

# THE Devil's River NEWS

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The Broncos begin practices with two-a-days.

Staff photo

## Bronco Football Returns For 2004

by Ray Glasscock

Eighty-five players reported to the Bronco practice field for the first two-a-day practice under the hot August sun. Jason Herring, in his fourth year as Head Coach, said this was the largest number of players to come out for Bronco football since he has been in Sonora. He expects 30 players to be on the varsity. This leaves 55 players to fill a sophomore (Red JV) and a freshman (White JV) team.

I went to the fieldhouse and interviewed Coach Herring about the upcoming season. He and his coaching staff are very excited about this year's Broncos. "I expect the defense to start up right where they left off. The offense will start off way ahead of last year since there are so many returning starters." He said it always takes the offense longer to

achieve the polish necessary to be as good as the previous year's last game. This is the second year that the Broncos will be using the pass oriented spread offense. "Today was totally different from last year. Last year, we were teaching them the new plays, and this year they know the plays."

I asked why he switched to the spread offense after so much success with the power running from the traditional Wing T. "In a small town, you need to adjust your offense to the talents of your players. In the past, we had many large linemen who could over-power their opponents' defensive lines for our running backs. Last year and this year, our offensive line is small, strong, and very fast. The spread offense relies on quick linemen."

This year Sonora is in an eight team district with Mason

and Junction as the two new teams. Dave Campbell's Football Magazine has picked Sonora to finish first with Mason, Wall, and Ozona very strong and capable of winning district. In fact, the Wall JV team was undefeated last year. Coach Herring replied, "Last year, I knew that Wall and Ozona were very strong teams. Last year's goal was to make the playoffs. This year a district championship is our goal, and then to go as deep into the playoffs as possible." District play will start with the fourth game of the season. The pre-district games will provide good competition to get the Broncos ready for district. He expects that Alpine and Brackettville will both be great pre-district games.

Next week, I will cover the projected offensive and defensive starters.

## Water conservation always a good idea

by Sutton County UWCD

This year has generally brought more rainfall and lower temperatures than the past several years. Just because we have been blessed with more rainfall this year is no reason to abandon efficient use and conservation of the groundwater supplies. Conservation should be the norm of how we use not only groundwater, but all resources.

The old adage "if a little is good, then more is better," does not hold true when watering the vegetation in and around our homes. FACT: More plants die from over-watering than under-watering. Be sure to only water plants when necessary.

Practicing efficient watering techniques should be as natural as getting up in the morning. Outdoor use accounts for about 60% of water use in the summertime. Utilizing efficient and conservative watering practices ensures sufficient groundwater supplies, now and in the future.

For your lawn:

- Reduce watering frequency to once a week
- Water slowly during the early morning when it is cooler.
- Deeper, less frequent watering promotes root growth and drought tolerance.
- Use sprinklers which produces large drops of water and avoid watering on windy days.
- Forget about watering streets and sidewalks (they will not grow).
- Raise the mower cutting height (taller grass reduces evaporation)

For your trees and shrubs:  
• Use mulch to retain moisture and reduce evaporation.  
• Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses

When planning landscape

See Water Conservation page 10

## Deadline approaches for Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County contestants



2003 Little Mr. Sutton County Robert Zapata III and Little Miss Sutton County Holly Sparks

The deadline is quickly approaching for Sutton County little ones to enter the Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County contest. Participants must turn in their entry forms by August 9, 2004 at The Devil's River News. A \$5.00 entry fee is required and the contestants must have turned three years of age and must not have turned six. Contestants must be residents of Sutton County. The judging and crowning will be August 21, 2004 as part of the Sutton County Days celebration at the Sutton County Arena Park, on the main stage. The main stage has been moved for this year and will be near the fence closest to the arena. Children must be checked in by 9:45 a.m. on Saturday and parents must be present throughout the contest.

Little Miss and Mr. help represent Sutton County for the year, appearing at all the community events and grand openings, riding in parades, and much more.

Pictures of all the contestants will be run in next week's issue of The Devil's River News. If you do not have a picture, we can take one when you bring your entry form. Entry forms can also be picked up and dropped off at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 387-3880 or 387-2507.

## Multi-Chem and airport renovations top priority at SIDC meeting

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation had a busy meeting Monday, with discussions of Multi-Chem's proposed move to San Angelo and the Sonora Municipal Airport project being the hot topics. Board members present for the meeting were Carl Teaff, John Tedford, Lewis Allen, Mike Hale, and Cam Campbell.

The board fielded questions from visitors regarding the possible move of Multi-Chem's corporate office and how the SIDC could help keep them in Sonora since, in addition to Multi-Chem, many businesses would be affected by the move. Board President Carl Teaff reported that the SIDC wanted to do anything they could to keep Multi-Chem's office local, but he had not been approached by officials from the company to discuss possible options. Teaff did inform visitors that the SIDC had always assisted Multi-Chem when asked, including the present project of trying to keep the deer off the runway, as well as, possible other renovations at the City Airport.

Multi-Chem approached the SIDC in March asking what could be done to help put up a deer proof fence around the airport, for safety when landing and taking off. The SIDC agreed to take on the project and approached the City Council to ask to expend the money on the project and began talking to fencing experts about what would have to be done. A letter was also sent to Linda Howard at TxDOT in March for information on the requirements of such a project. In April the SIDC voted to approve \$20,000 needed for the fencing project. The required steps were then followed with two hearings on the proposal held at the City Council meetings. The paperwork was approved at the June meeting of the City Council and the deer proof fence should be completed by October. Teaff reported that a sub-committee had been formed to work on the possibility of extending the airport for larger jets, like those owned by Multi-Chem, to land. The committee is also looking at the feasibility and possibility of relocating the airport.

Teaff also reported that the SIDC assisted Multi-Chem with the installation of electrical lines when they were building

their new plant and buildings south of town. They also worked on incorporating Multi-Chem into the Enterprise Zone, which would allow for a large tax rebate for expanding businesses. However, the paper work has reportedly never been filed for the rebate. Lewis Allen said that the only request the SIDC had not been able to assist with was one regarding housing. The SIDC would only be allowed to expend money obtained from a half-cent sales tax revenue on building "affordable" housing, which was not what was being sought. The discussion continued on what could be done to keep the business local, but with no officials from Multi-Chem present, no offers were made or approved. Multi-Chem officials were reported to be at a Leadership meeting in San Antonio, at which, any decisions on moving was supposed to be made.

Cam Campbell reported that the sub-committee working on the Sonora Municipal Airport were meeting weekly to discuss any options on lengthening or relocating the airport. Campbell said that the committee had met with architect Dan Winchester the week prior, and it was agreed that the hill on Dan Wagner's property would have to be cut, along with many other renovations because of regulations on such projects. Lengthening the runway would be a very costly project, with a lot of "hoops to jump through," stated Campbell. He said that they would continue to explore other options, including the possibility of obtaining land to relocate the airport. There are many pros and cons to both renovating and relocating and much more time will have to be spent on the project. Justification of the need for a larger airport is important when applying for state assistance with such a project, and the SIDC is developing a questionnaire for local businesses, ranchers, hunting outfitters, local government, etc. to gather information on airport usage.

Local rancher Dan Wagner, whose land would be affected by any type of expansion at the existing airport, was asked if this was even something he would consider. Wagner voiced concerns that logistically it would tear his ranch apart, but he was willing to sit down and discuss the subject at a later date, since everything is just in

the beginning stages of discussion. Wagner thanked the board for allowing him to be a part of the discussions and keeping him updated on the progress of the airport committee.

SIDC office manager, Nancy Glasscock, reported that a notice from a lawyer in San Angelo had been left in the door, stating that Frank McGee had filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy and the SIDC was listed as a secure creditor. The board elected to pass this on to the city attorney, Beth Wallace, to pursue.

Lewis Allen reported that he had turned in a very rough explanation of the boundaries of the 1.1 acres on Eaton Hill, that has been proposed to be leased from the City of Sonora, to the city attorney. Wallace said that the information would have to be a little more specific, but could be obtained. The board then voted unanimously to approve the lease for the 1.1 acres on Eaton Hill from the City of Sonora.

Glasscock reported that she had made the requested changes on the proposed budget that had been made at the previous meeting. After discussing the increases in several areas, the board accepted the budget as presented.

