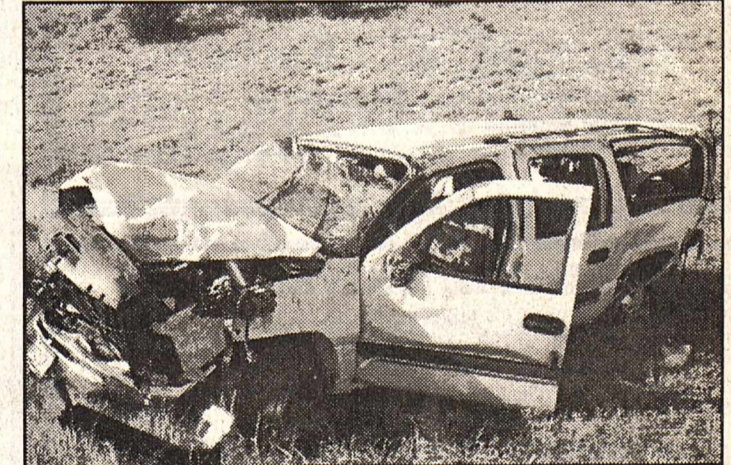
Rescuers attempt to release a trapped victim from the front seat of the wrecked Suburban.

by Storie Sharp

Two were pronounced dead at the scene and four other family members were taken to the hospital after the 2003 Chevrolet Suburban they were traveling in flipped off an embankment.

Texas State Trooper, Norbert Ortiz, reported that Miguel Abecia, 46, was driving the Suburban west on Interstate 10, traveling with his family from Corpus Christi, Texas to visit family in El Paso, Texas. Evidence at the scene indicated that Abecia was traveling at a high rate of speed and must have fallen asleep while driving, causing the vehicle to drift off the road into the center median. Abecia over-corrected and veered back onto the roadway, causing them to go into a sideways skid across the Interstate before becoming airborne. The vehicle flipped, left over right, eight times down a 30 foot embankment at the 400 exit on 110, coming to a rest in the upright position facing North.

Three passengers, Josefa Bou-Hamad, 50, Alejandro Abecia, 15, and Roberto Abecia, 12, were ejected from the vehi-



cle. The two remaining passengers, Lilia Abecia, 53, and Angelina Abecia, 11, were trapped in the vehicle. The driver was able to get out, having sustained injuries to his neck, head and arm.

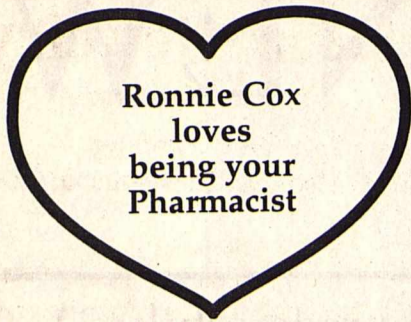
Sutton County EMS, Chief of Police Mike House, Sutton County Deputy Jody Harris, Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Team and passers-by assisted the injured, who were taken to Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Two victims were taken by AirMed to Shannon Health Center and the other two were

transferred by ambulance. The two younger Abecia children are in critical condition, with broken arms, and massive head and internal injuries. Mrs. Abecia received neck, head, leg and arm injuries and Mr. Abecia had neck, head and arm injuries.

Justice of the Peace Adelia Alvarez pronounced Josefa Bou-Hamad and Alejandro Abecia dead at the scene at 9:06 a.m.

Texas State Troopers Rito Renteria, Cody Cory, and Donald Van Zandt, and Sonora Police Officer Eric Byrne assisted at the wreck site.



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Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
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1705 N. Crockett

God's answer to mumblers and grumblers: "Take another trip around the mountain..." Anonymous

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. James 1:1-2

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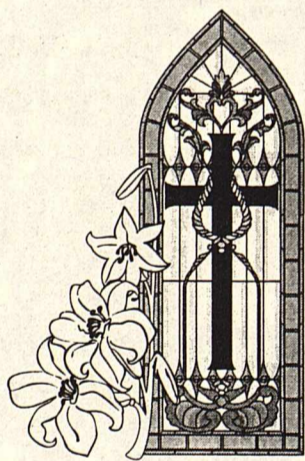
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Obituaries

Ralph Mitchell Trainer

Ralph Mitchell Trainer passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 24, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Jenny Sue; sons, Wil and Jake; his daughter, Jody; two grandchildren, Jamie and Katy; his mother, Peggy Trainer; his brother, Gil; a niece; and several nephews and numerous cousins. He was a soft-hearted man who loved all kids and animals and he loved the Sonora Broncos through the good times and bad. Memorial services for Mitch were at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church. The family requests memorials to the Salvation Army, the Bronco Booster Club or a charity of choice.

Allen Hatchett

Allen Hatchett, of Abilene, Texas, on July 1, 2003, at 3:35 a.m., heard the voice of His Lord and Savior, beckoning and calling him to come and walk and talk with Him forever, in His Heavenly Rose Garden. Allen Hatchett was born on Dec. 8, 1911. He married his true love, Goldie Pauline Berry, on March 30, 1937. He was a retired sergeant of the Abilene Police Department, being a 37-year veteran. The love of his life, his Goldie, preceded him to that Heavenly Place in 1957. Their son, James Allen Hatchett, preceded him to heaven in 1979. He will be greatly missed by many, but mostly by their three daughters, Levina Salinas and her husband, Joe, of Hawley, Patricia Phillips and husband, Tommy D., of Big Lake and Elsie Spurgin and husband Charles V., of Big Lake; their grandchildren, Patricia Register of Abernathy, Joseph Salinas, Joana Wuest of Sonora, Karen Pruitt of Big Lake, Jerry Newberry of Big Spring, Stephanie De La Cruz of Granbury and Shawna Torres of Cisco; and their great-grandchildren, Candace Pruitt of Big Lake, Andrew Register of Abernathy, Samantha and Richard De La Cruz II of Grandbury and Darryl and Dean Newberry of Big Spring. Their granddaughter, Joana Wuest, wrote and read "Papa's" Eulogy. He was buried with honors by the Honor Guard of Abilene Police Department. Pallbearers were former and present Abilene Police officers. Services were held at 2:00 p.m., July 3, in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Abilene with the Rev. T.C. Melton officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery beside his Goldie.

Senior Center News

Aug. 4 - Bingo!
Aug. 6 - TRAX van to San Angelo. Call 387-2509.
Aug. 7 - Run errands and pay bills. Call Lilia 387-5657.

Senior Menu

Aug. 4 - BBQ sandwich with bun, baked French fries, baby carrots, cole slaw, peach with whipped topping, milk.
Aug. 5 - Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, strawberry banana mix, bread pudding, roll, milk.
Aug. 6 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, banana pudding, milk.
Aug. 7 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, macaroni salad, cantaloupe, milk.
Aug. 8 - Chicken fajitas, onion & peppers, rice, refried beans with cheese, tortilla, tossed salad, jello with fruit, 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.

Cards of Thanks

It is through the blessings and the power of prayer from family, friends and those I have not had the pleasure of meeting that have given me strength to face yet another test in the path God has prepared for me.

My family and I would like to thank all who have said a prayer for us, for the calls, the encouraging words and the acts of kindness. Though the journey of my illness is not over, I know that God has and continues to be with me through wonderful people in our community.

Ramon, Juanita and Victoria Estrada

Es por las Bendiciones y el poder de la oracion de nuestra familia, amistades y todas esas personas que aun no he conocido que encuentro las fuerzas para enfrentar esta prueba que Dios tiene preparado para mi.

Mi familia y yo queremos dar gracias a todos que han orado, llamado, por sus palabras de apollo y por sus actos de caridad. La hornada de mi enfermedad aun no llega a su final pero Dios sique acompanandome y Bendiciendome con una Comunidad generosa y bondadosa.

I want to thank everyone for their help when I had surgery and after that when I was diagnosed with cancer. Thank God I am feeling a little better. Thank you all for your prayers, food, telephone calls and get well cards. Thank you to my cousins, Juanita Herrera and Irene Dominguez for being there for my surgery. Thanks to Noemi Samaniego for taking me to San Angelo for my treatments and check-ups when I got very, very sick.

Elvia Samaniego

We would like to express our appreciation to all of you who remembered our family during this difficult time. Your kindness through prayers, visits, calls, flowers, food and kind words will always mean so much to us. We would also like to thank Hospice and the Crockett County Care Center for the loving care and kindness they showed to Mary and our family. A special thanks also to Pastor Charles Huffman who was always there to support all of us with prayers, scripture and Christian love.

