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Is the drought broken for the Stockman's Paradise?

by Becky McAngus

John Wesley Joy measured six inches total for the month of June, and, while he'll agree that it's rained a lot on the east end of the county, this isn't the most cumulative rainfall he remembers. "It's rained a lot in my 76 years," he observed. "But back in 1960 we had 15 inches at one time before it stopped. That rain didn't wash down our water gaps, it washed them away."

While much of Central Texas has been inundated with floodwaters, ranchers and gardeners in Sutton County are counting their blessings for the gentle soaking rains that have transformed their semi-arid climate into a blanket of green.

Rainfall amounts in the Stockman's Paradise varied from 3 to 5 inches for the month of June, with the heaviest rainfalls in the eastern and southeastern sectors of the county. Tony Lane, official rainfall reporter for the National Weather Service (NWS) at the Sonora Municipal Airport has reported 18.48 inches for the year with 2.95 inches of precipitation falling in the month of June. Sonora's official total rainfall for 2006 was 13.77 inches. (The most recent record annual rainfall was 42 inches in 2004, according to Lane.)

"We've had five days of widespread rain this month," Lane reported. He observed that, even in town, rainfall amounts vary. "We seem to have more rainfall out toward the high

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Photo by Erika Campbell

Wildlife forage is plentiful on the David Creek Ranch, 277 North, Sutton/Schleicher county line.

Sonora PD Busts Vandals

Eighty to ninety percent of the property taken in the June 19th break-in at Sonora Middle School has been recovered, according to Sonora Police Chief Mike House. On Monday, the chief praised the work of his department and its investigative team in making the arrests of one adult, identified as Domingo Reyna Jr., 17, of Sonora, and three juveniles who have been transported to San Angelo for detention.

According to Chief House, the department received valuable information from the community regarding the vandalism at the middle school. Sonora PD investigators Mike Routh and Bryn Humphreys followed the leads and, on Friday of last week, broke the case open. Following their arrests, the juveniles were transported to San Angelo for detention.

Chief House noted that his investigators are also continuing to probe into the burglary and vandalism of a home on Glasscock Avenue. "We believe we know who did this offense," he stated. "Any information we can get from the community is greatly appreciated."

Persons who might have knowledge of information regarding the burglary are requested to contact the Sonora Police Department

Sonora Economic Development Initiative Underway

by Delyse Jaeger

The Sonora Economic Development Initiative, or EDI, began with community workshops held the last weekend of June and marked the first step in the strategic planning of an economic development initiative for Sonora and surrounding Sutton County. The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation has engaged AdventGX, of College Station to provide leadership, support and expertise in guiding their efforts to develop a comprehensive and sustainable economic strategy for Sonora. As previously reported, the workshops served to document a collective vision and to define community objectives. To manage this project, a Project Steering Committee has been formed consisting of Sutton County Judge Carla Garner, Sonora Mayor Gloria Lopez, SIDC President Max Howorth and AdventGX President Jose Quintana.

The workshops were conducted in a round-robin fashion that allowed participants to express their dreams for Sonora as well as voice the difficulties faced by our community. Topics of discussion ranged from innovative new business ventures and tourism opportunities to improving infrastructure, housing difficulties and continuing education. From meeting the needs of our youth to honoring our ranching heritage, participants shared

ideas and concerns for the future of Sonora. The information will be condensed into a set of Priority Objectives with consideration given to optimal use of Sonora's financial, human, natural, organizational and technical resources.

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Sonora EDI and AdventGX teams hike Eaton Hill

Scout Pitches In



Sonora Sophomore, Paul Faz, completes construction on one of two picnic benches to be placed on Eaton Hill

Paul Faz, son of Santiago and Marrisas Faz of Sonora, will be placing two picnic benches on Eaton Hill at the foot of Old Glory as he completes the requirements for Eagle Scout. Faz, a sophomore student at Sonora High School, decided to replace two benches that were destroyed by vandalism in the wildlife area. Scouts from Troop 19 are assisting Paul in completion of the project, as are members of his family.

Several local businesses and individuals, including Multi-Chem, Jet Specialty and Supply, Parker Lumber, Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, WJ Welding, Doyle Morgan Insurance, Jack Smith and Devil's River News have contributed funds or materials for this

Counterfeit Cash Hits Sonora

by Megan Aho

Local businesses are being notified to check all incoming dollar bills after four confirmed reports of counterfeit \$20 bills last week. On Monday the 25th, The Bank & Trust received three of the counterfeit bills from customers making deposits.

"It's rare that we get them, but we do get them," said Joanne Hernandez, Vice President of The Bank and Trust. "In 2006, we had 6 counterfeit bills and this year we have had 4 so far."

Every person who receives money must inspect the currency, before accepting it; whether the transaction takes place at a business, garage sale, or through friends. Many times, people who distribute the fake bills are not aware their money is fraudulent.

Cindy Colbath of Big C Automotive, was given one of the counterfeit bills. "I was shocked," Cindy said. "I don't think it was a regular customer and if it was they inadvertently were a victim as well."

Meanwhile, in Abilene, according to KTXS-TV, Kenneth Rees was arrested and confessed to police he had made and distributed counterfeit cash. Police say they confiscated approximately \$500 dollars.

Counterfeiting U.S. currency is a felony under federal law which is punishable by serious fines and prison terms.

Secret Service, a bureau of the Treasury Department, is responsible for detecting and arresting counterfeiters. They confiscate all phony bills, and

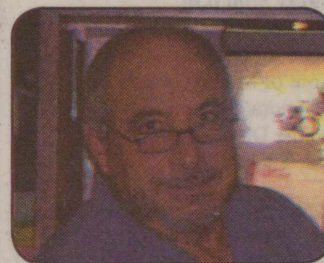


businesses are not reimbursed for their loss.

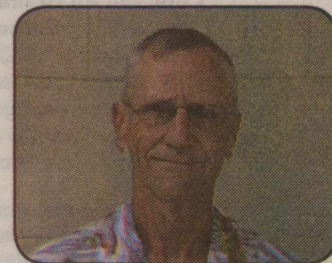
The public has a role in maintaining the integrity of U.S. currency. According to the Secret Service, you can help guard against the threat from counterfeiters by becoming more familiar with United States currency.

There are many different ways to identify counterfeit money. The Counterfeit Pen (sold at Sonora Office Supply) is most commonly used and works off a color coding system. If a bill is marked by this pen and the mark turns yellow or clear, then it is legitimate. If the mark turns grey or brown then the currency is suspicious. The pen is not 100% effective, and it is advised to use in conjunction with other detection methods. The Bank and Trust invites you to visit them Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to learn more about identifying counterfeit bills.

The Devil's River News will be closed July 4th 2007



Kel Thomas



Ray Glasscock

I would like to thank Kel Thomas and Col.(ret) Ray Glasscock for their fine stewardship and assistance at the Devil's River News in the positions of editor, reporter, photographer and sports editor. Both of these individuals proved invaluable to the Newspaper and will be greatly missed as employees and friends. Thank You, Cam L. Campbell, Pub. DRN

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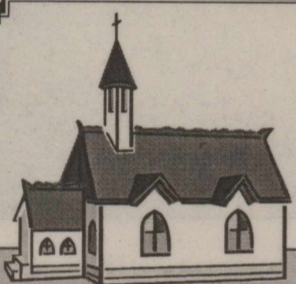
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. July 6 - Happy Birthday Jinx Merry
Run errands & pay bills!
- Mon. July 9 - Bingo!
- Tues. July 10 - Happy Birthday Amelia Ramos
- Wed. July 11 - Volunteer to help with crafts! Need ideas...
- Thur. July 12 - Crafts after lunch!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. July 6 - Oven Fried Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, Jell-o with fruit and milk.
- Mon. July 9 - BBQ Beef Sandwich, French fries, baby carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping and milk.
- Tues. July 10 - Baked Chicken, scalloped potatoes, sliced beets, roll, strawberry banana mix, bread pudding and milk.
- Wed. July 11 - Beef Tips with Gravy, white rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, roll, pudding and milk
- Thur. July 12 - Ham with Pineapple Rings, roll, macaroni & cheese, peaches, lemon bars and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go). New Summer Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.



