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Wildfire Burns Across Sutton County

By Ben D. Taylor

The residents of Sonora were witness to an unwelcome sight last Thursday evening as the horizon showed the red glow of a large wildfire burning 14 miles east of town. Calls started coming into the fire department around 2:30 p.m., and first responders from Sonora and neighboring towns were soon on the scene to battle the fire. All told, some 2,000 acres were burned by the time the blaze was under control at 1:30 Friday morning. Fire Chief Rick Cearley could not speculate to the origins of the fire, but first responders on the scene indicated that the fire probably started somewhere along Allison Road and burned all the way to the Ft. McKavett Highway. There were no injuries and structure damage was limited to some burned out fence lines. The Forest Service was called in to assist in mitigating the chances of the fire flaring up later on by placing fire guards around the parameter of the burned areas.

At a meeting in Helotis, TX, a group of fire experts met to discuss the potential for an active wildfire season across our state. "A group of interested persons met recently to begin addressing the issue of fire safety and the proper use of prescribed burning" said Bob McCan of Victoria, president of the Texas Coalition of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. "This alliance included private individuals, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Ag Experiment Station, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Nature Conservancy and the Welder Wildlife Foundation. Our purpose is to make people aware of the good information that is available."

"This year most of Texas has been blessed with abundant rainfall. However, with abundant rainfall has come large amounts of grass growth," said McCan. The abundant grass coupled with the current weather conditions (according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Sutton County is considered "abnormally dry") sets this area up for a hot spot of wildfire activity. Predictions of the La Nina weather pattern (El Nino usually means more rain for Texas, while La Nina indicates drier conditions) show a stronger than usual La Nina, and experts predict that we will receive only 40% of our normal rainfall while this weather pattern persists. This means an increased risk of wildfires as time goes on.

There are things that folks can do to limit the chances of a wildfire breaking out. According to Kent Ferguson, state range management specialists for the Natural Resources Conservation Services in Temple, "Managing grass fuels is very important right now. Some things to be done include mowing road ditches, being careful with outdoor burning, being watchful of catalytic converters, plowing or blading fireguards, and using prescribed burning." Dr. Butch Taylor, at a recent tour for the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association, offered this technique. "Ranchers and others wanting fire protection can install two parallel dozer lines, then burn between them under carefully chosen conditions. This creates a blackline. The distance between the lines can be about 100 feet for grass fuel, but should be at least 500 feet for volatile fuels or more sensitive areas. This not only provides a margin of safety from wildfire but allows a rancher to conduct a prescribed burn at the time and condition of their own choosing." Prescribed burning is an effective tool for fuel management (or grass), but it is something that should not be taken lightly. "If someone wants to do a prescribed burn, it is important to follow proper procedures," Hanselka said. Laws and other prescribed burn information can be found at <http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/prevention.htm>. Additional information about protecting against wildfires can be found through the Texas Forest Service at <http://txforests.tamu.edu/>.



A wildfire consumes over 2,000 acres as it approaches Ft. McKavett Highway about 14 miles east of Sonora.

Public Restroom Vandalized at Bronco Stadium

By Ben D. Taylor

The blazes continued across Sutton County on Friday January 4th as smoke billowed out of the public restroom at Bronco Stadium. Fire fighters and the police were on the scene at 5:00 p.m. to assess the damage. Chief Mike House speculated about the origin and cause of the fire, "We suspect some adolescents were responsible for setting fire to one of the paper towel dispensers." The fire was quickly controlled without any injury or incident. The fire did not cause any structural damage, but according to Danny Hardin, Director of Maintenance and Transportation at Sonora Independent School District, it is going to cost around \$600 to remove the smoke damage. Chief House stated that



Smoke damage to the restrooms will cost up to \$600.

there were no leads on the culprits of this fire, but the investigation is still ongoing. "Arson is the charge," according to House, "while the bathrooms are school property, they are still open to the public". House indicated that incidents like these could result in limiting the use by the public of these school facilities. "We've been having problems with prowlers in the area," said House. "The curfew will be enforced". The curfew is for youth 17 and under and is from 12:00 a.m. till 6:00 a.m. If anyone has any information regarding this incident they are encouraged to call the Sonora Police Department at 387-3888.