May God Bless each of you,
Mary Bolt Swihart Family

To all our friends,
We are deeply thankful to have each one of you in our lives. All of the calls, visits, hugs, flowers, food, cards, prayers and uncountable acts of love and kindness you showered on us helped us to survive Mitch's passing. We could not have made it through without you.

All our love,
Jenny Sue and the whole trainer Family

Withdrawal

I decided enough is enough. I went on a diet or should I say I am trying to modify the way I eat. I tried to eat lightly the first day and no problem. But, that night the hunger pains hit and it was as if my body was saying feed me, feed me. I resisted but not without a battle. The next day was even worse. I started dreaming about food and, oh how I wanted to give in and pig out. I knew that if I gave in I would never be victorious. My struggle with my eating habits reminded me of a problem that Christians face. We are told to bring our appetites and desires under control (Ephesians 4:17-19). We are told to live in a way that pleases God (2 Corinthians 5:15). It will, or may be contrary to what feels or seems fun and natural to us (Ephesians 2:1-3, 1 Peter 4:3-5). It may be hard but it is not impossible. With the help of God we can overcome anything. It is a two-step process. First if Christ is not in our life invite Him in. Second, ask Him to help you with your problems (Philippians 4:13). Any one that can calm giant storms ought to be able to help us (Luke 4:35-39). See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Scootin' Around On A Cushman

Tumbleweed Smith



Martin and Jane Stafford have six restored Cushman motor scooters, which were popular in the 1930's, 40's and 50's. John got his first Cushman when he was eleven years old. "It was a Cushman Super Eagle and had an eight-horsepower engine," says Martin. "That was lots of machine for a boy who weighed around 80 pounds. It had a kick starter with so much compression I could hardly start it. When I finally did get it started I never killed the engine until I ran out of gas. I rode and rode it. I grew up riding Cushmans."

Cushman motor scooters stopped being made in 1964. Japanese imports were cheaper and out-performed the Cushmans. In the sixties a Cushman cost around six hundred dollars, about double the cost of an import.

Jane started riding Cushmans several years ago. Early on, she had a wreck on one and broke some bones. "That was my initiation to Cushmans," she says with a chuckle. "I was only going about ten miles an hour."

Martin and Jane are modifying Cushmans. "They used to have a top speed of 45 miles an hour," says Jane. "Now they run up to 85, depending on the motor they have in them." Jane is a school teacher and Martin farms, but they always have time for Cushman activities. Both are directors of the South Plains Area Cushman Club. "My scooter sat in the barn for years, neglected," says Martin. "One day a friend of mine from Lamesa called me and told me about the Texas Cushman Club and how people were restoring their old motor scooters and

riding them again. I just got plumb excited. I got my scooter out of the barn and cleaned it up, overhauled the engine, polished it up and put new tires and seat cover on it. It's like it was when I rode it as a youngster. I started restoring scooters from then on. A good restored Cushman is worth \$5,000."

Every second weekend in August, Loop has a scooter meet. This year will be the 14th meeting of the South Plains Area Cushman Club. Up to fifty scooters are expected from as far away as San Angelo, Abilene and New Mexico. Next year to mark the 15th anniversary of the club, members plan to ride their scooters from Loop to Andrews. Both the state and national Cushman Clubs will have a joint meeting in Wichita Falls next year.

Cushmans were designed for young people to ride around town. They weren't made for distance or speed, but mostly to enjoy. Kids used to ride them to school. They didn't need to have a drivers' license for a Cushman.

The first Cushman scooter rolled out of the factory in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1936. The idea sprang from a youngster who came to the factory riding a scooter with a washing machine engine on it. The Cushman company manufactured small engines for farm machinery and boats, then added the scooter line, producing 10,000 scooters a year. They were used in World War Two. "Sometimes you'd see stacks of old scrapped Cushmans in cycle shops," says Martin. "Now there's sort of a revival of the old things."

The national Cushman club has 5,000 members. Contact Tumbleweed at www.tumbleweedsmith.com

Community

August 1
Kid's Mutton Bustin • 7:00 p.m.
County Team Roping • 8:00 p.m.
Sutton County Arena

The Community Calendar



Calendar

August 13-16
Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days
August 18
First Day of School - SISD

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
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Sutton County Historical
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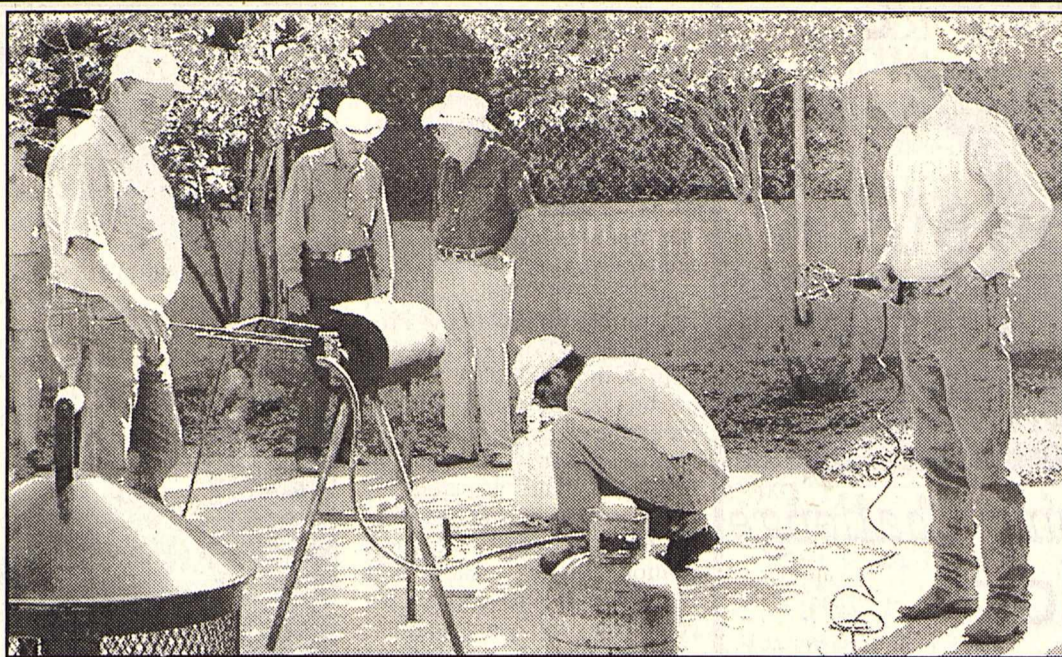
Q. I couldn't get to the branding party on Saturday, will you have another one?

A. We did over 74 brands on Saturday. If yours wasn't one of these you can bring it by the office when we are open and we will trace it and enter it into our files. If you have an electric brand we can plug it in and run it on a board. Those we trace will be burnt into boards with a wood burning tool at a later date. Rick will take the ones we collected on boards, cut them and seal them then mount them onto the porch rail of the office and hang the second set in the Old Ice House Museum when it is completed.

Q. When will the Old Ice House Museum be finished?

A. We don't know. Like everything it takes time, money and helping hands to turn a building into a museum. We have already removed tons of debris from the old building and grounds. We have many windows to replace that people have deliberately broken out with beer bottles and BB guns. The awning on the front of the building and rotted wood has to be removed and replaced and then we can start work on the inside. Most of it has been cleared out and now it all must be painted, have wiring and plumbing repairs and all those other little things that take time and money and usually cost a lot less if you can get volunteers to help do them. The more volunteers we get the sooner it will all be done.

We must give credit to all our helpers on Saturday: Marvin F. Shurley thank you so very much for bringing the propane heating unit and working for so many hours. Your expertise with branding irons sure did come in handy. Tom Glasscock branded right along with Marvin and Rick Palmer helped them both and did set up with me and tear down after the event. Bill Stewart kept popping in and out to make sure we were doing things correctly and enjoyed all the new brands that were coming in. He even collected a few more and brought them down for us. Glenda I don't know what I would have done without you and all your help with the refreshments, cleanup and recording of brands. Tommie Whitehead you sure do a great job with a branding iron! Buck and Susan Bloodworth, thanks for helping us assemble the other brands in your family. Dr. John Fields we appreciate you coming by with your brand and the Finklea family for their brands and the generous donation. "Snookie" Joseph, Kathleen Moore and Hensel, Wayne Sawyer, Bill Karnes, and all the others, we



Marvin Shurley (center) works on the propane heater, while Doug Huddleston heats his branding iron. Bobby Doran (right) waits his turn to heat his iron and leave his brand on Sutton County history.