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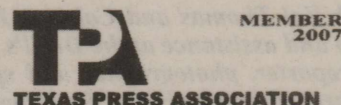
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Obituary

Daniel David Flores

Daniel David Flores, age 68, of Leander, Texas passed away on Monday, June 18, 2007. He was born on April 10, 1939 to parents Antonio and Eulojia Favela Flores, both whom have preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his older brother Ramon Flores of San Jose, California and sister Gloria H. Flores Cardona of Houston, Texas. Most of David's life was lived in Sonora, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Teresa Sanchez Flores of Leander; daughters, Danira Beckman and husband Leo III of Savannah, Georgia; Diana Laura Arias and husband Salvador of Leander; Rachel Flores of Leander; son Daniel David Flores, Jr. of Leander and grandson, Andrew Christopher Beckman of Savannah, Georgia.

David also leaves behind brothers and sisters, Ruben and Ermina Flores of Saginaw, Texas; Juan and Marlena Flores of Houston, Texas; Manuel and Teresa Flores of Sonora, Texas; Mario Jaime and Amada of San Antonio, Texas; Lupe and Annabelle Flores of Mineral Wells, Texas; Ernesto and Yolanda Ramirez of San Angelo, Texas and Robert and Maria Carlomagno of San Angelo, Texas. David also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 followed by a rosary at Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown, Texas. A funeral mass was held on Friday, June 22nd at Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Cedar Park. Interment followed at Bagdad Cemetery in Leander, Texas.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.mem.com. Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628 (512) 863-2564

Jean Click

Jean Click, 94, of San Angelo, TX died at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007. She was born July 1, 1912, in Ballinger, TX. She was married to Ronald D. Click on November 18, 1992, in Lubbock. Jean was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, William C. McDonald and wife Lucilla of Ft. Stockton, TX; one daughter, Shirley Ann and husband Jimmy of San Angelo, TX; grandsons Charles McDonald of Sonora, TX, Chris Ann and wife of Gayle of Lakeway, TX; granddaughter Jinger Bright and husband Jim of San Angelo; great-grandsons Jason Bright and wife Margaret of San Angelo and Chris Bright of San Angelo; great-granddaughter Sara Allard and husband Patrick of Houston, TX; five great-great-grandchildren; two nieces, Bonnie Wayne Hedges of Elfrida, Ariz., and Carolyn Sheffield and husband Frank of Abilene, TX.

Graveside service was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 3rd, in Norton Cemetery in Norton, Texas with Johnson's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. (325) 655-3113

Anniversary



Pablo and Juana Cardona

Pablo T. Cardona, Sr. and his wife of 40 years, Juana Enriquetta, celebrated their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary on June 24, 2007 with family at nearby Baba Yega Restaurant in the neighborhood where they reside. A special 11:00 a.m. mass was held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church where the priest blessed and prayed over them. Together they have 6 children; all live in Houston, TX and the surrounding area except for one son who resides in Port Lavaca, TX.

Pablo was raised in Sonora, TX and was previously married to Gloria H. Flores (daughter of Antonio and Eulojia Flores) until her death.

Thank You

Muchas Gracias a todas Las personas que cooperaron en la rif de un vote tamalero y las personas que de una manera o otra alludayon a la Sr Juanita Alonzo que fallestio en 6-24-07 ella des de el cielo se los a gradesc. fallestio en Zaragoza Coahila. El numero que gano fue 117 - del core tamalero se llo llevo Elida Castro. Att Maria Hernandez y Familia

Congratulations

Jana Michelle Kennedy graduated in May from Texas Tech University Health Science Center with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Occupational Therapy at Texas Tech University Health Science Center. She is the granddaughter of John Wesley and Avis Joy and the daughter of B.W. and Lesa Kennedy.

How to Crash a Beautiful Airplane

He was a commercial pilot and had many hours of flying time, but every airplane flies differently, and before you can fly one you must be trained to for it. He felt insulted that he had to go to flight school and he complained the whole time. The instructors were concerned because he didn't want to go by the book. He thought you could just get in it and go and everything would turn out alright. The airplane was fairly easy to fly, but you were never to let it get low on fuel. If you did, the engine could quit and result in a crash. He purchased a beautiful airplane that could land on water or land.

I completed flight school and returned home, but a month later, I went by the airport and there, scattered on the hanger floor, was the wreckage of that beautiful new airplane. I asked the instructors what happened. They said he didn't pay attention to low fuel, tried to make an emergency landing and crashed. That incident reminds me of how many people try to live their lives and their relationship to God that way. They do not listen and pay careful attention to God and His word, the Bible, (Luke 11:28, 2 Timothy 3:15). If we fail to respect Him and obey His word, a crash is coming, and we will not survive, (Isaiah 30:9, Revelation 22:14 & 15). See you in Church next Sunday. *Brother J*

Birthday Announcement

Bailey Gonzales
is turning 7 on July 7, 2007.



Happy Birthday to our baby girl.
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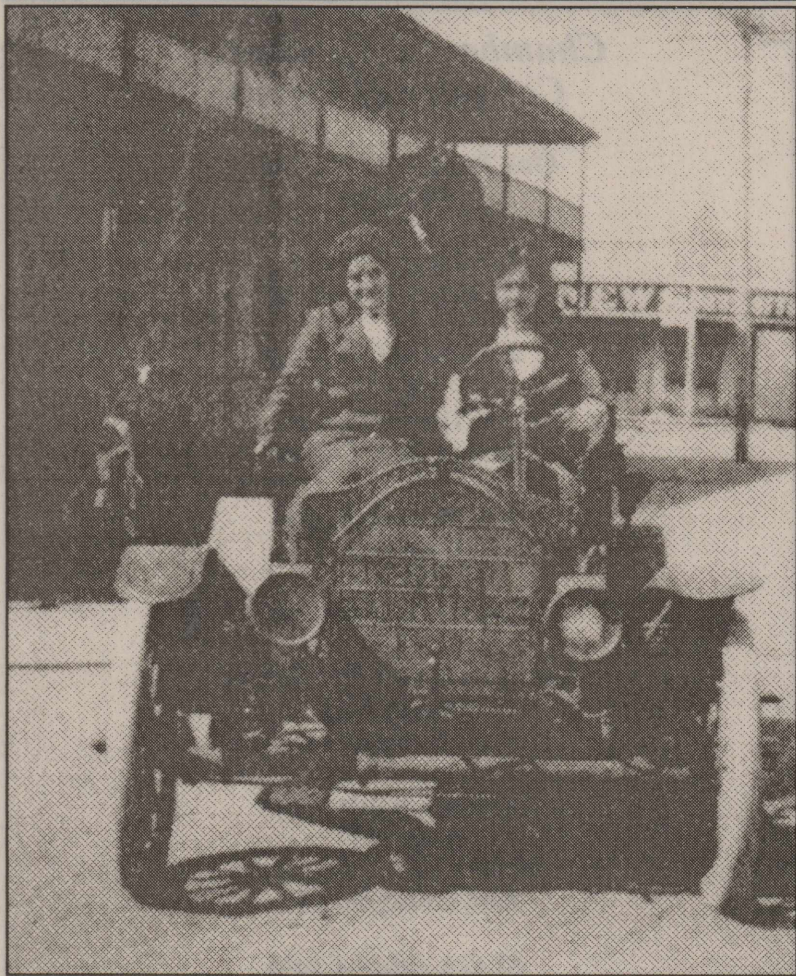
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Historical Society



Dr. Wardlaw's Brush

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary,
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Do you have a picture of Dr. Wardlaw's old Brush?