Glasscock stated that two slots will have to be filled on the board of directors, because Lewis Allen and Mike Hale would be completing their terms and had opted to step down. The board agreed to submit a list of candidates at the next meeting.

Allen then gave an Eaton Hill report, informing the board that a second Kiosk was being built on the hill, and they were still working on the banners that had been approved a year ago.

Glasscock gave an office report, stating that things had been busy with several businesses requesting information for buildings to lease, so as to move to Sonora. The board agreed to help all those seeking locations as much as possible before adjourning to Executive Session to discuss a grant request from Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Reconvening in open session, the directors voted to award \$25,000 for the Lillian M. Hudspeth Emergency Room equipment, pending the approval of the City Council.

## Steer saddling added to Outlaw Pro Rodeo; Breakaway Roping entries open Monday

A new event has been added to the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, August 20 and 21, to add some fun for local cowboys - steer saddling. Teams of three, 18 years of age or older, can enter at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce or The Devil's River News. Twelve teams will compete, six on each night of the rodeo. The object is to get a wild steer across a line in the arena, get a saddle on him and then one team member has to ride across

another line. Cash prizes will be awarded. If you ain't scared - sign up today and get ready to ride.

Girls Breakaway Roping entries open on August 9th at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Call Mikey Dugan at 325-338-1547 to enter. A saddle from Alamo Saddlery in Brackettville, Texas, will be given to the winner, in addition to a \$500 cash prize.

## New playground equipment goes up at county park



There's a new bright spot at the Sutton County Park, adding more fun for children of all ages to enjoy. Dominion Exploration matched funds from a grant offered by the San Angelo Area Health Foundation, which allowed Sutton County to get the new equipment. The park is open to the public and is a fun place to spend some time with the kids.

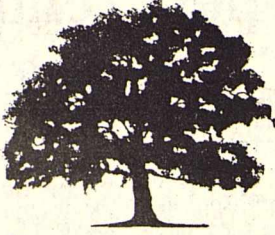
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I would like to thank the Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept., the Rocksprings Volunteer Fire Dept., the Experiment Station and everyone who helped stop the fire on the Circle B Ranch Sunday, August 1, and kept it from spreading to my ranch.

Judy McDonald

  
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Blanca Dianne**  
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**Happy Birthday**

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Birthday!  
Catherine**

  
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All of us

**Texas Tales Told By  
Tumbleweed Smith**

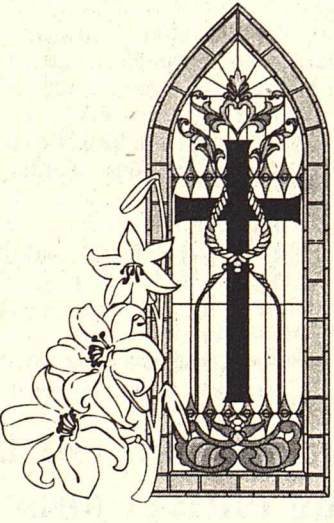
**An Interview Trip to the Valley**

**Tumbleweed Smith** Every week my radio program has a report from East, West, North, South and Central Texas. When I run low on interviews from one part of the state, I go there and replenish my supply. Last week I went to the Rio Grande Valley, one of my favorite parts of Texas. I love the palm trees, birds, resacas and citrus. The valley is booming. I was told McAllen has five Holiday Inns.

On the way down I made a stop in Kingsland to interview La Von Freydenberg, spokesperson for the Plunettes, who do dance routines using colorful bathroom plungers. Then between Tilden and Three Rivers I stopped in at Choke Canyon. The only state park with a gymnasium. Tuesday morning, during a light rain, I was in a park in Harlingen watching Rick Hartman practice fly casting. He is a fishing guide who competes in casting contests. Then I visited Mike Dailey who told me about the architects who built much of Harlingen. Gloria Saldivar told me about her family business of making tamales, and Tony Bennett told me how he has made a living as a bird painter for more than 30 years. His work has appeared in several bird books. I interviewed Susan and Cavanaugh Francis about their business, Texas Thread. They took an old building with ancient equipment and started making thick thread that is sold all over the world. It is used in awnings, tarpaulins, tents and straps that hold down cargo on trucks. Ruth Forstner keeps the huge flag that flies over the Valley Morning Star newspaper in good shape. The flag gets whipped by the winds and has to be repaired every couple of months. I interviewed Pappy Martin about his clock collection, Raoul Gonzales about guitar making, Eloise Campbell about salt found on her ranch, Dennis Cole about making fine knives and Verne Wheelwright about starting work on his Ph.D. when he was 65. He is studying research at Leeds University in England and hopes to write books about the future. To make a living, he sells paper to printing houses all over the world. The valley has a bunch of interesting people.

Doug Murphy told me about the Palo Alto Battlefield where the first battle of the Mexican-American war took place. The battlefield is now a national historic site near Brownsville. In Port Isabel I interviewed Ed Meza, who is in charge of two city-operated museums in his town. He is also the coordinator of the famous light house in Port Isabel. It's a state park, but operated by the city. Also in Port Isabel I listened to historian and book writer Rod Bates tell me about some treasures he has found using a metal detector. I did a report on Bill Haley, who gave birth to "Rock and Roll with Rock Around the Clock." He lived in Harlingen. The city recently unveiled a huge downtown mural of him. I interviewed Robert Wittenbach, who built brick car washes and started the no-streak washes. In Brownsville I interviewed Rosa and Manuel Mondragon who make unbelievable pinatas which are truly works of art. In Olmito I met Joe and Rosa Perez who sing traditional Mexican duets and write poetry. In Rio Hondo, Gay Landry told me about making duck decoys. In Sebastian, Rudy Garza showed me why he is the state champion archer. In Sarita, Homero Vera told me about the Kenedy ranching family which played a prominent part in settling the area once known as the wild horse prairie. "In San Antonio, I interviewed Joey Kelly, grandson to the famous clown, Emmet Kelly.

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Those interested in dance or aerobics this year are invited to attend an Open House and Registration at the Studio. Please come and help me celebrate the new business. Those dancers who register on Sunday, and pay their first month will be eligible for one of the two drawings for dance shoes.

When: Sunday, August 15, 2004  
Where: the Studio, 216 E. Main  
(formerly Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance)

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 (Come and Go)  
\*Refreshments will be served. Please bring the future student, so we can be introduced\*

2-3 years \$30.00 (Ballet)  
4 & older \$40.00 (Ballet, Tap, Jazz)  
2 or more per household \$60.00  
Aerobics \$35.00 (5 Visits)

**Senior Center News**

Aug. 9 - Blood pressure checks with TDH. 11:00 a.m. - ?  
Aug. 10 - Exercise with video.  
Aug. 12 - Crafts anyone?

**Senior Center Menu**

Aug. 9 - King Ranch chicken, broccoli, roll, carrot salad with raisins, cookie, milk.  
Aug. 10 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, chips, seafoam salad, grapes, milk.  
Aug. 11 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mixed vegetables, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup, milk.  
Aug. 12 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, steamed carrots, roll, milk, tossed salad, banana pudding.  
Aug. 13 - Catfish, hominy, okra, tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp, milk.

**NEW SUMMER HOURS**  
Mon. - Fri 7 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
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.\*

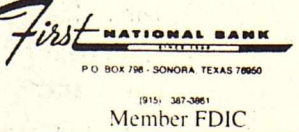
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**Community Calendar**

<b>Aug. 9</b> Sutton County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Annex Bldg.	<b>Aug. 17</b> City Council Meeting • 2:00 p.m.
<b>Aug. 16</b> First day of classes Sonora ISD	<b>Aug. 17-21</b> Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days
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## Up on Eaton Hill (and beyond)



by Delyse Jaeger

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation has partnered with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in launching an advertising campaign designed to highlight Sonora attractions and local events. The advertisement pictured above appears in the August issue of Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, and a similar ad can be seen in the August Texas Highways Magazine. The ads are designed to feature Sonora's attractions encompassing history, the Caverns, nature, and recreation (i.e. golf and hunting), accommodations, shopping and dining. The upcoming Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo are also highlighted. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has already received numerous inquiries as a result of the advertising.