Photo by Danni Price

really appreciate you bringing your brands. A special thanks to Parker Lumber for that trip to Fredericksburg to get the treated boards we needed, insuring we had them on time.

The brands are wonderful, I especially like the spindle S and the mockingbird. The beautiful, intricately swirled Mexican brand that Ramiro Perez brought that had belonged to his grandfather was the fanciest one we had that day. We even had two Mexican brands that had been found in Brewster Co. many years ago. John Allen Ward has a neat stylized running of his initials that he and Lucy brought in and we were even fortunate enough to get to run Theo Savell's branding iron that was registered in 1913. Anyone who brands knows it's a lot easier to lay a brand on an animal than on a straight flat board. Thanks to our volunteers' expertise with irons and the extra straight and curved irons they brought, (don't laugh guys, I can't remember all your technical terms for those irons) we were able to insure that all the brands were recorded correctly. You all even managed to teach this "Yankee" the difference between a half circle and quarter circle, a rafter and a bar and spindle. We hope some more of you will stop by and let us trace your brands so that we can preserve them in their actual size and shape for posterity.

Saturday everyone enjoyed the cakes that Rose Mary Whitehead Jones and Ann Morriss gave us along with the dozens of delicious cookies from Betty Stewart. Linda and Preston thanks so very much for the gallons of iced tea, chest of ice and all the cups, sugar, etc. to go with it. Rick Palmer thanks for the chest full of lemonade and soda for the children and the use of your coffee pot, coffee and all the Parker Lumber coffee cups.

Now a special thank you to Bill Stewart! Bill this was your project; one you started many years ago. All I did was pick up where you left off. It was your idea that the Sutton County Historical Society collect and preserve the brands of this area. If it weren't for you I would have never known about all the different styles and types of brands and how important they were to the history of this area.

The past few weeks have been wonderful ones. Everyone has showed so much support for our current projects, the collecting of brands, the Ice House Museum, the archive collection, etc. We received several donations towards the Miers Home, the Old Ice House Museum, Depot and even some great lawn care equipment we badly needed at the Old Ice House Museum. Now that Rose Mary Jones has donated all the rakes, shop vac, lawnmower, weed whacker and other goodies, all we need is the bodies to use them. Visitors are amazed by the woven rawhide rope, whips, quilts and other items that John Wade and his family gave to the society. We were even blessed when the Church of The Good Shepherd got new chairs for their building and donated their old ones to the John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building. And then this morning, Monday, the heavenly, gentle rain that we hope is reaching all our readers. Thank You God for the Rain, and all the other wonderful things we have received!

We even had a visit this weekend from a law professor at the University of Oklahoma, Robert Barr Smith. He had been to the outlaw convention in Kerrville and just had to come by and look into the files we have on Will Carver and the Wild Bunch. He was amazed at the amount of information that we have been able to collect and preserve on the time that Will

Carver spent in Sutton County. Of course we have Bill Stewart and the late John Eaton to thank for most of the local work in our files, again, we have just picked up and continued where these people left off.

While we are on the subject of Will Carver and his infamous group the Wild Bunch, we thought you might like to know that Donna B. Ernst, the author of "Sundance My Uncle," and "The True Story of Will Carver," has come out with another book. This one is called "Harvey Logan, Wildest of the Wild Bunch." The book is 100 pages long and has 25 historic photos, is indexed and has footnotes and sells for \$9.95 a single copy plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Harvey Logan, was accused of killing nine men, participating in at least seven robberies and escaped jail twice. You may obtain a copy by sending your check for \$12.45, made out to Donna Ernst, to the Wild Bunch Press, P.O. Box 64045, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us when the office is open on Monday from 8-4, Tuesdays 8-lunch and Fridays 8-4, at 325-387-5084. If you are from out of town, or work when we are open, give me a call at home 325-387-2855 and we will try to set up a time we can meet you to do research at the office. We have paid to have several different types of genealogical sites memberships to help our readers with their research. The 1870 census records are now indexed and much easier to access with one of these files. We also can access the 1880 census, 1920, 1930 and partials of several other census records. We can even get into some Canadian and European files.

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Correction

In last week's article reporting on the Sutton County Historical Society meeting, I inadvertently used the wrong spelling of Mears for the Mears Home Museum. I apologize to the family and our readers for the mistake.

Storie Sharp
Publishing Editor

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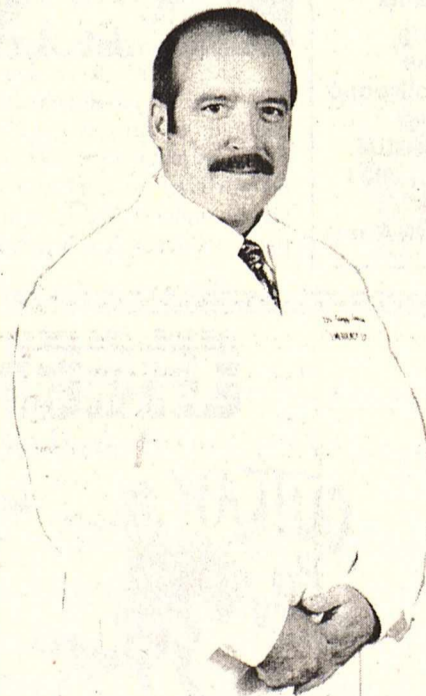
**Flag Retirement
Ceremony**

by Ann Kay, Main Street
Program Manager

Sonora and Sutton County are invited to an Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a flag that is worn, faded, tattered or frayed that you would like to retire, you can drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street. The only method approved by Congress to retire these flags should take place at a ceremony which shows respect and honor to the flag(s) being retired. If you have a special story or memory that goes with your flag, leave it also, so that it can be shared with all in attendance.

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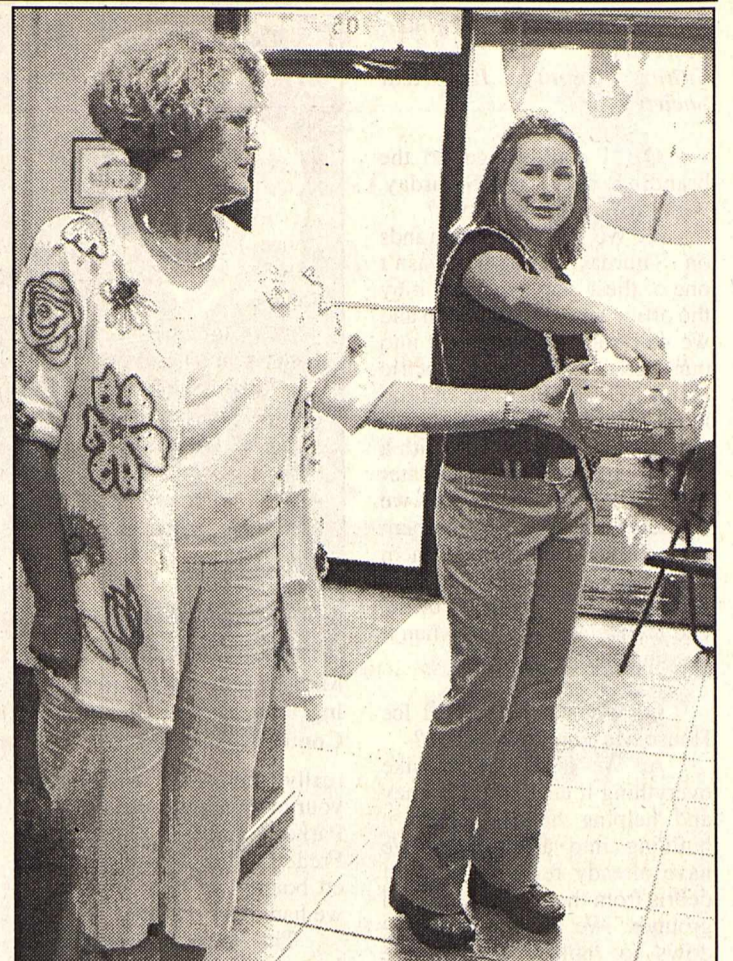


by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

I want to remind everyone about a couple of things that are going on this week. Friday evening is going to be a busy time at the Sutton County Park Arena. The Kids Mutton Bustin' & the Outlaw Pro-Rodeo Team Roping Challenge will both take place Friday evening at the Sutton County Park Arena. Sign up for the Kids Mutton Bustin' will begin at 6:00 p.m. and a parent or guardian must be with the child for them to enter. The Kid's Mutton Bustin' contest will begin at 7:00 p.m. The top ten contestants will get to participate in the Mutton Bustin' Finals, to be held during the Friday, August 15th Outlaw Pro-Rodeo 7:30 p.m. performance.