A. With this column you will find a picture of the 1915 Brush automobile parked in front of the McDonald Hotel at the corner of Concho and Main Streets. The Devil's River News office can clearly be seen in the background on the opposite corner of Main and Concho Streets. The hotel stood on what is now The First National Bank property. Because of shadows on his face, you can barely see Dr. Wardlaw standing in the rear seat, the women are unidentified but are probably family members.

Now, to whomever sent this question in, you didn't sign your name, and you didn't capitalize the word Brush; but I knew immediately, from sitting on the floor at John Eaton's knee looking at photographs and listening to him tell stories of the history of Sonora, what you were talking about when a volunteer showed the question to me. I also have laid in a hospital bed and read The Devil's River News from 1890 - 1989 to familiarize myself with what happened before I came here. Since many of the volunteers and I are much younger than John was, and the archives are now in an archive room with temperature and humidity control - except when taken out into the research room to look something up, we would appreciate the questions including a little more information. If the above question hadn't been asked "old brush," but worded old Brush automobile, any volunteer could have gone to the file and pulled the photo easily. Please be kinder to the volunteers; it is hard enough to get them without your confusing them. I am trying to get volunteers and train people to take over more of the workload and to enjoy doing it.

Readers, I am getting old, and we need to train younger people to learn the files and to carry on the work of preserving the history of this area. I will continue the column and volunteering as long as I can, but diabetic ulcers and having part of my foot amputated, on top of the back surgeries, needing oxygen and having to be in the wheelchair so much now, has greatly limited time I can spend helping. We need to have volunteers to take people on tours of the Miers Home Museum and to work the Old Ice House Museum of the West when it is finished. This old body will only be working in the office doing research, so some more of you will have to volunteer to help with the rest of the 3 half days we are open. Don't tell me you are too old, or don't drive, most of you travel all over, play cards, go to parties, eat at the Senior Center each day and have access to the Thunderbird Van. God has given you all so much, can't you give some back to the community?

Please mark your calendars. After Sutton County Days, the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building/Old Depot will be closed for repairs to the exterior. We will not book any functions or allow the grounds to be used until the work is finished. No one but workers belong in a construction area. When work starts, please tell your children not to play or go into the area until the carpenter is finished. Right now, the exterior boards are extremely old and won't hold paint due to severe deterioration of the wood. Many are severely rot-

of Ireland descriptions in the 1890's, are few and far between. One early settler told that buffalo grass was up to his horses bellies when he came here in the 1880's. One present day rancher, in his 80's told me there is grass growing where they have never know there was any grass, but thought it was just hard rock ledge.

My personal feeling on the rain is that as long as it isn't out of the draws or hurting anyone, enjoy it and thank God for it. Wet years in West Texas are few and far between and the ranchers have needed one for a long time.

Q. When was the canning company started near Fort McKavett?

A. Col. William L. Black had about 8,000 goats he wanted to sell. He contacted Armour & Co. in 1892 and told them he would sell them to them "at their own price" if they would return the hides. They declined but told him to kill the animals for the hides and tallow, and can and sell them under a label of "roast mutton."

Col. Black got himself an experienced canner out of Chicago named W. G. Tobin and started building his cannery. Cans were ordered and beautiful 4 color labels printed with "Range Canning Co., Fort McKavett, Texas, U.S.A. were delivered and they were in business.

The canning was moving right along, but sales just weren't there. No one wanted to buy "boiled mutton." Col. Black decided to switch products and made the mutton into Chili Con Carne. He then convinced an Iowa doctor that Angora goats were ideal for clearing brush and sold a lot of his goats to him for \$1.25 a head. Up to 1900 he sent about 10,000 more head of Angora goats to the Pacific Northwest.

So many people were now employed at the cannery that he had to build a row of houses to keep his employees. The mill power was supplied by a water wheel he had installed at the head of the San Saba River. At that time he also secured a patent for his water system for fireproofing a house, a forerunner of the current sprinkler system. Long after the plant closed, people would come to him inquiring about how to go into the canning business. He even wrote a book on Angora goat and mohair raising called "A New Industry."

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@sonoratax.net. You may stop by the office at 307 Oak Street or call 387-5084 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. I am on antibiotics and need a lot of sleep, so please call the office with your questions not my house. Thanks.

Last not but not least

Date set for sentencing of former Wool Growers bookkeeper

By Melissa Perner, Editor and Publisher, Ozona Stockman

A sentencing date has been set for the former Wool Growers Central Storage Co. bookkeeper who pled guilty for taking approximately \$200,000 from the company.

The hearing for Tonya Stalcup has been set for 10 a.m. July 20th in the United States District Court in Lubbock.

Stalcup pled guilty on May 3rd to frauds and swindling and aiding and abetting, court documents stated.

According to the plea agreement filed in federal court, Stalcup is facing a possible prison term of 20 years and a fine to not exceed \$250,000, or a fine not more than twice the amount of the criminally derived property involved in the transaction.

There's also the possibility of an initial term of supervised release of three years, which follows a term of imprisonment, and restitution to the victims or community.

In the plea agreement, Stalcup agreed that the total loss amount is approximately \$200,000 and that she owes restitution.

Stalcup was charged with misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000 in May 2006, along with former manager Donnie Laughlin, who pled guilty on May 31st to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity.

According to court documents, Stalcup carried on several schemes to defraud and to obtain money and property from Wool Growers. The transactions occurred from August 2001 to April 2006, and totaled approximately \$7,977.85. Stalcup was hired in 1998 to be the bookkeeper of Wool Growers.

Stalcup would place unauthorized orders for goods and products that she represented were to be placed in the inventory of Wool Growers, documents state.

Instead of the items being placed into inventory, Stalcup took the goods and products for her own use and fraudulently caused Wool Growers to pay for the goods, documents state. Items Stalcup purchased included two saddles from Alamo Saddlery in Brackettville totaling \$1,093.82.

Other expenses include an alleged gastric bypass surgery that Stalcup had in 2005 at the Citizens Hospital in Victoria, Texas.

In an Internet blog posted on www.obesityhelp.com, Stalcup wrote in 2005 that she had

scrounged up \$19,700 to have the surgery plus travel expenses.

Stalcup also used her position to write 218 unauthorized checks to pay herself on the Ozona and Sanderson Wool Growers accounts, which totaled approximately \$126,658.43.

During that same period, Stalcup also stole cash from

Wool Growers funds, the documents stated.

Wool Growers filed for bankruptcy in April 2006. A hearing on the bankruptcy reorganization plan was held May 3rd in the U.S. Federal Court-house in San Angelo.

The bankruptcy case is still pending in federal court.