Coincidentally, the June issue of Texas Highways Magazine published a letter written to the magazine by a traveler, thanking them for an article on traveling Interstate 10, which appeared in the March issue. The article, written by Diamond Benningfield, encouraged I-10 trekkers to stop and spend a little time in the communities of West Texas along I-10. This particular traveler hailed from Ohio and heeded the article's suggestion, stopping in Sonora for the first time. The

result: his stay in Sonora was so pleasant he took the time to write Texas Highways, and Sonora received a very complimentary review. Thank you, sir!

The next event to be featured in print ads will be the 2004 Game Dinner. Sonora is a remarkable city and it is gratifying to know that visitors recognize our unique character.

Once again, rains renew the countryside and of course there is no better place to enjoy the local bounty than along the trails of Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. The birds seem to be more plentiful than ever, perhaps owing to the water supply and the healthy vegetation. Hummingbirds, orioles, painted buntings and wrens are commonly sighted, and wildflowers continue to bloom along the trails. Cat claw is lovely in bloom and the fragrance of beebush sweetens the air. Many native Texas shrubs are unwelcome on ranchlands due to toxicity to livestock or other negative impact, but their beauty can be appreciated in a park setting. Cooler temperatures in the morning and evening hours provide the perfect atmosphere for a hike, so hit the trails and explore the ever-changing hill!

*Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.*

## Sharks, bacteria dampen Texas coastal trips

### State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - At the height of the summer tourist season on the coast, sharks and a little known bacteria are making Texans nervous about getting in the surf.

Two shark bites have been reported along the upper coast and along the mid coast three people are suffering from the effects of Vibrio bacteria exposure.

Even so, the Texas Department of Health says the rise in Vibrio cases is not unusual.

"Vibrio is not new to the world, and it's not new to Texas," said TDH epidemiologist Linda Gaul. "But some precautions are in order." TDH has confirmed 20 cases of Vibrio illness since March, including three deaths. Texas averages 36 cases a year, Gaul said.

The bacteria lives in warm coastal saltwater and can be introduced into the body through open cuts or sores. Vibrio also can be contracted from eating raw seafood such as oysters.

The basic precaution is to keep any cuts or sores well-covered if getting in salt water, and to not eat uncooked shellfish, especially if you have diabetes, a weakened immune system or liver disease.

Another name on the dance card...

Latest gubernatorial candidate said to be thinking about the '06 primary is U.S. Rep. Chris Bell (D-Houston), who lost a re-election try in his legislatively realigned district.

Bell talked about his plans in a breakfast speech at the Democratic National Convention last week in Boston. He said whether he runs in the Democratic primary depends on whether U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison decides to retire from Washington and seek a new address at 11th and Colorado in downtown Austin.

If Hutchison opts for a try at the Governor's Mansion, the buzz has Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst running to replace her in the Senate, with Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn then going for Dewhurst's post.

Singer-writer Kinky Friedman of Kerrville continues to blow cigar smoke about running for governor as an independent, with (he says cigar-in-cheek) Willie Nelson as head of the Texas Rangers. Friedman's also mentioned Nelson as agriculture commissioner, but that's an elected office.

**Down on the farm...**  
This fall, the Texas Department of Agriculture will mark the 30th anniversary of its Family Land Heritage Program. Since 1974, the department has recognized 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties that have been in the same family for a century or more.

In addition to being able to prove 100 years of ownership to qualify for recognition, families must have at least 10 acres generating a minimum of \$50 in agricultural sales a year. If the farm covers less than 10 acres, sales must amount to at least \$250 annually.

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2004 class of honorees is Nov. 15. For more information, see the department's Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) or call 512-463-2631.

## Chamber Chatter

### Chamber welcomes Farmers Insurance, prepares for Sutton County Days

by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

We are welcoming a new business and a new family to Sonora this Friday, August 6, 2004. Come by 609 S. Concho, Friday, August 6, 2004, from 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. to welcome our new Farmers Insurance - Jim Phillips Agency to Sonora. Jim and his wife Stacie along with their daughters Emmy & Kylie have moved to Sonora and are looking forward to being an active part of our community. As was reported in the Devil's River News last week, Jim Phillips, our new Farmer's Insurance Agent placed 5th in the County Team Roping. We hope to see you all Friday at the grand opening.

We are working hard to get ready for Sutton County Days & the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. We are signing up vendors and sending out advertising this week. Please come by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center if you would like to be involved in this wonderful West Texas

Celebration. We will be glad to sign you up to participate in the parade, the Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County Contest, the Steer Saddling, and give you information concerning everything with Sutton County Days. We will also be glad to sign you up as a volunteer to help with this event. It takes many people to put on an event of this size and your help would be greatly appreciated. Sonora is such a wonderful community and people are so helpful. We want you all to know that we appreciate those of you whom have volunteered and helped in the past.

Visit some of your local businesses and pick-up a program of events for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days. We are delivering those programs as well as the information fliers to local businesses around town. If you would like to pick up a flier or programs for your business, please come by and pick some up. We would be glad for you to distribute some for us.

## Letter to the Editor

As I sit down and write this letter I can't believe how bitter and disillusioned I've become in the last few months. You see my problem began when I decided to do my civic duty and get involved in my community by volunteering. Gosh, it was so much fun to be a part of things and see events and happenings come together for the betterment of the town I love.

Lately, this hasn't been the case. It seems the harder we, as volunteers, work, the more negative comments and repercussions seem to be happening. Granted nothing goes perfectly and sometimes things just fall apart but we do our best to fix the problem and "rock" along. You may or may not be aware that there are so many organizations and boards that are strictly run by volunteers here in our wonderful community. Many of us have full time jobs, families, and other personal commitments. We volunteer because we believe in making Sonora a better place to live.

With Sutton County Days fast approaching, remember that it is happening because of the volunteers. So what, that it isn't occurring on the town square and, God forbid, major changes are happening around us, but such is life. Instead of focusing on the negative let's focus on the positive. We are doing great things for our community.

I leave you with this thought: the next time you run into that school board member, a scout mom, a 4-H project leader, a deacon in your church, a golf club board member, a game dinner organizer, a cook-off committee member, a chamber board member, the PTO president and so on...say "thank-you" for a job well done! If not, keep your comments to yourself and volunteer and see life through our eyes!

Sincerely,  
Kelly L. Thorp

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**Sonora Elementary Dress Code**

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. While we respect students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

The principal or a teacher with approval of the principal may temporarily remove any student from the classroom or building when the student's dress, grooming, or actions become disruptive, indecent, or unhygienic.

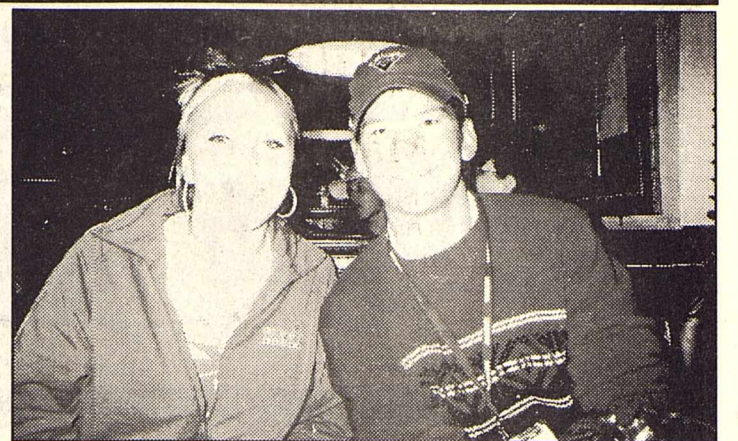
After careful review of our dress code the campus site base team agreed on the following:

1. ABOVE ALL: BE NEAT, BE CLEAN, AND BE WELL GROOMED.
2. Students will be permitted to wear hemmed shorts that are no shorter than finger tip length in a normal standing position. No frayed shorts will be worn.
3. Caps, hats, etc., will not be worn in the building.
4. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. No sagging or baggy pants or shorts will be allowed. SES employees will determine what is baggy.
5. All clothing, including belts and suspenders, must be the proper size for the student and gender appropriate.
6. Shirts tails may be worn but can be no longer than the bottom of the curve of the buttocks. Exceptions are shirts that are made to be worn in.
7. Tattooing is prohibited.
8. Body marking of any kind, pens or markers, is prohibited.
9. Body piercing of any kind is prohibited, with the exception of traditional ear piercing (lobe only) for girls.
10. Proper undergarments must be worn at all times.