The Outlaw Pro-Rodeo Team Roping Challenge will begin taking entries at 6:00 p.m., with the books closing at 7:30 p.m., so that the Team Roping can begin at 8:00. Ropers from Sutton County, all adjoining counties, and rodeo sponsors are eligible to rope. The top 12 teams will advance to the finals, which will be held during the Friday August 15th and Saturday August 16th evening Pro-Rodeo performances. This promises to be a great roping.

Friday, August 1st is also the deadline to enter your child in the Little Mr. & Little Miss Sutton County Contest. You may pick-up an entry form at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office or the Devil's River News office. The entry forms must be returned to the Devil's River News office by 5:00 p.m. Friday. There will be no last minute entries accepted on Saturday August 16th, so



Miss Sutton County, Koda Armke draws a name for the big "Business After Hours" money pot from Chamber of Commerce Manager, Ruthie Bounds. Winners must be present to win, so since there was no representative from the chosen business the pot grows by another \$200! Photo by Storie Sharp

that we may put pictures of all our precious little contestants in the Devil's River News prior to the contest.

We are signing up volunteers to help during Sutton County Days. If you would like to help out by greeting people, helping vendors find their assigned booth space, or just lend a hand for a couple of hours some time during the week of August 11th - 16th, please just call or come by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

I want to thank everyone that helped with The Business After Hours. We had a great turn out. There were over 60 people in attendance, and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. It would be impossible to have such a wonderful gathering of friends without the help and support of our co-hosts for the event, Team Graphics, and our Board of Directors. It is wonderful to be a part of such a great organization that is so dedicated to supporting our great community.

Happy Birthday

July 31 - Laura Martin, Jerrilyn Ward, Carroll McAfee, Jr., Steven Duhon

August 1 - Frankie Gonzales, Allyse Edmondson, Luis Samaniego III, Greg Galindo, August 2 - Kendra Vyvlecka, John Healy, Manuela San Miguel, Sam Dillard, Tina Chambers

August 3 - Sam Hughes, Ruth Ann Dickenson, Angela Norris, Callyn Olson, Yolanda Avila, Ponciano Castillo, Jr., Willie Locklear

August 4 - Sarah Black, Beverly Brown, Alfredo Ozuna, Gina DeCordova

August 5 - Catherine Herrera, Kyla Turney, Bethany Berry, Maribel Perez, Wesley Brown, Sonny Samaniego, Jessi Wesson, Carlos Ramirez, Jr.

August 6 - Joni Thorp, Bill Dempsey, Wendy Morrow, Faye Cox, Kathy Hearn

Hoof'N Heifers Get Things Moo-ving At "Running of the Bull" Festival



The Devil's River Dancers participated with the Lone Star Cloggers of San Angelo in the "Running of the Bull" festival in Eldorado on July 26 and 27. In keeping with the theme of the festival, costumes were appropriate. Naturally they were billed as the Hoof'N Heifers. And what do Hawaiian cows wear but moo-moos for a number called Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride. Local participants were Roy Jean Johnson, Patti Rainer, and Carolyn McMeans.

2003 - 2004 Sutton County Queen Contestants will be selling concessions at the Outlaw Pro Rodeo Team Roping/ Kids Mutton Bustin' Friday, August 1, 2003 6:00 p.m. at Sutton County Park Arena



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Combs Announces Move Of Child Nutrition Programs To TDA

AUSTIN July 25, 2003 – Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs, formerly located at the Texas Education Agency, have moved to the Texas Department of Agriculture. The federal programs provide funding and nutritional guidelines and services for public schools in Texas. TDA becomes the administering agency for the programs, which will be located in TDA's Food and Nutrition Division.

John Perkins, who has been director of the program for 14 years, joins TDA as assistant commissioner for the new division.

"John and his staff bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that will serve the schoolchildren and people of Texas well," Combs said. "In addition, each shares my commitment to fighting childhood obesity and promoting Texas agriculture to aid us in this fight."

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with

Commissioner Combs and TDA to continue to provide Child Nutrition Program services in Texas," Perkins said. "Under Commissioner Combs' leadership we will focus on the nutritional goals of these programs to improve the health and welfare of our schoolchildren."

Robert Scott, acting head of the Texas Education Agency, said, "We will work closely with the Texas Department of Agriculture to make this a seamless transition for our school districts. Districts should see no interruption in service and we believe this program will flourish under our friends at the agriculture department."

The Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. The School Lunch Program also includes the Afterschool Snack Program.

"We look forward to partnering with schools, the Texas Education Agency and USDA to ensure a healthy nutrition environment for our schoolchildren and to promote the consumption of nutritious Texas-grown foods," Combs said.

American Cancer Society Launches Cancer Survivors Network Online

With one click of the mouse, or by dialing a toll free number, cancer survivors and caregivers can seek support from coast to coast. The Cancer Survivors Network, created by the American Cancer Society is a community for cancer survivors and caregivers. From diagnosis, cancer becomes a part of a survivor's life and a caregiver's life experience. The Cancer Survivors Network unites all people touched by cancer. Survivorship can be an opportunity for personal growth and renewal of spirit.

The link to the Cancer Survivors Network is located on the American Cancer Society's Web site www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read, or download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

Other options include creating a personal homepage to share stories and get connected to others, participate in chats and discussion groups, and communicate with other survivors and caregivers via email. Cancer Survivors Network also offers

suggested books, articles, Web sites, support groups and organizations and allows access to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Resource Center for cancer information.

No matter how cancer touches your life, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Survivors Network can help. Call or log on right now.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Young and Young-at-Heart Pair Up For Tee Time



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The Ladies Golf Auxiliary hosted an adult/child tournament on Saturday, July 26, 2003. There was excellent participation with 26 teams attending and the kids ranged in age from 4-18 years old.

Winners of this years tournament were as follows:

3rd Flight (Boys 10 & under, Girls 12 & under)
1st place - Jansen McBride, John Bailey
2nd place - Word Hudson, James Barton

3rd place - Olivia Banda, Erasmo Lumberas
2nd Flight (Boys 11-13, Girls 13-18)
1st place - John Duke Hudson, Jerry Don Balch
2nd place - Chandra Alexander, Dayton Alexander
3rd place - Tamika Marshall, Oscar Marshall
1st Flight (Boys 14-18)
1st place - Victor Gutierrez, Juan Gutierrez
2nd place - Mason Martinez, Larry Hernandez
3rd place - Trent Reiner, Bradley Reiner

Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rrixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Dear Poor Rix: Do fireflies have any daytime rituals, or do they sleep all day and light all night? I think they are related to mosquitoes, and have a deal with them. While I'm out trying to capture the elusive firefly, hungry mosquitoes take the advantage to drain a little blood from me. Mike Koewler, Reading, OH.

Mike, I agree that fireflies and mosquitoes must work together. I don't know what the firefly gets, but the mosquito wins a meal with mood lighting.

Fireflies, also called "lightning bugs", are actually beetles. Their flickering glow comes from luciferin, a chemical their bodies produce. It reacts with oxygen and, presto! critter glitter.

A few humans glow in the

dark, too. We suspect they are visitors from another galaxy, fluorescent paint salesmen, or recent guests at Aunt Bessie's Radiation Ranch.

Researchers claim fireflies are attracted by sight. Females flash their torches to alert guys, who approach them with that stupid line "Hey, nice headlights."

Another theory says the glowing beetle body discourages night-feeding birds, much like an undercover policeman's glowing badge discourages wild bachelors.

Experts say fireflies spend their days eating, and their evenings transmitting messages to each other, much like politicians before a convention.

In ancient times, travelers put a bunch of fireflies in a bottle, and used them as lanterns. But during the sweltering day, these tourists sometimes forgot the flies, and filled their bottles with drinking water. And that's how we got the term "floodlight."

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The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2004 fiscal year.