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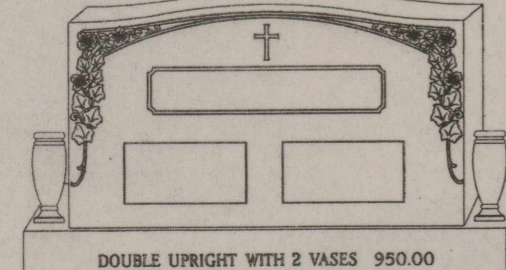
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Grilling Outdoors Safely
 By: Kelly L Thorp, MS
 County Extension Agent-FCS
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Outdoor grilling is a popular way to prepare food during warmer weather while enjoying the company of family and friends. However, grilling does "open the door" to foodborne illness if proper cleanliness and preparation measures are not followed. Also, excessive smoke and charring may be unhealthy and should be avoided. To keep your cookout a fond memory rather than a regretful experience, follow these simple steps.

Food Preparation:

- Select fresh meat, poultry, or seafood that is high quality for best cooking results.
- Keep these perishable products at 40 F or colder until immediately before grilling. Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator or defrost in microwave and immediately place on grill.
- Marinate foods in the refrigerator and discard leftover marinade.
- Wash your hands before and after working with raw meat, poultry or seafood.
- Wash your work surfaces and cutting boards with hot soapy water before and after preparing food. To sanitize use 1 tsp bleach per quart of water. If possible, use a separate cutting board for fresh produce and raw meat, poultry, or seafood.
- When away from home, keep your meat and poultry away from other food in a separate cooler with ice.
- After placing raw meat on the grill, wash utensils and platters with hot, soapy water before using them to serve cooked food.
- Cook foods to an internal temperature that destroys harmful bacteria. Check the temperature by placing a thermometer in the center-most part of the meat, not touching the bone.

Internal temperatures for thorough cooking to prevent foodborne illness are: whole poultry 180 F; poultry breasts 170 F; ground beef patties 160 F; ground poultry 165 F; beef, veal, or lamb steaks, roasts, or chops 145 F; all cuts of pork 160 F

• Serve food immediately after grilling or keep at 140 F or above until served.
 • Place on a clean platter.
 • Refrigerate all leftovers immediately at 40 F or below.
 • Discard any food left out longer than 2 hours or 1 hour if temperature is above 90 F.

Grilling Tips

To prevent heavy smoking or charring of food and less smoke in your eyes follow these tips:

- Choose low-fat meats or trim excess fat before grilling.
- Precook meat in the microwave or by boiling to release juices that may cause flare-ups. Do not interrupt cooking. Immediately transfer precooked food to the grill to finish cooking and provide "cookout" flavor.
- Avoid high-fat marinades or basting sauces.
- Cover grill with aluminum foil. Punch holes between grids to remove juices.
- To decrease heavy smoke from dripping fat, rearrange the food to another place on the grill, rotate the grill, or decrease the heat.
- Cook meat until done but not charred. Remove charred or turned material from the food and discard. Do not eat charred or burned pieces!

For more information about safe outdoor grilling, call Texas Cooperative Extension, Sutton County, at 387-3604 or k-thorp@tam.u.edu.



Chamber Chatter

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

One Person Scramble - 18 holes
 July 7
 Tee Time 9:00 a.m.
 Sonora Golf Course

4 Lady Select Shot
 July 21
 Tee Time 9:00 a.m.
 Sonora Golf Course

4 Man Select Shot
 August 4 & 5
 9:00 a.m.
 Sonora Golf Course

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo
 August 9-11
 Sutton County Arena

Sutton County Days
 August 11
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Downtown Sonora

SLGA Adult-Child Tournament
 August 15
 Tee Time 9:00 a.m.
 Sonora Golf Course

Hudspeth Hospital Sponsors Water And Sun Safety Program



by Beverly Williams

Sun and water equal summer fun for all ages. Swimming, hiking, fishing, yard work or just playing outside are all part of normal activities for young and old alike in Sonora. At the end of the school year, Hudspeth Hospital, in partnership with the Texas Cooperative Extension Agency, presented a program to Sonora elementary students that addressed water and sun safety precautions.

Each grade, Kindergarten through Fourth Grade, attended a showing of a Red Cross water safety film presented by Melissa Teaff. The students learned safety rules to follow when in and/or around water. These included: (1) only swim in designated swimming areas; (2) never swim alone, always swim with a buddy; (3) reach or throw to assist someone in the water that is in trouble, don't go or you could also end up in trouble, etc.

Kelly Thorp talked to the students about sun safety. The students learned about the importance of staying hydrated when out in the heat. They were taught about good sources of hydration (water, sports drinks) vs. poor sources of hydration (sodas). Students were also introduced to the dangers of long term exposure to ultraviolet rays. The students learned about the importance of sun screen and SPF ratings (sun protective factor). Kelly taught the students her sun screen slogan of: "Use a lot, don't miss a spot".

The nursing staff of Hudspeth Hospital made bracelets for all the students and the teachers. The bracelets were composed of ultraviolet beads that are white under normal house lighting, but turn colors when exposed to UV rays. When the beads in the bracelets are colored, this should remind students to apply sun screen. The students were able to observe they were exposed to UV rays even on cloudy days and that sun screen is still needed for protection.

The students were then transported by bus to the city pool to put what they had learned into action. Hudspeth Hospital furnished sun screen for the students and nursing staff assisted students in applying it, remembering to "use a lot and not miss a spot". Highlights of the water safety were reviewed, and then the students hit the water. Hudspeth Hospital employees, Chandra Hughes (City Pool Manager), and summer life guards were present to oversee student safety. As the fun came to an end, Hudspeth Hospital staff furnished each student with a healthy source of hydration.

Children can become dehydrated quickly in the summer heat. They should wear loose fitting clothes that are light in color and need to drink liquids frequently (especially water and avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened). In May 2005, the Texas Department of State Health Services stated: "In 2003, the last year for which figures are available, 311 people in Texas died from accidental drowning. Of these, 61 were children under 5". For more information on steps to take to keep your child safe around water, visit the Texas Department of State Health Services at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/news/features/20050531.shtm>.

Initiative Underway (continued)

While in Sonora, the team visited Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, enjoyed a downtown walking tour, and toured the Sutton County Courthouse, the Rodeo Arena and the Caverns of Sonora as well as other points of interest and business establishments. Feedback from AdventGX in the form of an initial Master Plan is expected as early as this week.

The AdventGX partnership brings to the table a remarkable compilation of experience and a diverse panel of expertise to partner with our local leadership and offer every possible advantage for a successful initiative. The initiative offers an exciting opportunity to be involved in securing Sonora's economic future as well as addressing our quality of life. The process has only begun with most of the real work ahead, once a plan has been hammered out and a method of implementation identified.

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State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Rain, flooding create disaster in 37 counties

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Phenomenal rainfall and flooding left much of the state hurting, troubled or vulnerable in the second half of the month of June. At least 11 deaths have been attributed to the foul weather. Military units activated by order of Gov. Rick Perry, the Texas Department of Public Safety, game wardens and other state resources responded. Perry sent a disaster declaration that includes 37 counties to President George W. Bush, seeking federal assistance.

The White House announced it was making federal funding available to help with the disaster areas.

Attorney General Greg Abbott warned residents in stricken areas to beware of scammers and price gougers, who seem to come out of the woodwork when disasters strike.

More rain is in the forecast. Some longtime weather watchers have called the unusually wet spring and early summer a signal that a 50-year drought cycle has ended. Others say it's a symptom of global warming. Others say it's El Niño. Still others say it's just a wet spell that was bound to come.

NT toll project moves forward

The Trans Texas Corridor project is on hold for the next two years. Lawmakers wanted to use that block of time to study the possible effects of building the proposed massive network of toll roads stretching from the Mexico border to the Oklahoma border.