Some garments that are not considered appropriate for school are as follows:

1. Shirts, blouses, or dresses with large neck or arm openings; shirts or blouses that expose the skin around the waist should not be worn.
2. No sun dresses or blouses that are open below the bra line in the front or in the back shall be worn.
3. Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than mid thigh in length in a normal standing position.
4. Strapless clothing or clothing with spaghetti straps may not be worn.
5. Shirts with objectionable lettering, drawings, or advertisements of alcohol, tobacco, sexual in nature etc., and those depicting violence of any kind such as wrestling sign/symbols/personalities shall not be worn.
6. Athletic shorts made of spandex fabric shall not be worn. Snaps or tear away sweats shall not be worn.
7. Muscle shirts of any kind may not be worn.
8. Sleeveless tops must cover the shoulder.

The dress code in the July 29, 2004 issue of The Devil's River News was for the Sonora High School only. The Middle School dress code will be issued at a later date.



Kayla McBride and Embre Smith enjoy their trip down under.

**Golfers return from Australia**

submitted  
 On July 11, 2004, Embre Smith and Kayla McBride set off on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that took them halfway across the world to beautiful Australia. They traveled with the International Sports Specialist Inc. group that consisted of about 70 golfers from all over the continental United States and Hawaii. They stayed at Surfer's Paradise on the Gold Coast for the first part of the trip and then traveled to Sydney where they saw the famous Opera House. They visited an Australian working ranch and an amusement park called Dreamworld. They were able to play at four different golf courses and do a lot of sightseeing. Embre and Kayla would like to thank all the very generous people who donated to their trip. Without the kindness of this community, the trip would not have been possible.

**Smith wins big on West Texas Junior Championship Tour**



Garrett Smith, 10-year-old son of Jack and Lauri Smith, participated in the West Texas Junior Championship Tour in June and July. Garrett placed first in his age division in 8 out of 10 tournaments, including wins at the Best of the West Tournament in San Angelo June 1-3 and the season-ending Tour Championship in San Saba on July 30th and 31st.

**2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SUTTON COUNTY**

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for Sutton County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	SUTTON GENERAL	SUTTON FM & FC	SUTTON HOSPITAL	CITY OF SONORA
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,736.029	\$ 368.063	\$ 1,052.520	\$ 425.765
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,736.029	\$ 368.063	\$ 1,052.520	\$ 425.765
Last year's tax base	\$ 571,400.565	\$ 568,393.515	\$ 571,400.465	\$ 82,086.622
Last year's total tax rate	\$.303820/\$100	\$.064755/\$100	\$.184200/\$100	\$.518678/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	SUTTON GENERAL	SUTTON FM & FC	SUTTON HOSPITAL	CITY OF SONORA
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,735.623	\$ 368.063	\$ 1,052.273	\$ 425.237
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 894,432.267	\$ 891,732.507	\$ 894,432.267	\$ 95,606.287
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.194000/\$100	\$.041200/\$100	\$.117600/\$100	\$.444700/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.235200/\$100		\$.121100/\$100	\$.458000/\$100
X 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.242200/\$100			

This year's rollback tax rate:	SUTTON GENERAL	SUTTON FM & FC	SUTTON HOSPITAL	CITY OF SONORA
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,735.623	\$ 356.063	\$ 1,052.273	\$ 425.237
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 894,432.267	\$ 891,732.507	\$ 894,432.267	\$ 95,606.287
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.194000/\$100	\$.041200/\$100	\$.117600/\$100	\$.444700/\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.209500/\$100	\$.044400/\$100	\$.127000/\$100	\$.480200/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.209500/\$100	\$.044400/\$100	\$.127000/\$100	\$.480200/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.253900/\$100			

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**

If SUTTON COUNTY adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.235200 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2003 taxes by \$891.  
 If HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.117600 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2003 taxes by \$299.  
 If CITY OF SONORA adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.444700 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to a 2003 taxes by \$420.

**UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	BALANCE
Sutton County	General Fund	\$ 968,000
	FM & FC	\$ 72,000
Hospital District	General Fund	\$ 500,000
City of Sonora	General Fund	\$ 600,000
	Restricted Fund	\$1,375,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Sutton County Appraisal District.  
 Rex Ann Friess  
 Chief Appraiser  
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# 2004 Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants

## Mandy Brister

Mandy Irene Brister is the daughter of Cliff and Danine Brister. She is a junior at Sonora High School, where she is active in the FFA, 4-H, Band, Basketball, Track and Cross Country.

Mandy is in the National Honor Society, was a Star Greenhand and a Chapter Farmer. She has been chosen as 4-H Sweetheart and was a Runner Up to the Top Hand Award. She has been chosen for Academic All-District Cross Country, received the Ag Science, World Geography, and FFA Sheep Awards. She is part of Who's Who and is a Chapter and District FFA officer and a 4-H officer.

Mandy's hobbies and interests are hunting, fishing, showing livestock, pole vaulting, talking and riding around with friends. Her future plans are to go to Texas Tech University and study medicine or wildlife science.

Mandy said her favorite things about Sonora are the small town atmosphere and the friendly people. Asked what one thing she would change to make



Sonora better, she said, "It's hard to improve on what you already have."

Mandy would like to represent our county as Miss Sutton County because she has lived here all her life and "it would be

a great honor to represent the place I call home."

Mandy is sponsored by Crittendon Water Well Service, Rafters W Feed, and Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

## M.J. Brown

M.J. Brown is the daughter of Patsy Duran and Abel Sanchez and John and Susan Brown. She has two sisters, Ashley and Kindra and two brothers, John Brown, Jr. and Wesley. She is a Senior at Sonora High School and is active in the Spanish Club and PALS.

M.J. has received perfect attendance awards and been on the A and A/B Honor Rolls. She is also a Ventures Scholar member. Her interests include spending time with family, babysitting, chatting, riding around and meeting new people. Her future plans are to move to Austin and attend ITT-Tech to become a web designer.

M.J. said her favorite thing about Sonora is the friendly neighborhood she lives in. She said she wouldn't change anything about Sonora because she loves the small community and the friendliness.

M.J. would like to represent our county as Miss Sutton



County because, "it's a great county and it would be an honor."

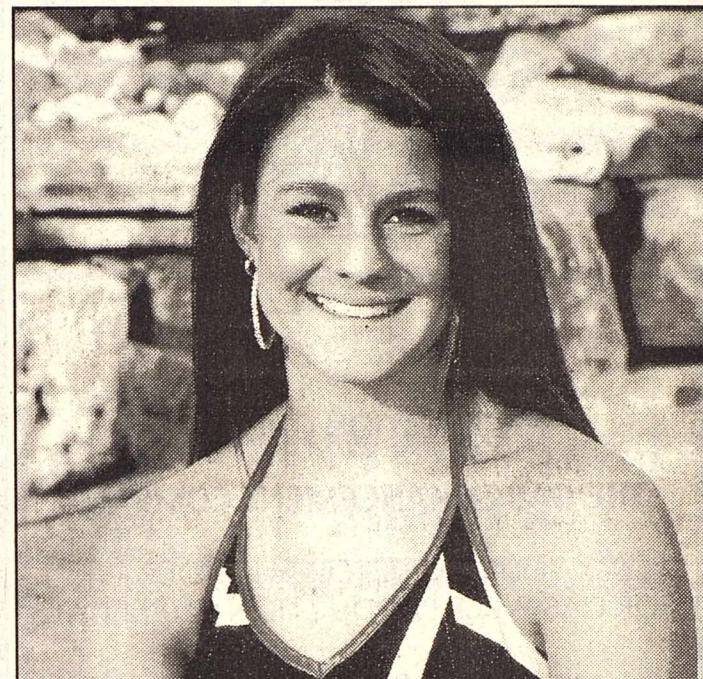
M.J. is sponsored by Victor's Automotive, Cebridge Connections and Sonora Tire Service

## Courtney Caruthers

Courtney Blaire Caruthers is the daughter of Ms. Janice G. Caruthers and Mr. Bob Caruthers. She is a senior at Sonora High School, where she has been active in Ag Mechanics for 2 years, FFA for 4 years, One Act Play for 2 years, SHS Varsity Track for 4 years, UIL Competition for 4 years and was the SHS Varsity Boys Basketball Manager for 3 years. She was also a Junior Varsity Cheerleader for 2 years and a Varsity Cheerleader for 2 years.