The Public hearing will be held on August 8, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Annex Building meeting room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:
The total amount of the proposed budget \$232,540

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget \$ 3,540

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget 2

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school, city, water and hospital served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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High School Registration August 4-8

Sonora High School will be having registration for the 2003-2004 school year August 4th through August 8th. At the time of registration, all students will be allowed to pick up their schedules and make arrangements for the school year. Students will also be assigned lockers, parking spaces, and all the necessary forms for the schools records will be provided. The schedule for registration is as follows:

Seniors - August 4 - 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00
Juniors - August 5 - 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00
Sophomores - August 6 - 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00
Freshman - August 7 - 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00
All Students and New Students - August 8 - 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00

Important Information to Remember

- Students must have a valid drivers license and proof of liability insurance in order to receive a parking permit.
- Returning students will need to verify and update their student file. Please come prepared by knowing your:
 - Social Security Number
 - Student ID Number
 - Mailing address
 - Parents name and occupation (including phone number)
 - Doctor preferences
 - Emergency contact information (other than parent)
 - Names and phone numbers of people authorized to pick the student up from school (other than parent)
 - Medications and dosages
 - Other siblings enrolled in

Sonora ISD and their grade level(s)

- Vehicle information (license plate number, make and model, color)

• New students to the district, enrolling for the first time, will need;

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization record
- Proof of residence (example - utility bill)
- Past high school transcript
- Last report card from previous school

- All other information listed above for returning students

Some of the information and forms will need to be filled out and signed by parents at home. All forms must be returned to school, on August 18th, the first day of classes. This information is extremely important and cooperation between the school, students, and parents is vital to make this process as efficient and effective as possible. Ms. Friess will be available for any schedule changes or questions during these times and dates. All schedule changes will be done by August 20th and will be done by class size availability only. Therefore, taking care of any schedule changes during registration will work in your favor. Students will receive parking permits on a first-come/first-serve basis. It is critical that all students attend their registration in order to receive proper choice of parking and schedule changes. Thanks for your support in making this the first step towards a great year at Sonora High School.

Sales Tax Holiday Can Be A Money-Saver

by Linda Anderson, lw-anderson@tam.u.edu

COLLEGE STATION - Christmas doesn't really come in August, but some Texas shoppers might feel that way.

For the fifth year, the annual Sales Tax Holiday on Aug. 1-3 - shortly before the start of the school year - will allow families to stock up on some back-to-school items without paying sales taxes, said Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension financial planning and family economics specialist.

"Certain items priced at less than \$100 each may be purchased tax-free," she said. Those items include many clothing items such as baby clothes, coats and wraps, dresses, gym suits and uniforms, jackets, robes, sweatshirts, shirts, sweaters, underwear and certain kinds of shoes.

According to figures from Texas Comptroller Carole

Keeton Strayhorn, shoppers can expect to save a total of \$43.8 million in sales tax this year - \$34.6 million in state sales taxes and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

On her Web site, Strayhorn wrote: "The holiday provides exemptions from state and local sales taxes on most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100, which will save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend." (Go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/> and click on the link to Tax Break for Texans.)

However, Granovsky cautioned, many items are not tax-free, not even on Sales Tax Holiday. "The Texas Legislature has not approved Comptroller Strayhorn's frequent recommendations to include backpacks, school supplies and safety gear for Texas children on the Tax Exempt List," she said.

Consumers will be able to save money the first weekend of August, Granovsky said, "but

only if they play it smart. Just because sales taxes won't be collected from selected items is no reason to go on a buying spree. The best savings will result from careful comparison shopping."

Her advice to shoppers is:

- Carefully compare prices. Consumers should know where, in their communities, they are most likely to get the best prices for specific items.

- Look for reduced prices. When items are on sale or clearance, prices can be significantly lower than regular prices.

- Pay no sales tax. By shopping for specific items on Sales Tax Holiday, consumers can save money.

By combining all three tips, "careful comparison shopping can help consumers find sale items whose original price tag may have exceeded the \$100 per item limit the Texas

Sales Tax Holiday Exemption provides on Aug. 1, 2 and 3," Granovsky said.

"Consumers who are price-sensitive know when a markdown is a good deal," she said. "Some stores may offer special sales and promotions to get people to shop, but this may not be true for every store."

But remember, Granovsky said: Even when shopping at sales, consumers should keep their own personal finances firmly in mind. "The allure of sales and 'saving money' can lead some shoppers to buy more than they can afford. Shoppers should (plan) ... and set spending limits to avoid overspending."

For more information on family finances, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Science Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Family Economics.

Since Teachers Can't Pray in School Anymore, We Need To Pray For Them

submitted
 The following is an email sent to one of our readers who chose to share it with everyone for thought...

After being interviewed by the school administration, the eager teaching prospect said: "Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning.

And I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, modify their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and even censor their T-shirt messages and dress habits.

You want me to wage a war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for weapons of mass

destruction, and raise their self esteem.

You want me to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fair play, how to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook, and how to apply for a job. I am to check their heads for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of anti-social behavior, offer advice, write letters of recommendation for student employment and scholarships, encourage respect for the cultural diversity of others, and oh, make sure that I give the girls in my class fifty percent of my attention.

My contract requires me to work on my own time after school, evenings and weekends grading papers. Also, I must spend my summer vacation at

my own expense working toward advance certification and a Masters degree.

And on my own time you want me to attend committee and faculty meetings, PTA meetings, and participate in staff development training.

I am to be a paragon of virtue, larger than life, such that my very presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of authority.

And I am to pledge allegiance to family values and this current administration. You want me to incorporate technology into the learning experience, monitor web sites, and relate personally with each student.

That includes deciding who might be potentially dangerous and/or liable to commit

a crime in school. I am to make sure all students pass the mandatory state exams, even those who don't come to school regularly or complete any of their assignments.

Plus, I am to make sure that all of the students with handicaps get an equal education regardless of the extent of their mental or physical handicap.

And I am to communicate regularly with the parents by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card.

All of this I am to do with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a big smile AND on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps! You want me to do all of this and yet you expect me... NOT TO PRAY?

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2003 - 2004 School Year Supply List

Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 2 sticks of glue
- 2 jumbo pencils
- 2 boxes jumbo crayons (8 count each)
- 3 pocket portfolio folders
- 1 pair Fiscar safety scissors
- 1 set watercolors
- 1 box gallon storage bags (Ziplocs or other)
- 1 box quart size storage bags (Ziplocs or other)
- 1 full size backpack or school bag
- 1 towel or blanket (for naptime)
- \$5 per semester for snack (total of \$10.00)
- 1 change of clothes (for any type of accident)
- 1 box of wipes

Kindergarten

- 3 - 4 oz. bottles Elmers School Glue (no larger than 4 oz. size)
- 2 - 24 ct. boxes Crayola brand crayons (Crayola brand only)
- 8 - #2 lead pencils (regular size - yellow only)
- 1 pair blunt end scissors (FISCAR only)
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 3 pocket folders - NO brads
- 1 pkg. construction paper (size 9" x 12")
- 1 backpack
- 2 - zipper pencil pouch (zipper type only)
- 1 large towel for rest time (no mats)
- 1 watercolor paint set
- 1 box classic Crayola markers
- 1 box freezer Ziploc bags (any size)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 water bottle with lid
- 1 large eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 - 1" 3 ring binders
- 1 - Composition Notebook
- 1 - Black felt tip marker

First Grade

- 1 box for supplies (no larger than 6" x 9")
- 1 box 24 count Crayola crayons
- 12 - #2 lead pencils (regular size)
- 1 pair metal scissors (Fiscar only)
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box classic colors washable Crayola markers
- 2 large bottle Elmer's glue
- 1 watercolor set (Crayola or Prang)
- 1 set of 24 Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Mead Composition book (hardcover)
- 2 pocket folders without brads
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 1 box Ziploc type bags - any size
- 1 personal size pencil sharpener
- 1 - 1" ring vinyl binder
- 1 Backpack

Second Grade

- 1 box crayons (16 count or over)
- 1 pkg. pencils
- 2 erasers
- 1 pkg. cap erasers
- 1 pair Fiscar scissors
- 1 pkg. of assorted markers
- 1 pkg. colored pencils
- 1 Mead Composition book
- 2 colored grading pens
- 2 bottles of glue
- 1 pkg. notebook paper - 3 ring
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 box of zip lock baggies - quart size

This is a very basic list. Individual teachers may request additional supplies. PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EACH ITEM WITH A PERMANENT MARKER.