However, legislation signed in June by Gov. Rick Perry allows certain regional toll projects to move forward. Perry put his signature on the agreement, even though he appeared to have the whole Trans Texas Corridor project ready to go with Cintra of Madrid, Spain, and project partner Zachry Construction Corporation of San Antonio.

Now, one of those regional toll project proposals moved forward on June 28th. The Texas Transportation Commission voted 4-1 to tentatively approve a plan for the North Texas Tollroad Authority to accelerate the building of Texas 121 through Denton and Collin counties and do 30 other North Texas traffic congestion-relieving projects. For things to really get going, the Texas Department of Transportation has to make sure certain things are in place. Before making a final decision, the agency must be satisfied with the regional authority's preliminary studies, project timing, funding and payment schedules. Next, the Texas Transportation Commission - TxDOT's governing body - would have to ratify the decision.

Court rules in favor of DeLay

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals decided 5-4 to uphold a Travis County state district court ruling stripping off a charge of conspiracy stemming from the 2002 state election against former U.S. House majority leader Tom DeLay.

The charge is one of several brought in 2005 by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who serves as the state's chief ethics prosecutor. Earle said he plans to appeal the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals' decision.

DeLay, is still in hot water, facing charges of money laundering and conspiracy to launder money. He said he is appealing those charges too.

Health agency's survey begins

The immunization branch of the Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a survey on customer satisfaction with its Austin-based programs and services. Feedback from parents, legal guardians, vaccine providers and other professionals will be used to improve services. The survey period ends July 17. Call (800) 252-9152 for a paper copy of the survey or visit www.immunizetexas.com to do the survey online.

Census says we grew last year

Perpetual traffic clogs on Interstate 35 could not have frightened off many people from moving to the capital city last year. The U.S. Census Bureau announced in its June 28th report of most populous cities that Austin increased by 18,600 residents in the last year, bringing the population to 709,000. Austin is among the top 10 in numerical gain nationwide, the Census noted.

Bush picks Texan for Census

President Bush nominated Dr. Steve Murdock, Texas' state demographer, to be the next director of the U.S. Census. Current Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon is leaving the agency. Murdock's nomination must be approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Granger Named Principal at Ozona Middle School

by Melissa Perner, Publisher and Editor, Ozona Stockman

Benny Granger will be walking the halls of Ozona Middle School this fall, instead of the football field.

During the June 20 meeting, the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Granger as the new middle school principal.

Granger will replace Doug Guynes who resigned in May for a position as high school principal in Kermit.

The past two years, Granger has been athletic director and head football coach for the district. Now, the district will look at hiring a new director and head football coach to replace Granger.

Granger came to Ozona after spending one year in Iraan as athletic director and head football coach. Prior to that, Granger spent 10 years in Sundown as athletic director and head football coach.

Superintendent Abe Gott said the district received 13 applications for the principal position. Seven of those applications met the criteria of having mid-management certification and at least one year of administrative experience.

The campus site-based committee and Gott chose to interview three people for the position, and then voted to recommend Granger to the board.

"Benny did a great job as athletic director and assistant principal at the high school. I think he will do the same great job as the middle school principal," Gott said.

(DRN Editor's Note: Benny Granger is a graduate of Sonora High School where he was an outstanding football player for the Sonora Broncos.)

Counterfeit Money- continued from page 1

The new \$20 notes are safer, smarter and more secure: safer because they're harder to fake and easier to check; smarter to stay ahead of tech-savvy counterfeiters; more secure to protect the integrity of U.S. currency. Because these features are difficult for counterfeiters to reproduce well, they often do not try, hoping that cash-handlers and the public will not check their money.

Security Features

Color-Shifting Ink: Look at the number "20" in the lower right corner on the face of the note. When you tilt the note up and down, the color-shifting ink changes from copper to green. The color shift is more dramatic in the redesigned notes making it even easier for people to check their money.

Watermark: Hold the note up to the light and look for the watermark, or faint image, similar to the large portrait. The watermark is part of the paper itself, and it can be seen from both sides of the note.

Security Thread: Hold the note up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically up one side of the note. If you look closely, the words "USA TWENTY" and a small flag are visible along the thread from both sides of the note. The security thread also glows green under ultraviolet light.

To stay ahead of currency counterfeiters, the U.S. will be introducing new currency designs every seven to ten years. Not only will many of these design updates add complexity to the note and make counterfeiting more difficult, other features will help the public, particularly those who are visually impaired, to tell denominations apart.

note are two American eagle "symbols of freedom." The large blue eagle in the

Design Features:

Symbols of Freedom: Appearing on the face of the back ground to the left of President Andrew Jackson's portrait is representative of those drawn and sculpted during his time period. The smaller green metallic eagle to the lower right of the portrait is a more contemporary illustration, using the same "raised ink" intaglio process as the portrait, numerals and engravings. The symbols of freedom will differ for each denomination.

Color: The most noticeable difference in the redesigned \$20 note is the addition of subtle background colors of green, peach and blue to both sides of the note. This marked the first time in modern American history that U.S. cash included colors other than black and green. The words "TWENTY USA" are printed in blue in the background to the right of the portrait and small yellow numeral 20s are printed in the background on the back of the note. Different background colors will be used for the different denominations. This will help everyone to tell denominations apart.

Updated Portrait and Vignette: The oval borders and fine lines surrounding the portrait on the face and the White House vignette on the back of the note are removed. The portrait is moved up and shoulders are extended into the border. Additional engraving details were added to the vignette background.

Microprinting: Because they are so small, microprinted words are hard to replicate. The redesigned \$20 note features microprinting on the face of the note in two new areas: bordering the first three letters of the "TWENTY USA" ribbon to the right of the portrait, the inscription "USA20" is printed in blue. And "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 20 USA 20"

appears in black on the border below the Treasurer's signature.

Federal Reserve Indicators: A universal seal to the left of the portrait represents the entire Federal Reserve System. A letter and number beneath the left serial

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Serial Numbers: The unique combination of eleven numbers and letters appears twice on the face of the note.

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New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9650' Morriss Brothers -e- #3-3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 07/02/07 Assigned
3 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9250' Duke Wilson -172- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 06/19/07 11 Drlg Ahead
New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9250' Duke Wilson -173- #13 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 07/03/07 Assigned
New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8995' Mayer -20a- #16 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 07/03/07 Assigned
New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8975' Shurley Rr -1e- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 07/02/07 Assigned
7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8975' Duke Wilson -188- #23 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 06/14/07 16 Drlg Ahead
New 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8950' Hicks -23- #15 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 06/23/07 7 Drlg Ahead
New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8600' Edwin S Mayer Jr -cc- #6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 07/05/07 Assigned
New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8400' Edwin S Hill-mayer Jr -dd- #4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 06/24/07 6 Drlg Ahead
11 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8275' Hill-mayer -zz- #6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 06/29/07 1 Drlg Ahead
New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8250' Edwin S Mayer Jr -t- #5 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 07/03/07 Assigned
New 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7550' Ben Mittel #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 07/04/07 Assigned
New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7550' Mittel #15-4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 06/23/07 7 Drlg Ahead
New 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7500' Shurley -166- #25 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 06/26/07 4 Drlg Ahead
New 16 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7425' Shurley -147- #27 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 07/03/07 Assigned
17 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7350' Shurley Rr -6- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 06/21/07 9 Drlg Ahead
New 18 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7225' Shurley Rr -7- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 07/03/07 Assigned
19 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7200' Canyon Ranch #914s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 07/04/07 Assigned
New 20 Dominion Ok Tx E&p/h 7100' Canyon Ranch #113-5s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 06/25/07 5 Drlg Ahead