Courtney was Little Miss Sutton County in 1990. Her freshman year she was voted Student of the Year and won 2nd at the District Track Meet in Pole Vault. As a sophomore she was inducted into the National Honor Society. In her junior year, Courtney was chosen for the One Act Play District All-Star Cast and was crowned the Sonora Downtown Lions Club Queen. She was also an alternate Pole Vault for State competition. In her senior year she is the captain of the Varsity Cheerleaders.

Courtney's hobbies and interest include cheerleading, pole vaulting, riding horses, snow skiing and traveling. Her future plans are to enter a four year university, where she will major in Interior Design. She would also like to try out for the cheer squad and be a part of the



intramural activities. Asked about how to improve Sonora, Courtney said, "Growing up in Sonora, I can not think of anything I would change about our community. At this time, Sonora has a great school system, good economy, as well as a great community. If it were changed it wouldn't be the same Sonora that I have spent my whole life in and learned to appreciate more than I ever thought possible."

Courtney would like to rep-

resent our county as Miss Sutton County because she was born and raised in Sonora and has watched many queens from previous years. "I know the responsibility of being Miss Sutton Co. and I would look forward to fulfilling those honors. If I am crowned the next Miss Sutton Co., I will proudly represent Sonora and its residents."

Courtney is sponsored by State Farm Insurance - Sam Dillard, Multi-Chem and Creek.

## Tina Covey

Tina is the daughter of Eddy Covey and Vicki Harris, and the granddaughter of Amanda Covey. She has one sister, Cathy and one brother, Dustin. She is a junior at Sonora High School. Her hobbies and interests include talking on the phone and working.

Tina's future plans are to go to nursing school to become a pediatric nurse. Her favorite things about Sonora are the people. The one thing that she would change to make Sonora a better place to live would be to bring in more activities for people to do in town.

Tina would like to represent our county as Miss Sutton County because, "I like to do things for the community and want to represent Sutton County. It would also be a great experience for me."

Tina is sponsored by Everett's Pharmacy and Mittle Dozing.



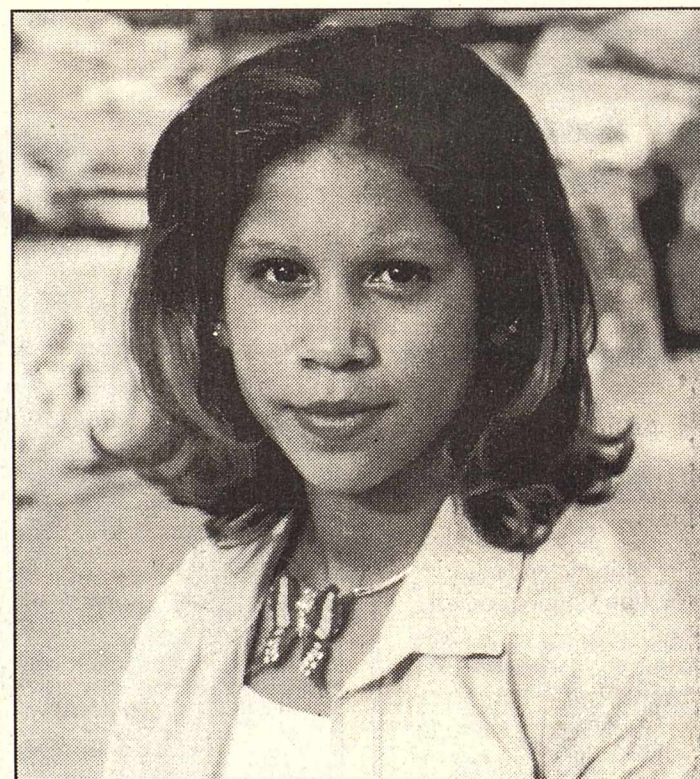
## Julia Lugo

Julia Lugo is the daughter of Irma and Ramiro Lugo. She has one sister, Maria, and two brothers, Jose and Ariel. She is a junior at Sonora High School, where she has been active in basketball and track for two years. She lettered in the 800 meter dash her sophomore year.

Julia's hobbies and interests include playing basketball, hanging out with her friends and family and mostly, just having fun! Her future plans are to go to Ft. Worth after graduation, to attend college, where she will study to be a pediatrician.

Julia likes Sonora because it is small and peaceful. The one thing that she thinks would make Sonora a better place to live would be to have more places for kids to work. "This would help them be responsible and give them more opportunities," she said.

Julia would like to represent our county as Miss Sutton County, "to show everyone that



no matter how hard it is or how you look, you can reach your goals!"

Julia is sponsored by La Mexicana, Los Cerritos and Alco.

## Maggie Ramirez

Maggie Ramirez is the daughter of Nelda and Manuel Tobias. She has one brother, Cande and one sister, Maribel "Cipi". She is a junior at Sonora High School, where she has been active with the Spirit Crew for 2 years, Girl Scouts, Basketball for 2 years, cross country for 1 year, the Spanish Club for 1 year, band for 2 years and softball for 1 year. She was chosen for "Who's Who" two years in a row, has had perfect attendance and made the All A and A/B Honor Rolls.

Maggie's hobbies and interests are shopping, visiting her grandparents, spending time with family and friends, traveling to Corpus, Padre Island and Florida, and babysitting at her grandmother's day care center. Her future plans are to attend college in Austin or San Antonio, where she will major in Criminal Justice so as to have a career in which she can give back to the community.

Maggie loves Sonora because of the way everyone pulls together in hard times and helps each other. The one thing that she would change to make our community better would be



to have more activities for adults and youth to take part in and expand the community.

Maggie said that she would like to represent our county as Miss Sutton County, "To have the honor and privilege to represent our loving community is reason enough for me to want to

be a contestant!"

Maggie is sponsored by The Bank & Trust, Burnham & Burnham Trucking and Jet Specialty.

## Christine Sanchez

Christine Sanchez is the daughter of Tommie and Mike Sanchez. She has one brother, Mikey. She is a senior at Sonora High School, where she is active in FFA, basketball, golf, softball and the Spirit Crew.

Christine was chosen for "Who's Who" for two years, achieved perfect attendance and made the honor roll. She also is part of extracurricular youth groups. Her interests and hobbies are playing sports, hanging out with friends, and spending time with family. Her future plans are to go to college to be a doctor.

Christine said she likes everything about Sonora, especially the friendly atmosphere and how everyone supports one another. She wouldn't change anything about Sonora because "it is great just the way it is," she said. "I love living here and would never change a thing."

Christine said she would like to represent our county as Miss Sutton County because, "I



enjoy being around my county, doing everything. This county is a big part of my life."

Christine is sponsored by Sanchez Welding, Devil's River Days Inn, and Taco Grill.

## Amanda Word

Amanda Word is the daughter of Kay and Larry Word. She has two sisters Japha and Laura and one brother, Kody. She is a senior at Sonora High School, where she is active in Varsity Cross Country, basketball, tennis and softball. She is the Cheerleading Mascot, is in the Spanish Club, the Spirit Crew, Ag Mechanics, FFA, Youth Group and the National Honor Society.

Amanda was chosen for the "Who's Who Among High School Students", received the Ag Mechanics Proficiency Award, the 2004 Health Award, and English III Award. She was chosen for the Academic All-District Cross-Country '01-'03, Academic All-District Softball '02 and '04, and Academic All-District Basketball '03-'04.

Amanda's hobbies and interests include spending time with family and friends, being outdoors, playing basketball, tennis and softball. Her future plans are to attend college and become a dentist or orthodontist.

Amanda likes Sonora because of the warm family feel-



ing of a small town and how everyone is involved in all the town activities. The only change she would make would be to add a youth center with a theater and bowling alley.

Amanda wants to represent Sutton County as Miss Sutton

County because, "I am a strong and honest leader who can be a role model for the up coming adults of Sonora."

Amanda is sponsored by the Sutton County Steakhouse, Team Graphics and Location Builders.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON SUTTON COUNTY  
APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2005 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on August 9, 2004, at 8 a.m. in the Sutton County Annex Building.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:  
 The total amount of the proposed budget \$264520  
 The total amount of increase over the current year's budget 31980  
 The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget 3  
 The number of employees compensated under the current 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, and cities 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.