Third Grade

- 2 packages #2 pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser
- 1 bottle of glue
- Crayons
- 1 pkg. washable markers
- 1 pkg. colored pencils (map colors)
- 1 set water paints
- 1 of each color folder - red, blue, yellow, green, white
- 1 ruler
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - 1" white three ring notebook
- 1 box for supplies
- 2 red checking pens
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 zipper bag for pencils
- 1 box Ziploc bags - any size
- 5 subject spiral notebook

Fourth Grade

- 2 Highlighters (2 different colors)
- 1 pair of Fiscar scissors
- 2 grading pens
- 1 package pencils
- 1 big pink eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener with cover
- 1 package map colors
- 1 box crayons
- 1 package washable markers
- 1 bottle of glue (no glue sticks)
- 1 ruler (centimeters and inches)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 pencil pouch
- 1 - 3 subject spiral notebook
- 3 pocket folders with brads
- 3 pocket folders without brads
- 1 - 2" three ring binder
- 1 pkg. subject dividers
- 2 pkgs. notebook paper (wide ruled - NOT college ruled)

Fifth Grade

- Pointed Fiscar scissors
- 1 Glue Stick
- 1 pkg. Map colors
- 2 pkgs. Notebook paper
- 6 Plain solid color pocket folders with brads
- 1 pkg. 5" x 8" index cards
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils (non-mechanical)
- 2 red pens
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 1 ruler - (centimeters and inches)
- 1 3 ring binder blue or black pens

Sixth Grade

- Trapper Keeper/Notebook
- Notebook paper
- 2 - Highlighters
- 2 - Red pens/pencils
- 6 - Blue or black pens
- 6 - #2 Pencils
- 1 - Glue Stick
- 1 - 3 ring binder (at least 1" size)
- 1 expanding file folder (with or without flap)
- 5 pocket folders with brads
- 1 - 12 inch/cm ruler
- 4 spirals
- 2 Large boxes Kleenex
- Map colors
- Scissors
- 2 - small bottles of rubber cement
- Read 180 - 1 Folder, 1 Spiral & 2 - #2 pencils
- 1 set of dividers with labels

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Seventh Grade

- Highlighters (at least two colors)
- Washable marker set (Crayola)
- Map Colors
- #2 Pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- 4 - Spiral Notebooks as follows:
 - 2 - two subject, 1 - five subject, 1 - three subject
 - 6 plain solid pocket Folders with brads
- Read 180 - 1 Folder, 1 Spiral & 2 - #2 pencils
- 1 Glue Stick
- 2 pkgs. white notebook or (3-hole wireless neatbook)
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 1 pkg. of 4 AAA batteries
- 4 - Red grading pens
- 2 - 3 ring binder (at least 1/2")
- 1 large brown paper grocery bag
- Scissors
- 2 pkg. subject dividers

Eight Grade

- Map colors - pencil type
- 6 - Pocket folders with brads
- Pens - blue or black
- 1 Red pen
- #2 Pencils
- 2 Highlighters (different colors)
- 1 - 12" Ruler
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 4 single subject spiral notebooks
- 1 large wide ruled notebook paper
- Read 180 - 1 Folder, 1 Spiral & 2 - #2 Pencils
- 1 pkg. of 3 x 5 index cards

Health

- 1 Pocket Folder

6th Grade - Technology Applications

- 1 Pocket Folder
- 1 500 count ream/package white copy paper

7th and 8th Grade - Technology Applications

- 1 Pocket Folder

SPANISH

- 1 Spiral notebook
- 1 Folder with pockets
- Map Colors
- Scissors

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

- * S.M.S. P.E. Uniform (red t-shirt with SMS PE Logo & solid black shorts)
- Deodorant
- Gym Bag
- Tennis shoes & socks

P.E. Uniforms will be brought daily to class. Uniforms will be kept in student's locker in the main building. A gym bag will make getting things to and from the gym easier. Monogramming the uniform is not mandatory, but is certainly allowed.

P.E. Clothes will be purchased in advance from Team Graphics at 208 East Main in downtown Sonora.

Middle School Art

- 1 - 3 ring notebook (at least 100 sheets of regular writing paper)
- 1 - pkg. of No. 2 pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Crayolas (8-12 color set)
- Color Pencils (8-12 color set)
- Color Markers (8-12 color set, washable)
- 1 - 12 inch ruler
- 1 - 8oz. bottles of Elmer's glue
- 8 - pan watercolor tray with brush
- 1 pair of scissors
- * Be sure to put student's name on every item.

Oil & Agribusiness



Rig Locations as of July 25, 2003

Sutton
Dominion; 8600' Duke Wilson #1866X, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8550' Simmons Ranch #51, Patterson Drilling.
New Falcon Bay Energy; 8500' FBE 13-13 #13, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 8500' Duke Wilson #4013, Patterson Drilling.
New KCS Resources; 8500' Jones - 121 - #17, Patterson Drilling.
New Falcon Bay Energy; 8500' FBE 17-4 #24, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8400' Simmons Ranch #25, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8150' Shannon - 52 - #12, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8150' Diebitsch - 70 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6350' Shurley #92, Capstar Drilling.
Dominion; 6000' Meckel #71, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 5700' Thomson - C - #11, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 5500' Canyon Ranch - 115 - #15S, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 5400' Canyon Ranch #924S, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 5350' Canyon Ranch - 115 - #11S, Patterson Drilling.
Crockett
New Concho Oil & Gas; 10500' Johnson #703, Patterson Drilling.
New Anadarko; 9700' McMullan - 2 - #13, Patterson Drilling.
New Harrison Interests; 9500' Perry - 21 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 9450' Hunt - 24 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
J. Cleo Thompson; 9000' Shannon - 39 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
New Concho Oil & Gas; 6800' Montgomery - E - #209, Patterson Drilling.
New Oxy Permian; 5600' South Cross Unit #222, Key Energy.
Terrell
Exxonmobile Dev.; 14500' Banner Estate #40 H, Patterson UTI/LV.
Nuevo Texas Inc.; 12500' Mitchell - 4 - #8, Nabors Drilling.
Nuevo Texas Inc.; 19000' Mitchell - 7 - #5, Nabors Drilling.
Edwards
EEX E&P Co.; 10500' Newby - A - #6, Patterson Drilling.
New Range Prod.; 6000' Miers - B - #56, Patterson Drilling.
Val Verde
Tema Oil & Gas; 6500' Meadows #1107, Lariat Drilling.



Sixteenth Annual Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck Sale Successful

submitted by Hayden and Doris Haby

Encouraging signs for the mohair industry were seen in the strong demand for fine, high yielding, uniform fleeced bucks and does at the 16th Joint Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck Angora Goat Production Sale. The sale was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 2003, at the Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center in Kerrville, Texas.

This year's catalog was dedicated to the John Dittmar family. John has been active in the Angora goat business for over 50 years. John and Mary Louise's three children are still helping with the goats. Connie and Lewis Bratton have their own flocks now and are active in the Mohair Council. Johnny keeps up with the Angoras and meat goats. Delores and Dr. Castleberry still do embryo transfers.

Eighty-seven lots of yearling bucks and does grossed \$50,825 for an average of \$584. Twenty-four does averaged \$502. Sixty-three bucks averaged \$615.

The high selling buck was a Speck buck purchased by Jimmy Holman of Sonora for \$2,600. Pam and Cal Hengst of

San Angelo bought the second high buck bred by the Speck family for \$1,900. Dee Hadorn of Harrah, Oklahoma took home a Ross buck for \$1,600.

The high selling doe was purchased by the Paul Grafe family of Boerne for \$1,200. Larry Jennings of Sonora bought the second high doe for \$950. Chuck Violet of California paid \$825 for the third high doe. The three top selling does were bred by the Specks.

Volume buyers include: 17 head for \$10,725 - Pam and Cal Hengst of San Angelo; 10 head for \$5,050 - Balch Ranch of Sonora; and 8 head for \$3,850 - Stephanie Ayers of Uvalde.

Other volume buyers were Donny Ray Speck of San Angelo, Scott Mitchell of Sanderson, William Whitworth of Boerne, Russa McSwain of Corpus Christi, Allen Stiel of Rocksprings and Chuck Violet of California.