Crockett

1 Bp America Prod/mid 13200' Brown Bassett Pecos Unit #2 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 06/16/07 14 Drlg Ahead
2 Fiml Natural Res 12000' Phillips -b- #2-38b Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 06/24/07 6 Drlg Ahead
New 3 J. Cleo Thompson/dal 9300' University 31-16w #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 06/29/07 1 Drlg Ahead
New 4 Encore Operating Lp 9250' J L Henderson Jr -a- #7-20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 06/23/07 7 Drlg Ahead
5 Encore Operating Lp 9200' Helen Henderson West -a- #7010 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 07/02/07 Assigned
New 6 Approach Operating 9000' P L Childress -a- #1004 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 06/24/07 6 Drlg Ahead
New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8975' University -56- #22-8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 06/30/07 Rigging Up
New 8 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8500' Meybin -c- #3410 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 06/25/07 5 Drlg Ahead
New 9 Rodessa Operating 8500' Hill Harris #1 Ft Ringo Drilling I Lp 5 07/03/07 W.o.w.
New 10 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8300' Davidson #3509 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 06/25/07 5 Drlg Ahead
New 11 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -a- #7e Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 06/25/07 5 Drlg Ahead
12 Bluegrass Energy Inc 4800' Simpson Canyon -1013- Unit #1 Amerimex Drilling 1 06/23/07 7 Drlg Ahead 1600'
13 Mlc Operating 4700' Bouscaren Unit -0457- #1 Dw Patterson Utilv 737 06/07/07 23 Drlg Ahead 4145'

Terrell

1 Energico Production 13900' Slaughter -63- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 06/25/07 5 Drlg Ahead
2 Encore Operating Lp 12900' Brown Bassett Goode Unit #5 Hr Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 02/28/07 122 Drlg Ahead

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1 devon energy/houston 16800' jarrett-farmer -4- #1 dw nabors drilling (o) 294 06/25/07 5 drlg ahead
2 conocophillips/odess 11800' j a ranch -l- #6 dw patterson uti/lv 481 06/23/07 7 drlg ahead 2637'

Edwards

1 Newfield Exploration 11000' Shaw #7001 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 06/22/07 8 Drlg Ahead
2 Newfield Exploration 10000' Davis #7703 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 06/02/07 28 Drlg Ahead
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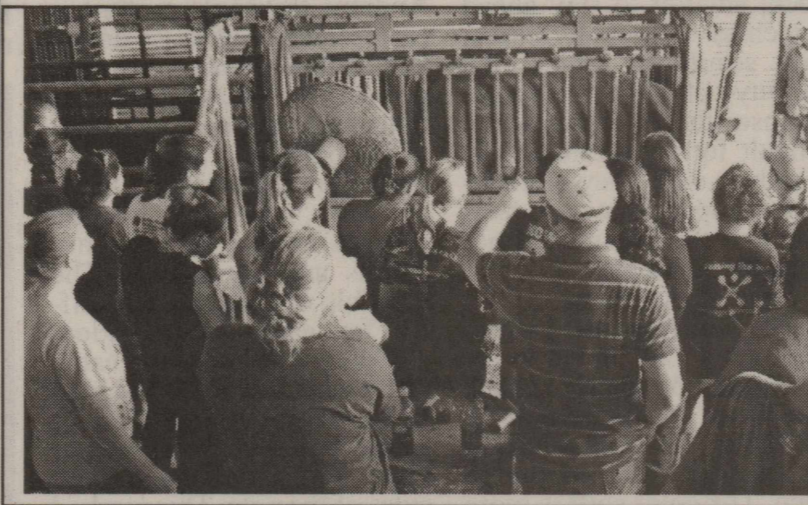
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Area Youth Participate in Veterinary Science Workshop



Participants discuss "Chuteside Manners"



By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton
County Ag Extension Agent

The annual Youth Veterinary Science Workshop took place June 24-28. Thirty participants from throughout the state of Texas are accepted annually to this workshop. The week exposed participants to the career opportunities within the field of veterinary science such as veterinary practitioner (in small, large, or mixed practice), veterinary technician, veterinary assistant, and research work. Also visited were related fields such as animal nutrition, zoology, microbiology, biological/pharmaceuti-

cal work, regulatory medicine, and more.

The workshop offered classroom study, lab work and field instruction. Instructors were from agencies such as Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Animal Health Commission as well as from Angelo State University, Concho Valley Veterinary Medical Association and animal industries. Course topics ranged from zoology, the Beef Quality Assurance program, reproductive technology, parasitology, and anatomy to nutrition, first aid, beef feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, wildlife health management, necropsy and horse medicine.

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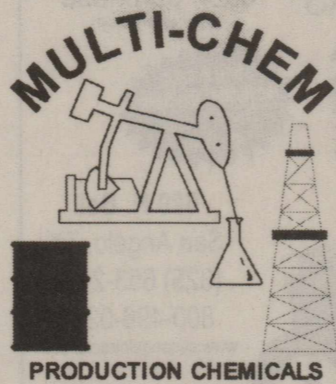
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Underground Water District Meeting Scheduled

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Water District office at 301 S. Crockett.

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school than we do at the airport," Lane noted.

Out in the county, ranchers are enjoying the slow, steady rain that has provided bountiful forage for livestock and wildlife alike. Robert Mower, who keeps rainfall records at the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, reports that May was the wettest month of 2007 thus far, with rainfall totals of 8.67 inches. Total rainfall for the month of June, through Friday morning, was 5.75 inches, with the year to date total being 22 inches in southern Sutton County.

Tom E. Valliant reported 2.35 inches of rain at the Valliant ranch on the east end of the county Friday morning. After spending all day Thursday putting up water gaps, Valliant observed, "It's the wettest I ever remember. All you need is a half inch of rain to put some water into the draws." He said Maggie Galbreath told him she had measured 19 1/2 inches since the first of May on her property south of Sonora.

"It's been awful good," Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent said of the precipitation. "We've had rainfall totals exceeding what we usually expect for this

time of year." The County Agent noted that Sutton County's annual average rainfall is 23.35 inches, just about five inches shy of our year to date total for the first six months of 2007. Most of that rainfall has come in amounts that have soaked into the ground with very little runoff.

The wet pastures do have drawbacks, however. Hernandez states that ranchers need to watch their livestock for intestinal parasites and roundworm larvae. He explained that the additional foliage has created a prime environment for ticks, fleas and mosquitoes out in pastures and in home landscapes. He also cautioned ranchers about over grazing pastures that are recovering from the scant rainfall of last year.

Local veterinarian Gene Gibbens reports that the ranchers he has visited with in the past couple of weeks are well pleased with the rains, even if the damp weather brings an increase in infestations of fleas and parasites.

Dr. Gibbens recommends, in the case of large animals, that ranchers collect fecal samples to detect intestinal parasites. "Then we can address the problem with drenches and wormers," he explained.

As long as the wet weather persists, the flea population will be a problem. "As soon as the pastures and lawns dry out," Gibbens said, "we'll see an increase in ticks."

For horses and cattle, Gibbens recommends spray to keep the biting flies and mosquitos at bay.

"When it comes to the household dog or cat," he explained, "it is important to treat the pet's environment as well as the pet's body for fleas." Dr. Gibbens recommends a multi-faceted attack to bring flea infestations under control. "With (this weather pattern) it's going to be hard to get 2 to 3 good treatments on your pet's outdoor habitats between rains," he cautioned.