Sutton County Appraisal District  
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**Angora Field Day and Sale deemed outstanding**



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submitted by Dr. Erika Campbell

The Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale was held Thur., July 29th at the Sonora Station. It was an "outstanding sale" according to Dr. Butch Taylor, station superintendent. "I was very pleased with the turnout and all of the sale goats sold."

"There seemed to be a lot of interest in the educational programs from the attendees," said Taylor. Keynote speaker Dr. Tom Craig, Dept. Veterinary Pathobiology, Texas A&M, provided an update on the status of internal parasites and efforts to manage them. "We were very fortunate to have one of the premiere parasitologists in the nation," said Taylor. The educational program provided 1.5 units of continuing education credit, and included a report by Zane Willard on the activity of the mohair council. Dr. Butch Taylor gave a presentation on the "Use of Goats" and

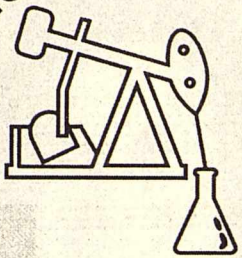
"Prescribed burning," and Dr. Darrell Ueckert discussed "Ripping - a Tool for Range Improvement."

Twenty-two head sold for 9650, average price 438.64. Volume buyer - was Scott Mitchell, of Sanderson TX, purchasing 9 head for \$3,125.00. The high indexing billy, consigned by Edwin Hipsher of Santa Anna, TX sold for \$650 to Sam Perner of Ozona, TX. The high selling billy was consigned by Cerulean Farm, Harrah, OK, and was purchased by Joe David Ross of Sonora for \$750.

Glenn Hanson donated an Angora billy. The goat was purchased by Joe David Ross for \$450.00 with all proceeds going to the Maurice Shelton Endowment Fund.

Complete test results can be found at www.sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/angoratest.htm.

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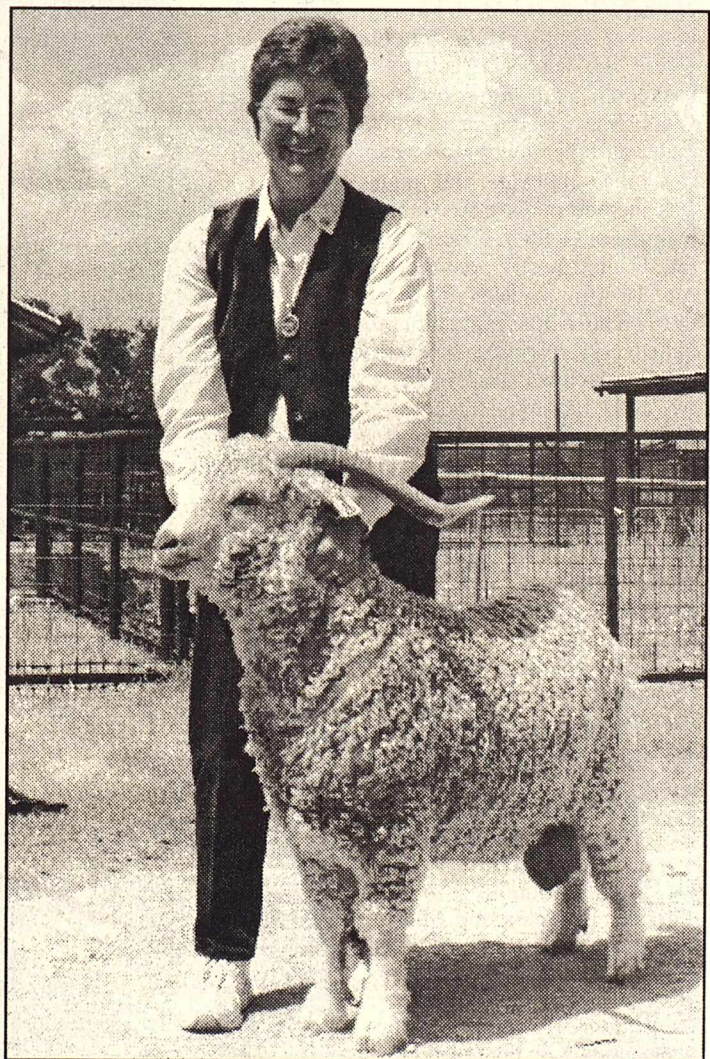
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**Dr. Craig warns producers to be on the watch for parasites**

submitted by Dr. Erika Campbell

Dr. Thomas Craig, Texas A&M Dept. of Veterinary Pathobiology, recently discussed the status of parasite Haemonchus contortus at the Sonora Angora Goat Test Field Day and Sale. He initially titled his presentation "The Future of Parasite Control" but decided a better title would be "The Future of Parasites" because the parasites are in better shape than control is right now.

Haemonchus contortus is also known as the stomach worm, or the barber pole worm, due to the stripes of blood in the worm's twisted body. Craig predicted that local producers will be seeing a lot of problems in 2 1/2 to 3 weeks from now due to the good rains the area has experienced. Precipitation will allow for larvae to leave the fecal pellet they have remained dormant in, and ascend vegetation to be grazed by livestock. He pointed out that despite the best control efforts in domestic flocks, pastures will always carry a low level of infection due to white tailed deer. "Deer," he said, "are the 'Osama Bin Ladins of the ruminant world', who 'use biological' control."

## Parasites from page 6

cal weapons against all other ruminants."

Pastures become infected when eggs are released by adult ruminants in their feces. Eggs then develop into infective larvae, and can remain dormant in a fecal pellet for 1 to 8 months until moisture conditions are right.

"Parasites are a numbers game", Craig said, "its natural to have a few; if you have none you'll have a problem in the future." Immunity to Haemonchus can be acquired by grazing infective larvae. "The immune system develops from getting some worms at a low level."

This parasite is, as Craig put it, "a voracious blood sucker." Other parasites cause decreases in production through net weight losses, but this one kills. Death occurs as a result of anemia and low protein levels in animals.

The disease syndrome, called acute haemonchosis, affects all ages, but "kids and lambs are more susceptible because they do not develop a resistance until they are 5 to 7 months of age."

A visible sign of serious infection is bottlejaw, or intermandibular edema. With low protein in the blood, fluid will leak out of the vascular system into the tissues and is visibly apparent in the region below the jaw. Pale mucous membranes are another sign indicating anemia caused by parasitic infection.

Craig said that misuse of wormers, or anthelmintics, can lead to the development of resistant worms. He stated that "goats are not small cows" and that they metabolize anthelmintics twice as fast as a cow. "Underdosing leads to only the wimps being killed, leaving the survivors to mate with other

survivors." Currently there are resistant populations to all three families of anthelmintics in the United States.

Management efforts should be geared towards avoiding anthelmintic resistance, pasture rotation, and using fecal egg counts to evaluate worm numbers.

Avoiding wormer resistance includes proper dosing, strategic deworming of heavily parasitized animals, quarantining and treating new animals, and deworming animals around kidding time (periparturition) when their natural immunity against worms is low. Craig cautioned against rapid rotation or switching of wormers. He recommends the use of one drug until it no longer works, and only then switching to a different class.

Rotation of flocks can involve leader follower systems where susceptible animals graze first, followed by resistant animals harvesting larvae from pasture. An example would be cows following goats. When susceptible animals return, pastures will have fewer larvae.

Fecal egg counts should be done to test for parasite load and to evaluate anthelmintic success. Counts should be made on 12-15 animals per flock before worming, and on the same animals 1-2 weeks after worming.

New treatments on the horizon include the possible use of fungi that eat the worms (nematophagus fungi), genetic selection of resistant animals, and development of a live vaccine.

For more information contact Dr. Thomas Craig at tcraig@cvm.tamu.edu or 979-845-9191, or the Sutton County Extension Office at sutton-tx@tamu.edu or 325-387-3101.

## Mission of faith - part 2



Local R.N., Diane Clarkson works with families in Peru.

Dr. Greg and Becky Johnson, Diane Clarkson, R.N., Michelle Preston, R.N.

The door to the kitchen closed with a soft bang. I could hear the cooks starting breakfast through the plywood walls of our dorm. Jim, our dentist, still snored loudly, up and across from my bunkbed. It had been a long night.