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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM April 1, 2003 TO June 30, 2003

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	2,459,702.17	463,495.59	3,314.00	678,700.68	12,996.76	2,235,814.32
PHFC	366,732.00	135,324.45		259,381.95		242,674.50
Flood Control	23,081.40	-0-		-0-		23,081.40
Law Library	8,606.57	1,511.50		2,434.50		7,683.57
Lateral Road	13,043.04	-0-		13,043.04		-0-
State Trust Funds	43,053.65	3,298.01	12,996.76	55,922.26		3,526.16
State Arrest Fees	232.60	2,273.00		2,201.40		304.20
Employee Benefit Fund	234,919.86	-0-		7,893.00		227,026.86
Sutton County 911	7,473.34	70.09		-0-		7,543.43
Appellate Fund	420.00	369.00		535.00		254.00
Sheriff Seizure Fund	12,866.25	2,028.84		234.16		14,761.43
Courthouse Renovation	57,686.43	2,195.17			3,314.00	56,567.55
					TOTAL	2,818,137.42
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
State Arrest Fees	104.20	PHFC	73,827.22	General	48,516.76	
	234.00	Sutton County 911	17,543.43	Sheriff Seizure	14,761.43	
Appellate Fund				Ctchse Ren.	56,567.55	
General-1st Nat'l	2,897.05					203,871.64
Money Market Accounts (General)	2,446,618.50			(PHFC 169,647.28)		2,614,265.78
CD Accounts (General)				(PHFC)		
TOTAL						2,818,137.42

The Touch of Agriculture



Congressman Henry Bonilla

Many of you know by now that I am chairman of the subcommittee that oversees all of our nation's agriculture funding. It's a great job and a huge responsibility. Just a couple weeks ago we finished work on this year's bill. It was a huge success. We funded some very important programs including food safety and inspection, child nutrition programs and the Agriculture Research Service. Each year while working on this bill I start to think about the importance of Agriculture and how often it touches our daily lives. It's not something we think about every day. You probably don't get up in the morning, put on your clothes, and consider who raised the sheep for your wool pants or who grew the cotton for your shirt. When we get to the breakfast table, we often forget about the corn that was harvested for our morning bowl of cereal or the cows milked for our tall glass of calcium. When our children arrive at school, we

seldom think about the school lunch program they are provided each day. Nor do we think about the vaccinations that keep them safe from disease. And when we stop at the grocery store on our way home, how often do we take for granted the high quality of the products we purchase. The produce and meat are fresh, and the aisles packed with availability and variety. Not many countries have this type of luxury. I make this point because it's important we understand how fortunate we are to have a safe and successful agriculture industry. Agriculture affects so many aspects of our lives. Beyond food and clothing, the agriculture industry accounts for one in every six U.S. jobs. Farmers and ranchers are not the only people working for this huge industry. Agriculture supports your neighbor who works at the clothing production plant, your friend who manages the local grocery store and even your family pharmacist. No doubt about it - agriculture fuels our economy. The agriculture industry accounts for two percent of our nation's gross domestic product. It also

accounts for \$50 billion in exports each year. Let's not forget that farmers pay incredible sums of money to cover their business expenses. In recent years, farmers paid as much as \$73 billion in purchases and over \$25 billion in employee wages.

When you add up the products, the jobs and the economic advantages you can come to just one conclusion: the agriculture industry is literally the backbone of our country. This was true when the founding fathers met in Philadelphia, it was true during the industrial revolution of the 1800s, and it is still true today. So the next time you're in the grocery store picking out apples or at a department store selecting a new shirt, think about the time and energy invested in every product you see. We may take these things for granted, but for thousands of people nationwide these items are truly a necessity of life. Let's be thankful for our agriculture industry and for the men and women who work hard every day to keep it strong. Congressman Henry Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As chairman, Mr. Bonilla oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding, the nation's food supply, emergency disaster relief, and farm and ranch programs. Mr. Bonilla is in his fifth term as a Congressman from Texas' 23rd district.

Texas Department Of Agriculture To Host Town Hall Meetings Across The State

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that she will be visiting with agricultural producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting the agricultural industry as well as rural Texas.

The town hall meetings, hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and members of the community can discuss rural issues as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

Town hall meetings scheduled to date include:

Thursday, September 4
 * Lipscomb/Ochiltree counties, 9 a.m., First Bank Southwest, 115 South Main, Booker.
 * Wilbarger County, noon, Wilbarger County Memorial Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika, Vernon.
 * Cooke County, 2:45 p.m., Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Large Meeting Room, 101 South Culberson, Gainesville.
 * Wood County, 5:30 p.m., Carol Green Civic Center, 602 McAllister, Quitman.

Tuesday, September 9
 * Hudspeth County, 8 a.m. (MST), Dell Telephone Co-Op, 610 South Main St., Dell City.
 * Edwards County, 12:45 p.m., Rocksprings Park Building, Highway 377 North at the Fairgrounds, Rocksprings.
 * Zavala County, 3:15 p.m.,

Zavala Elderly Nutrition Center, 1210 North 7th Ave., Crystal City.

Wednesday, September 10
 * Atascosa County, 8 a.m., Atascosa County Livestock Showbarn, 2209 Oaklawn, Highway 97 West, Pleasanton.
 * Colorado County, 11 a.m., Colorado County Courthouse, 400 Spring St., Columbus.
 * DeWitt/Lavaca counties, 1:30 p.m., The Carl and Mary Welhausen Library, 810 Front St., Yoakum.

"With agriculture and rural communities facing so many challenges, it is important that I know firsthand what the concerns and issues are on a local level," Combs said. "There are a lot of concerns and needs that are specific to regions of Texas, and I want to collectively work with producers, industry groups, and local, state and federal governments to address these issues to ensure agriculture remains a strong and growing industry throughout the state." TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cooperative Extension Service and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The town hall meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information on TDA town hall meetings, contact John McFerrin, producer relations specialist at TDA at (512) 463-4879 or john.mcferrin@agr.state.tx.us.

Happy 30th Anniversary! Dickie & Marilyn



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 John, Brooke,
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JCO I-IV (Cadet Leaders): Seeking qualified individuals to be cadet leaders. Responsible for direct juvenile care in a correctional setting. **Minimum Quals:** HS Diploma/GED. Some experience working with juvenile delinquents, which may include youth who are emotionally/behaviorally at risk; or experience in an adult or juvenile correctional, mental health, or detention programs is helpful. Salary: \$1716.00/mo. with evaluation for increase at 6 months. **Posting #: HRD-Sheffield**

PSYCHOLOGIST I/II/III: Responsible for assisting in supervision of the intake, assessment and treatment processes. Assists in supervising, monitoring, evaluating and training for all assessment and treatment functions. This position provides direct professional services including group, family, individual counseling, and psychological evaluations of youth and prospective employees. **Minimum Quals:** Doctoral degree in clinical, counseling or school psychology from an accredited college or university. Doctoral candidates who have completed all but dissertation will be considered if they have completed a doctoral internship and agree to complete the doctoral degree within two years of hire with subsequent licensure within two years of degree completion. Salary: \$3643.00-\$4483.00/Mo. **Posting #: HRD-03060A**

To apply for the open positions above: Visit our website at www.tyc.state.tx.us for specific position requirements on our job openings. Obtain and complete a State of Texas application from our website, TWC, or any State of Texas Agency.

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Two-A-Days football practice begins Monday, August 4th at 7:30 a.m. All 9-12 grades interested in playing football please bring with you all the necessary signed paperwork.

YMCA Youth Football deadline is fast approaching - Saturday, August 9, 2003. Registration forms available at JJ's Auto Service or FMI call 387-2714 or 387-5125.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar entitled, "Excellent Customer Service." This seminar will be held on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at ASU in the Rassman Building, Room 100. Please call 942-2098 to register.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival - September 5-7, 2003 at the Reagan County Community Bldg. Indoor Stage. Pot luck dinner Thursday, The Batten Family, Tennessee Valley Authority, The Duffin Family, Concho Grass, Star Canyon, and the Gore Bros. - FMI call the Big Lake Fire Dept. (325)884-3650

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went over each of the three bids as they were opened.

F.C. Construction submitted a Base Proposal bid of \$370,487.46 with a completion time of 180 days.

Hilliard Construction submitted a Base Proposal bid of \$398,770.00 with no completion date listed.

Master Builders submitted a Base Proposal bid of \$385,900.00 with a 180 day completion time.

Schmidt advised the Board that each of the bids had a \$10,000 contingency fee built into the bid, which is refundable. A discussion was then held regarding each of the bids. The job needs to be finished no later than February 15, 2004. The Board discussed the references of each of the bids, and it was the consensus to visit with some of the references. Upon a motion by Mike Healy, seconded by Virginia Epps, the Board set a called meeting for Monday, July 28, 2003 at 12 noon, to review the bids and take any action relating thereto.

At the special called meeting on the 28th, Board members present were Allen, Carrasco, Faris, Healy, Epps, Sherrill Dannheim and Lenora Pool. Henry Schmidt, Keith Butler, Ben Epps and Kathy Knight were also present.