For indoor pets, Gibbens recommends treating carpets and furniture to get rid of flea eggs. "Both indoor and outdoor pets," he said, "should be treated with topical flea repellent and the use of flea collars."

Dr. Gibbens was quick to point out that even with the spraying and extra treatment of their livestock and animals, area ranchers consider it a minor trade-off to have grass growing in their pastures. "Yes, they're smiling," he said.

Junction Stockyards

Market Report 6/25/2007

Sheep & Goats Market Report
Sold 3346 head of sheep and goats. Kids were higher.

Sheep:

#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs
.98-1.16
#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs.
.87-1.04
#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs.
No test
#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs.
No test
Fat Ewes -.38-.42
Thin Ewes -.22-.35
Bucks -.31-.37
Baby Tooth Ewes -.60-.72
Solid Mouth Ewes -.38-.55
Ewe & Lamb Pairs- no test

Goats:

Baby Tooth Angora -.60-.80
Solid Mouth Angora
Stocker Nannies -.45-.54
Stocker Muttons -.50-.57
Angora Kids - 1.05-1.20
Angora Kids Shorn .85-.94
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) -.35-.45
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies -.40-.46
Stocker Spanish Nannies .72-1.05
Fat Spanish Nannies .48-.62
Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .65-.80 mutt. .85-1.20
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Fat Spanish Kids -.98-1.14
Small Kids-.90-1.15
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SUTTON COUNTY DAYS



August 10 & 11

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July 26, 2007

Dear Parade Participant,

Please join us for this year's Sutton County Days Parade! It will be held Friday, August 10, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Line up will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School on Concho Avenue and awards will be presented at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Lawn. The theme for this year's parade is "Cowboy up" so put on your chaps and spurs and bring out your guns and ropes and get ready for a parade West Texas Style. Three awards will be given, the "Best Theme Entry", "Best Local Entry" and "Best Out-of-Town Entry". Come join the Masonic Lodge at 5:30 p.m. for a steak dinner and listen to the band "Rigrocker" on the Courthouse Lawn. Sonora will host The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo - beginning on Thursday Night August 9th and running through Saturday night, with dances being held both Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday will be a fun day with arts & craft booths, children's entertainment, live entertainment, 5K run, and lots of delicious food at Downtown Sonora on Main, & Water Streets.

Please mark your calendars and complete the entry form below
Entry deadline is Tuesday July 31, 2007.

Parade entry Form

Name/Organization _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Float _____ Walking Group _____ Horse # _____ Vehicle # _____ Other _____

Signature _____
Return signed entry to: Sonora Chamber of Commerce Attn: Susan Hall, Parade Chairman
PO Box 1172 Sonora, Texas 76950
www.sonoratax-chamber.com e-mail: sonoratax@sonoratax.net 325/387-2880 Fax: 325/387-5357
Sonora Chamber of Commerce and/or the City of Sonora cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of property, injury or death of the participants or any of their animals.

Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County 2007 Entry Form & Rules

- A \$5.00 Entry Fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
- The contestants must have turned (3) years of age and must not have turned six (6) prior to August 11, 2007.
- Parent or guardian must be present throughout the contest.
- Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
- Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by July 27 2007 to The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mail to P.O. Box 1172 Sonora, TX 76950
- There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.
- Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to sonoratax@sonoratax.net
- Contest begins at 10:15 am on Saturday August 11, 2007 at the main entertainment stage at the Sutton County Courthouse.
- If the contestant wishes to sing he or she may not have recorded accompaniment, but may play an instrument themselves.
- All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
- All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade to be held on Friday August 10, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
- Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures. Detach Here

Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form

Name: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____
Favorite Food: _____
Favorite Toy: _____
Interests: _____
Girl or Boy (Circle One) _____ \$5.00 Entry Fee Included _____
The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the Sutton County Days Association, the County of Sutton or the City of Sonora will not be held responsible for any accidents.
Parent or guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
To insure your child's safety, we request the parents' presence throughout the contest. (Initial) _____
For further information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880

Sutton County Days Pet Parade Rules and Regulations Saturday, August 11, 2007, 11:30 a.m.

Date: August 11, 2007
Registration: Now thru August 10
Show Time: 11:30 AM
Place: City Hall, Main Street
The Pet Parade is an amateur show, designed to give youth under 19 years of age the opportunity to display and show their pets.
RULES
1. Classes are open to youth, up to 18 years of age by January 1, 2008.
2. Pets include goat kids, lambs, cats, dogs, rabbits, caged birds, etc. No large animals please!
3. Pet MUST remain on a leash or in a cage and under control at all times.
4. Each youth must be able to handle their animal. No adults are allowed to lead animals but may walk with child and unruly animals that may endanger others will be asked to leave.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
6. Participants are encouraged to pre-register. Entry forms must be completely filled out. Entries may be delivered to the following address before August 10, Sonora Chamber of Commerce or City Hall.
7. All exhibitors must be checked-in on August 11, 2007, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at City Hall on Main Street. Animals must be in good condition and free of disease. Any animal appearing unhealthily will be barred from the parade.
8. All decisions made by the judge will be final.
9. All participants will be awarded ribbons.

Pet Parade Class Descriptions

Best Costume — It will be judged based on the creativity of the costume that either just the pet or the pet and owner will be wearing. Get creative, get funky, just please remember to design your costumes with both your pet's and your personal safety in mind.
Most Unusual Pet — This class celebrates the diversity of pets owned and loved in and around the Sutton County Area. Each entrant will be judged on the unique characteristics of their pet.
Funniest Pet — We all know that we have the cutest pet on the planet, but what about the funniest? This class highlights the hilarious antics of our pets. Each entrant will be judged on their ability to make our judges smile, chuckle, and outright laugh!
Plush Pals — This class is for youth that have a favorite stuffed animal that they would like to show off. Entries will be judged on their answers to several questions about their "pet" and the performance.

Best Pet at the Show - Gift certificate, ribbon

Each Individual Class

- 1st Place Class Winner - Gift Certificate + ribbon
 - 2nd Place Class Winner - Gift Certificate + ribbon
 - 3rd Place Class Winner - Gift Certificate + ribbon
- Participation Ribbons

Sutton County Days



Pet Parade Entry Form Saturday, August 11, 2007, 11:30 a.m.

Use a separate form for each animal.
Exhibitor Information:
Name: _____
Age as of January 1, 2007: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Phone #: _____

I am entering: (CHECK APPROPRIATE CLASS(ES))

- Best Costume
- Most Unusual Pet
- Funniest Pet
- Plush Pals

NAME OF ANIMAL: _____

I do hereby consent and agree that it is satisfactory for my son/daughter to compete in the Sutton County Days Pet Parade.

I, the undersigned, will not hold the Sonora Chamber of Commerce or any of their representatives or sponsors responsible for any accident, damage, injury, or loss to personal property or equipment. I have read the attached rules and regulations and agree to comply with them. I certify that the above information is correct.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT _____ DATE _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

Contact: Patti Prather at City Hall 325 387-2558

Race This Way



August 11, 2007

Sutton County Days 5k Family Fun Run/Walk

The Course
The Race This Way 5k and Kids Fun Run follows a course through scenic neighborhoods in Sonora. The course begins at the beautiful Sutton County Courthouse and ends running up historical Main Street. Adult runs will include the 5K and 1 mile run/walk. The Kids Fun Run will also be held at the court house. Kids races will include a 200-yard and 1 mile run.

Awards
Awards for Run contestants will include male and female categories (first, second, and third). Age divisions for the 5k Run will be 12-15, 16-20, 21-29, 30-39, 41-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+. All kids participating in the 200-yard and mile run/walk will be eligible for special awards. The 1 mile run age groups will also include those 12 and under. Only those running the 5K course will be eligible for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. All participants will receive a T-shirt on registration and race days.