It was 5:30 a.m. and time to rise and shine if I was going to get any hot water for a shower. "The early bird gets the worm," I thought.

The morning air was a brisk 38°. It was still dark and I could see the "Southern Cross" to the south. The southern hemisphere revolves around this constellation the same way that ours does around the North Star.

"My Creator is awesome," I was again thinking to myself.

I wondered if Beck was up an at 'em. She would love to see this.

Our first full clinic day came off without any major problems. Crowds and animals were always a nuisance. We saw 80 patients between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 160 patients by 4:30 p.m. Several patients were jaundiced with some type of hepatitis. We could only refer them to the local hospital for blood work, and advise them about universal precaution.

"Lavece las manos, y no

atoque la boca con los dedos."

Our meds were running low as our numbers added up. Everyone received mebendazole for parasites, unless they were pregnant or breast feeding. Many people were barefoot in 50° weather, with open sores and leg ulcers. These were true "Earth people" and lived off the land.

I took a deep breath. Tonight was our trip to the Inca Baths. What new wonders would that bring? This was the "Hot Springs, Arkansas" of Cajamarca, Peru. My back was aching and I felt so dirty.

Michelle Preston interrupted my day dream... "Yes, at 20 weeks of pregnancy the top of the uterus is right at the belly button."

Diane Clarkson had closed triage and there was still a line, pressing together near the door. I thought of a song from Jesus Christ Superstar... "There's too many of you. Don't crowd me!"

Tomorrow, we were getting up early for a 2 1/2 hour bus trip into Ingencio Valley. "Early to bed, early to rise," I thought.

"Thank you, Lord, for another day."

I snuggled into a fetal position under the two heavy wool blankets.

... to be continued next week.

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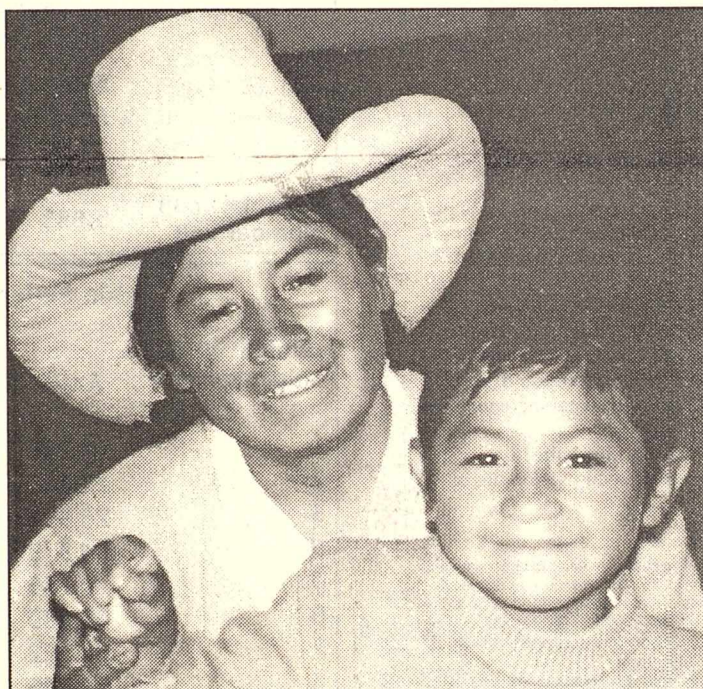
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## Letter to Households

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Para solicitar comidas gratis o a precios reducidos, use la Solicitud para comidas gratis o a precios reducidos que viene con esta carta. No podemos aprobar las solicitudes incompletas, por eso, asegúrese de llenar toda la información que se le pide. Devuelva la solicitud a: Dora Gonzales, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950, 387-5760.

Esta son algunas respuestas a preguntas que puede tener sobre la solicitud:

**1. ¿Quién puede obtener comidas gratis o a precios reducidos?** Los niños en unidades familiares que reciben estampillas para comida, TANF y los niños bajo cuidado temporal pueden recibir comidas gratis sin importar los ingresos de la unidad familiar. Así mismo, si

los ingresos de su unidad familiar están dentro de los límites de la Tabla Federal de Ingresos, sus hijos pueden recibir comidas gratis o a precios reducidos.

**2. ¿Verificarán mi información?** Sí. Es posible que le pidamos que mande pruebas por escrito de la información que nos dé.

**3. ¿Qué pasa si dejo de recibir estampillas para comida o TANF?** Si sus hijos llenan los requisitos porque usted anotó un número de caso de estampillas para comida o TANF, debe informar a la escuela si deja de recibir estampillas para comida o TANF.

**4. ¿Qué pasa si cambia el tamaño o los ingresos de mi unidad familiar?** Si sus hijos llenan los requisitos para recibir comidas gratis o a precios reducidos debido a sus ingresos, debe informarnos si disminuye el tamaño de su unidad familiar o si sus ingresos aumentan más de \$50 al mes (\$600 al año). Llámenos al 387-5760 para actualizar su solicitud.

**5. Si no lleno los requisitos, ¿puedo hacer la solicitud otra vez?** Sí. Puede solicitar en cualquier momento durante el año escolar si aumenta el tamaño de su unidad familiar, si se reducen sus ingresos o si

comienza a recibir estampillas para comida o TANF. Si pierde su empleo, sus hijos pueden recibir comidas gratis o a precios reducidos durante el tiempo que usted permanezca desempleado.

**6. ¿Qué pasa si no estoy de acuerdo con la decisión de la escuela sobre mi solicitud?** Debe hablar con los funcionarios de la escuela. También puede pedir una audiencia llamando o escribiendo a: Brant Myers, Superintendent at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950, 387-2220.

Si tiene más preguntas o necesita ayuda, llame al 387-5760

Atentamente Dora Gonzales  
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## Letter to Households

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To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed applications to: Dora Gonzales, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950, 387-5760.

Here are answers to questions you may have about applying:

**1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals?** Children in households receiving Food Stamps, TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of household income.

Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can receive free or reduced-price meals.

**2. Will my information be checked?** Yes. We may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.

**3. What if I stop receiving Food Stamps or TANF?** If your children qualify because you listed a Food Stamp or TANF case number, you must tell the school when you no longer received Food Stamps or TANF.

**4. What if my household size or income changes?** If your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on your income, you must tell us if your household size goes down or if your income goes up by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year). Call us at 387-5760 to update your application.

**5. If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start

receiving Food Stamps or TANF. If you lose your job, your children may be able to receive free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.

**6. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Brant Myers, Superintendent, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950, 387-2220.

If you have other questions or need help, call 387-5760. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 387-5760.

Sincerely, Dora Gonzales  
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## School Lunch Information

Applications for free and reduced lunches will be distributed the first day of school and will also be available at the Food Service Directors office. Students who were on free or reduced meals last year, may eat in the cafeterias until September 14, 2004 on last year's applications; after that time, they will not be eligible for free or reduced meals until a new application has been filled out and

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### Instructions for Applying — 2004-05

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List the child's name, school, and grade.
- Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

If your household receives FOOD STAMPS OR TANF, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade, and Food Stamp or TANF case number.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade. Optional (Social Security Number, Student I.D., or Date of Birth)
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Follow these instructions to report last month's household income.  
**Column 1—Name:** List the last, first, and middle name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.  
**Column 2—Last month's income and how often it is received:** For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.  
**Employment Income:** List the gross income for each person. It is not the same as take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and deductions.** It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often you receive it — weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M).  
**Other Income:** List the amount each person receives from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person receives it.  
**Column 3—Check if no income:** If the person does not have any income, check the box.
- Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.
- Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

**Privacy Act Statement:** This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for, OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

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### Multi-Use Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2004-05

Sonora ISD District/Charter School

**Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)**

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D., or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Food Stamp or TANF case # (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				

If you listed a Food Stamp/TANF case number for one child, skip to Part 4.

**Part 2. Foster Child**

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box  and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Skip to Part 4.

**Part 3. Household Members and Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)**

1. Name. (List everyone in household. (In the example the household includes mother Jane, grandfather Ralph, and child Susie.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Monthly (M), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), (Jane earns \$200 every 2 weeks and receives \$50 a month in child support. Ralph receives \$300 a month from Social Security. Susie has no income.)	3. Check if NO Income.
<b>Examples</b> Jane Smith	\$ 200 / E	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph Smith	\$ 300 / M	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susie Smith		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number. (Adult must sign.)**

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the "Instructions for Applying" page.)  
 I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a Social Security Number.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5. Sharing Information With Other Programs: OPTIONAL**

For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Completing this section will not change whether your children get free or reduced-price meals. (Please circle any program or benefit you want.)