Schmidt reported on the references for Master Builders.

The references advised they had no problem with Master Builders and they finished the job within the quoted completion time. Butler reported on the references for Hilliard Construction Company. A discussion was held regarding all three bids. It was the consensus of the Board that it would be difficult to justify the \$13,000 higher bid of \$398,770, even with a stated completion date of 120 days. The Board expressed some reservations regarding F.C. Construction. Faris made the motion to accept the Master Builders bid of \$385,900, with a 180 day completion date. Epps seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. A discussion was then held regarding negotiating with Master Builders for a lower price. Schmidt advised he had already talked with them and there was very little they could reduce. He also advised that there is the \$10,000 contingency fee in the bid, which is refundable.

The next step is to draw up the contract and have the District's attorney go over it. Once the job has started, an application for payment will be submitted at the first of each month for payment.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Commissioners from page 1

request, Justice of the Peace Adelita Alvarez got two price quotes on the new computer program she is requesting for her office. The Hill Country quote of \$8500 is higher, but is faster and easier to learn. The money for the system will come from a fee assessed on traffic tickets that is specified to be spent on computer enhancements. The commissioners agreed to purchase the program. The J.P.'s request for two full time employees in her office was discussed at length, with several options put on the

table. A motion was finally made by Commissioner John Wade to budget for one part-time employee in the office. Commissioner Milton Cavaness seconded the motion and Commissioner Belia Castaneda agreed. Commissioner Mike Villanueva was opposed to the vote.

Garner told the commissioners that the District Attorney's office was again requesting assistance with the secretary's insurance cost. Sutton County has always helped, paying \$8010 last year. The insurance company used by the D.A. has a much higher rate than Sutton County's insurance and this year they are requesting a significantly higher amount. The commissioners agreed to offer to pay the \$8010, as done last year, and no more.

The auditor and treasurer's office need a paper shredder and have agreed to split the cost between the two.

The uniform request from county employees in the park, courthouse, annex, maintenance and highway department was next on the budget cuts. Judge Garner explained that the \$550 a piece per year being requested is higher than what the law enforcement receives, and their uniforms are mandatory. Garner reminded the court that the Road and Bridge fund was already unhealthy. With the values down and cuts having to be made everywhere, Judge Garner said purchasing these uniforms this year just wasn't recommended. It was decided to wait on the uniforms.

The Sheriff's office request for two new vehicles was discussed and it was decided to just budget one this year. The request from the DPS office to install a new land line system in the office and purchase four cellular telephones was denied.

The Road and Bridge fund came back up for discussion because of the request for two new dump trucks. The commissioners and Oscar Jimenez discussed several options, including leasing, diesel vs. gasoline, overhauling existing truck engines, trading in two for one, etc. After much thought on the matter because of the depleted Road and Bridge fund, the commissioners decided to not purchase the dump trucks this year and asked Oscar to make do with the existing vehicles for now. They did agree to increase the repair line item by \$10,000 to allow for any repairs that will have to be done to the trucks.

In other business, the commissioners approved a resolution for a playground grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation. It was also mentioned at the end of the meeting that work on the damaged grandstands at the arena will begin after Sutton County Days. There was no guarantee that the contractors could have finished the job in time for this year's rodeo, so it was decided to wait.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1
(HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2
(HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3
(HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4
(SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5
(SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6
(HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7
(HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8
(HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9
(HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10
(HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11
(HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12
(HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13
(HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14
(HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15
(HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16
(SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17
(HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18
(HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19
(SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED the 24th day of July, 2003. ELIZABETH W. WALLACE Attorney for EXECUTOR 105 W. Main Sonora, Texas 76950 (325) 387-6551 (325) 387-6554 FAX State Bar No. 21683550

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The Sonora ISD offers career and technology education programs in DCP, BCIS, Agriculture Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Tech Prep. Admission to these programs is based on special needs and/or desire to participate.

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El distrito escolar de Sonora tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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2003 Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale Good For Ross

by Storie Sharp, with Dr. Daniel Waldron

Joe David Ross was the big seller at the 2003 Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale at the Sonora Experiment Station on July 24, 2003. The high indexing buck was also the high seller at \$800, purchased by the Naumann family.

Dr. William Edmonston of Eldorado started the day off by giving an informative talk about drenches, how to avoid internal parasites and how to deal with them if they are found.

Joe David Ross, John Davies and David Lawford then spoke about how to grade mohair and sort it to get a better price when it is sold.

Joe David was then joined by Dr. Chris Lupton, Professor of Wool and Mohair Fiber Research at Texas A & M Experiment Station, San Angelo TX, who together demonstrated different types of mohair separated by fineness, staple, length and character.

After a catered lunch, George Sultemeier, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association President, spoke to visitors about the future of the sheep and goat industry.

Dr. Lupton returned to give the report on the test results.

Dr. Daniel F. Waldron, PhD, an Associate Professor in Sheep and Goat Genetics with the Texas A&M Agriculture Program is in charge of the test and explains, "The purpose of the central performance test is to measure performance, growth and fleece characters, of animals from several herds at one central location in order to identify genetically superior goats. This provides valid comparisons among animals and because all animals are handled alike (feed, housing, health), the differences between animals are better indicators of true genetic differences."

The Angora Buck Test has been held every year since 1980. Yearling bucks arrive at the research station near Sonora, TX in late February, are given individual ear tags, shorn, weighed, put on full feed, and begin competing with each other. Weights are taken in early May, and again the last of June. At critical points during the 4-month test, a sifting team of producers examines the bucks for disqualifying factors including teeth that don't meet the dental pad, foot and leg weaknesses, and fleece irregularities (such as sheepiness). The scoring committee gives numerical evaluations of mohair character and coverage. At the end of June, the bucks are weighed for the final time and staple length is measured. Then they are shorn and computations begin. Each fleece is weighed, scoured and clean yield is computed. Hair sample analysis will determine average fiber diameter and standard deviation. Each sample is scrutinized for kemp and medulated fibers. Kemp fibers are hollow and do not accept dye. Although med fibers are less hollow, neither is desirable for our international mohair buyers.

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The Naumann family proudly shows off their new purchase from the Performance Test Sale, the high indexing buck, #53 of Joe David Ross' herd.

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ly imported from premier South African herds. The competition is very stiff and bucks with physical defects, insufficient fleece or body weight are disqualified. Only the top 30% are offered for sale. Results are based on the numbers - the index - and are published for everyone to see. Grease weights, yields, goat weights, med and kemp percentages, fleece length, microns.

Dr. Waldron ended the sessions on Thursday, by telling of the future research on cedar eating goats and presenting awards.

Joe David Ross was given the Mohair Spinner and the Mohair Council award. Ross also had the High Indexing and High Selling Angora. The volume buyer was TAES San Angelo, who purchased 5 head for \$1575. The Performance Test Sale results are as follows:



There were 15 head sold at the sale for a total of \$5500, with an average of \$366.67.

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Goat Test No.	Consignor	Buyer	Amount
53	Joe David Ross	Dale Naumann & Damon Naumann Medina, TX Spicewood, TX	\$800
44	Freddie and Mary Alice Flach	Cerulean Farms - Dee Hadron Harrah, OK	\$600
60	Joe David Ross	Dianne Tetens Brady, TX	\$450
42	Freddie and Mary Alice Flach	Dianne Tetens Brady, TX	\$400
57	Joe David Ross	Dianne Tetens Brady, TX	\$350
34	Larry Dieke	TAES - San Angelo	\$350
26	C.E. Renfroe, Jr.	TAES - San Angelo	\$325
55	Joe David Ross	Scott Mitchell Sanderson, TX	\$325
61	Joe David Ross	Schunke Ranch Goldthwaite, TX	\$300
37	Cerulean Farm	TAES - San Angelo	\$300
2	Naumann Angoras	TAES - San Angelo	\$300
54	Joe David Ross	Mitchell Bennett Ashland, MO	\$300
6	Schunke Ranch	TAES - San Angelo	\$300
39	Cerulean Farm	Scott Mitchell Sanderson, TX	\$200
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Construction Foreman

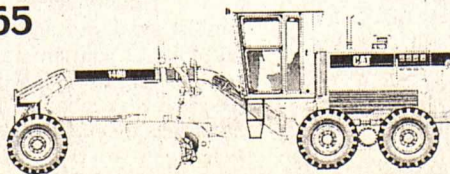
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1306 N. Service Rd
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