To Enter
To enter you can pick up a registration form at The Health and Wellness Center or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. To request a faxed copy of a registration form, please call 325-387-2348. Pre-registration is \$20 for all adult entries before July 31, 2007. Mailed in entries will need to be post marked on or before July 31. Late and race day registration will be \$25 per person. Kids Fun Run (those 12 and under) entries will be \$5 per child. Please make checks payable to The Health and Wellness Center. Send registrations to The Health and Wellness Center P.O. Box 455, Sonora, TX 76950.

Packet Pickup/Race Day Registration
Pre-registration: Pick up T-shirt and packets at The Health and Wellness Center, Friday, August 10, 2007 between 11am-5pm. On race day, please pick up packets at 7:30am in front of the Court House.

Other Information
Race will begin at 8am at the Sutton County Court House. Kids Fun Run will begin at 8:15. For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 325-387-2348 or Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325-387-2880. Email: steaff@sonora-hospital.org

Entry Form

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Email Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Age as of 8/11/07 _____

Phone Number _____

Gender (Circle One): Male Female

Adult T-Shirt Size (Circle One):

Small Medium Large XL XXL

Child T-Shirt Size (Circle One):

Small Medium Large XL

Check Activity:

Adult Run/Walk: ☆ 5K ☆ 1 Mile

Children's Fun Run: ☆ 200 yard ☆ 1 Mile

Pre-registration.....\$20
Late Registration.....\$25
Children's Fun Run
(12 and under).....\$5

Make Checks Payable to:
The Health & Wellness Center

Mail to:
The Health & Wellness Center
P.O. Box 455
Sonora, TX 76950

In consideration of the acceptance of this registration entry, I assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during my participation in this event, or while I am on the premises of this event, and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters and all other persons associated with the event from any and all injury and damage, whether it be caused by negligence of the sponsors or promoters or other persons or entities associated with the event or their agents or employees or otherwise. This waiver shall be binding on my heirs, legatees, administrators or assigns. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photograph, videotape, motion picture, recording or any other record of this event for any legitimate purposes.

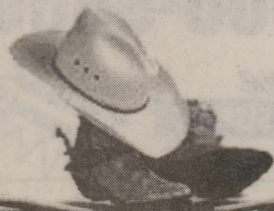
Date _____

Entrant's Signature _____

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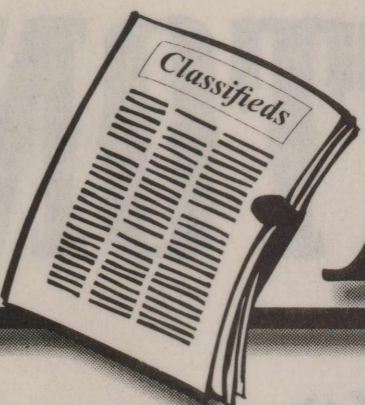
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Public Notice

Sonora ISD will accept sealed bids for a security camera system. Specs can be obtained at the Adm. Office or by calling 325-387-6940 ext. 3002. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Adm. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until July 16, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at which time said bids will be opened and awarded at the above location. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT B&K TRUCKING P.O. Box 454 Sheffield, TX 79781 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn formation, Dutton SWD, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles East from Sonora in the Sawyer (Strawn, N.) Field, in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6270 to 6850 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E&P, INC. 14000 Quail Springs Pkwy 600, Oklahoma City, OK 73134 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger and Strawn formation, Archer SWD, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 10 Miles East of Sonora in the J.D. Slade (Miss) Field, in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5305 to 6800 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 15, 2007

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251728
Status/Permit No. 637823

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the DOMINION OILFIELD TEXAS 264, INC. (DORCO Operator No. 222882) has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, R.R. 5, CROCKFORD CO / ANADARKO, T & S Survey, A-1319, SARTER (CANTON) and SARTER (STRAM, NORTH) fields, SUTTON COUNTY, being 11 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: SARTER (CANTON)

Lease/Unit Name : HAYES 20A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1
Lease/Unit Acres : 317.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 500.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 748.0

Lease Lines : 500.0 P & L, 1225.0 P & L
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field, (1) FANCETT (WOLFCAMP). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SARTER (CANTON) :

GA Special Rules 667/1000, 320.0 acres.
GA Optional Rules 505/1000, 46.0 acres.

SARTER (STRAM, NORTH) :

Statewide rules 467/1200, 46.0 acres.

FANCETT (WOLFCAMP) :

GA Statewide rules 467/1200, 46.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8995 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mark Pfeiffer, at (409)7495213.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)462-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)462-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTEREST TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY JUL 10, 2007 AT 5:00 P.M.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):

June 27, 2007

- Danny Wayne Pope Jr., 34, from Sweetwater, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.

June 28, 2007

- Domingo Reynosa, 17, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Burglary of Building.

Incidents:

June 25, 2007

- 6:00 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 8:49 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 10:04 AM: Caller reported vandalism to vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:52 PM: Caller reported vehicles blocking roadway. Deputy notified.
- 2:08 PM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 6:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

June 26, 2007

- 5:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 7:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:50 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 11:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

June 27, 2007

- 11:13 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:03 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 11:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

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- 12:59 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

June 29, 2007

- 11:25 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

June 30, 2007

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Drive Safely this Fourth of July

Laquita Solanski was driving westbound Friday when she hit standing water on I-10 at mile marker 420. Her car hydroplaned off the highway and went down a hill. Solanski was not injured but was a little shook up. Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Reuben Galindo and Trooper Norbert Ortiz were on the scene to investigate the accident. Solanski was issued a ticket for driving at an unsafe speed in an existing condition.

U.S. Department of Commerce Invests \$800,000 in Fort Stockton, Texas

The U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) today announced an \$800,000 investment in the city of Fort Stockton, Texas. The investment will help renovate the city's wastewater treatment facility.

"President Bush believes one way to create jobs is to grow the economy by encouraging investments in local communities," said U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Sandy K. Baruah. "This EDA investment will help Fort Stockton build the infrastructure needed to attract new businesses, boosting the local economy and creating new jobs for local citizens."

EDA serves as a venture capital resource to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

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Sonora High School Class of 1997 is having a 10 year reunion during the 2007 Sutton County Days. Michele Cramer Spillman is in need of addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses to contact classmates for the upcoming reunion. Michele may be e-mailed at michelespillman@gardere.com or after 6:00 p.m. at 214-515-5593.

The 2007 Texas Reading Club, "Sail Away With Books", provides opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy reading. It began June 5, 2007 at the Sutton County Library. The program is provided at no charge. Programs run through July 10, 2007. Information regarding the Texas Reading Club is available by calling 387-2111, or at the library, located at 306 E. Mulberry, during the business hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The Health and Wellness Center and the Chamber of Commerce are looking for volunteers to work water stations during the 1 mile and 5K race on August 11, 2007. If you would volunteer please contact Sarah at 387-2348.

Crockett County Open Playday series: The open playday series will be held at the Crockett County Arena on the following dates: July 10th, July 24th, August 7th and August 9th. The events include goat tying, barrel racing, poles and flags. Following the regular playday, there will be a break-away jackpot for those participants wishing to stay: \$5.00 per calf, with 2 loops per calf. The age groups are 6 and under (headline), 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, and 16-19. You must participate in 4 out of 5 playdays to be eligible for prizes. For more information, call Tonya at 392-5875 or Bobbie at 392-2235.

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