**Do not fill out this part. For school use only.**

Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.15, Twice A Month x 2

Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Household size: \_\_\_\_\_ FS/TANF: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temporary: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_ (specify start \_\_\_\_\_ days)

Determining Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Federal Income Chart for School Year 2004-05

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	17,224	1,436	718	663	332
2	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
3	28,990	2,416	1,208	1,115	558
4	34,873	2,907	1,454	1,342	671
5	40,756	3,397	1,699	1,568	784
6	46,639	3,887	1,944	1,794	897
7	52,522	4,377	2,189	2,021	1,011
8	58,405	4,868	2,434	2,247	1,124
For each add'l member add	5,883	491	246	227	114

### Tabla Federal de Ingresos para el año escolar 2004-05

Tamaño de la unidad familiar	Anual	Cada mes	Cada quincena	Cada dos semanas	Cada Semana
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### 2004-05 Multi-Use Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application—continuation sheet

**Part 1. Children in School—continuation sheet**

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D., or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Food Stamp or TANF case # (if any)
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				

**Part 3. Household Members and Income From Last Month—continuation sheet**

1. Name. (List everyone in household.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Monthly (M), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T).	3. Check if NO Income.
	Earnings from work before deductions	
	Welfare, child support, alimony	
	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	
	Other	
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Privacy Act Statement:** This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for, OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly, in accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, John Berry, at 807 S. Concho, (325) 387-3023 and the Section 504 Coordinator, Stefanie Taylor, at 807 S. Concho, (325) 387-5944.

El distrito escolar de Sonora ofrece programas vocacionales en DCP, BCIS, la ciencia de la agricultura, las ciencias de la familia y el consumidor, y cursos preparativos de tecnica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en caso de necesidad, deseo en participar, y en espacio necesario para conducir los programas.

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**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**

**SENIOR CENTER COOK:** The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a part-time cook for the Sutton County Senior Center. Applicant should be able to assist in kitchen duties, cook, clean, communicate and relate with the elderly and be able to perform other work related duties that are required at the Senior Center. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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## F.Y.I.

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The Foster Grandparent Program will hold its Pre-service training from August 9 - 12 at the Concho Valley Council of Governments Training Center on Knickerbocker Rd. Anyone 60 years and over interested in the training program please contact the FGP office at 223-5704 FMI.

1st Annual Boy Scouts of America Golf Tournament; Co-ed 18 hole best ball scramble; age limit 21 and up; August 7, 2004; 8:00 shot-gun start - limited to first 12 paid teams - \$200 per team.

Girls Breakaway Roping entries for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo open August 9 at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Call Mikey Dugan at 325-338-1547 to enter.

Sutton County "Cowboy Luau" Parade - Saturday, August 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Line up will start at 8:00 a.m., awards for Best Theme, Best Local and Best Out of Town will be awarded at 8:45 a.m. Deadline to enter August 18, for more information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or visit www.sonoratl-chamber.com for an entry form.

Show your support of our troops with a Yellow Ribbon Flag on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main St. (Mercantile Building) in downtown Sonora. If you need more information call 387-2248.

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"Support your troops" car magnets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$5 apiece. All proceeds benefit the 1836th Transportation Det. 1. For more information call 387-2880 or stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

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**Dining Out Directory**

Angel Cafe  
1005 Crockett  
387-3748

B & H Catering  
207 W. Chestnut  
387-2528 or 206-1268

Dairy Queen  
134 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-2118

La Mexicana  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401

Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833

Taco Grill  
232 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-9127

## Water conservation from page 1

changes consider changing the "old established" thinking.

- Use native plant and grass varieties

- Buffalo grass requires watering every 2-5 weeks

- St. Augustine requires watering every 5 days

- Decorate areas with rocks, gravel, or other materials

- Expand existing flowerbeds with native plants and mulch

- Mulch out to the drip line of existing trees.

- Think in terms of Xeriscape landscaping.

Being efficient and conserving with water use is a win-win proposition.

- Plants and grass are healthier and develop deeper

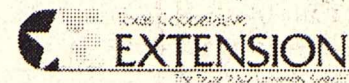
root systems.

- Native plants require less "maintenance" (water and work)

- Less water use equals lower water or utility bills.

Additional information on efficient use and conservation measures both inside and outside the home is available at the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District Office. If your group or organization would like a water conservation program, contact the District. Water analysis for residents of the District are available upon request. Please contact the District at 387-2369 for informational materials, scheduling a program, or requesting a water analysis.

## The Cut-Stump Method of Individual Plant Treatment



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Most species of woody plants re-sprout profusely from below-ground crowns or roots if the above-ground growth is damaged or removed. Because these sprouts grow very rapidly, removing the above-ground growth of these plants often intensifies woody plant problems. A high percentage of these plants can be killed, however, if you spray the stump with a specific herbicide treatment immediately after cutting it.

Here is a three-step way to control many species of woody plants using cut stump spray treatments that are easy, effective and environmentally responsible. It involves spraying a small but potent concentration of herbicide directly onto the cut stumps. This treatment can be applied any time of the year, although the best results occur during the spring-summer growing season. It works best on: algerita (agarito), baccharis, blackbrush, bois d'arc, bumelia, catclaw acacia, catclaw mimosa, Chinese tallowtree, elm, hackberry, huisache, lotebush (bluethorn), mesquite, all oaks, pricklyash (Hercules' club), saltcedar, Texas persimmon, winged elm and yaupon.

Step 1 is to prepare equipment. This can be pruning shears, a sharp ax, chain saw, hydraulic shears, etc. You will also need a pump-up garden sprayer, backpack sprayer or sprayer mounted on a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to apply the herbicide. For hand-held spray guns, an

adjustable cone nozzle with a small orifice nozzle is recommended.

Step 2 is to mix the herbicide with diesel or vegetable oil. A mixture of herbicide and diesel fuel oil or vegetable oil is recommended. Diesel fuel oil or vegetable oil act as coating agents and penetrants to ensure good coverage and absorption of the herbicide. Using vegetable oil instead of diesel fuel oil increases the cost but may be desirable in some situations. Remember to follow the instructions on the herbicide label.

Step 3 is to cut and spray the stump. Cut every stem of the plant as close as possible to the soil surface, but not below the soil surface. Avoid leaving soil on the cut surface. Spray the stump immediately after cutting it. Adjust the spray nozzle so that it delivers a coarse mist in a cone-shaped pattern. Hold the spray wand so that the nozzle is within 1 or 2 inches of the stump and spray the entire cut surface until it is wet, especially the outer edges. Spray the sides of the stump and root collar also, almost to the point of runoff.

Keep in mind that controlling woody plants is not a one-time job. Because livestock, wildlife, wind and water can spread the seeds far, you will need to go over your land periodically to eliminate unwanted seedlings.

Complete herbicide mixing details are available from the Sutton County Extension Office website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>. Click on "Publications", then "Range Science".

## Sutton County 4-H Forecast

**District Record Book Competition** - Congratulations to Laura Martin and Mark Holman. They entered Goat record books for district competition in July. Hard work will pay off. Mark had a good showing and Laura placed 3rd.

**New 4-H Year** - The new 4-H year begins September 1st. Remember that eligible 4-H age is 9-18 as of that date. The exception is age 8 AND in the 3rd grade. However, ages 5-8 are eligible as Clover Buds, but may not take part in competition (other than "pee-wee" events). As you fill out your enrollment forms, identify your interests so that we can then develop those as projects. You will be able to fill out your green enrollment cards at your regular club meet-

ings or at the County Extension Office.

**Gold Star Award** - LAST CALL "The 2003-2004 4-H year will end soon and it will be time to select Gold Star recipients. For those wanting to be considered for the award, remember that one of the requirements is that you complete a Record Book. The award forms are here now & must be in to the District Office by Sept. 1".

**Sutton County Days Parade**

The 4-H Club has been asked to partake in the Sutton County Days Parade & festivities. If you are interested in participating please contact the office.

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