White Tailed Deer: Lessons Learned From A Good Year

By Kent Mills

From the reports coming in so far this year, this hunting season has seen some really nice deer harvested in pretty much all of Texas. We can all appreciate the true blessing the abundant rainfall has been to our habitat and wildlife. There are some lessons that we should learn from a year like this one.

I think this year promised more to deer hunters and managers, but fell short in delivery. There is no doubt that we had more rainfall in the growing season than many of us will ever see again. I have talked to many old time ranchers who cannot recall getting this much rain in their lifetime.

With the rain allowing a lot of forage to grow for the deer, and the deer actually eating a lot less supplemental feed than in past years, I think most everyone thought the antlers would be tremendous. And while there are reports of many very good deer being harvested, the overall assessment that I get

from biologists and deer managers is that the antlers are not as good as what was seen in 2005.

In addition, I am hearing a lot about antler breakage, and not just tines, but also main beam breakage. If the deer diets were so good this year, then why weren't the antlers larger and stronger?

In west Texas, most deer are dependent on the diet the habitat can provide, plus the food plots and supplements that are provided. Unfortunately, most of the habitats have limitations. Even in wonderful rainfall years, like this one, there is a limit to what is available to the deer.

This last spring we had lush cool-season vegetation that germinated in the fall and grew through the winter. When the abundant rains and warm weather of spring came, there was a tremendous amount of forage available for the deer. I have no doubt that this abundance of forage got antler growth, as well as body growth, off to a great start for the year. How-

ever, as the longer and hotter days of summer arrived, there was a lot less of available deer diet than most people perceived.

Deer need browse, forbs, and vegetative, low fiber, grasses for their diet. With wet falls to germinate them, we generally have plenty of cool-season, annual and perennial, forbs for their diet. Summer is a bit different though.

Browse doesn't grow as much in summer as grasses do, and most of our native ranges do not have a lot of quality forb species that are a part of the natural habitat. The abundant rain of summer produced as high a volume of grass as I have seen, and made the pastures look lush.

But this lush growth of grasses proved detrimental to the deer diet in two ways. First was the aspect that, with denser grass growth, it is harder for seedling forbs to germinate, and compete for water, soil nutrients, and sunlight.

If seedlings are shaded out by taller plants, they can not grow

fast enough to get to the sunlight before the nutrients contained in the seed run out and the young plant starves. The dense growth of grasses this year shaded out much of the potential forb growth potential.

Perennial forbs, with their deep, strong root systems did grow through the grasses and produced a good bit of forage for the deer. However, we don't have many perennial forbs that grow in the hot part of summer, so the amount of forage they produced in the pasture was limited.

While deer do eat grass, they are limited to eating the very young, vegetative, low fiber leaves of grasses. With the frequent rainfall we had this year, the grass grew rapidly and became too fibrous for deer diets too quickly. This combination of dense grass limiting forb growth, and being too coarse for deer consumption, actually began to limit the deer's diet from mid-summer on.

Fortunately, there was an above average of browse growth for the deer to fall back on. Again, there's a "but" in that most of our browse matures in mid-summer and declines in nutritional quality from its high in spring. So even though there was ample diet for the deer, it was more of the moderate nutritional value plants like browse, and less of the high quality plants, like forbs. In my opinion, this is the reason that some of the antler growth is not as good as anticipated.

I'm not saying that there weren't some very good antlered deer this year. There are reports of some really nice deer. However, even with all of the rainfall we had, I don't think the habitat was capable of growing as large of antlers as was anticipated.

The dependence on the native forage diet is also the reason for the antler breakage, in my opinion. When I looked at forage data from deer diets this year, what struck me was that without the supplemental

feed intake, the deer were not getting as much consumption of minerals as in years when they ate more supplements.

Native forages and food plot species can provide a good bit of protein and energy. They can have pretty good levels of some minerals as well. However, what I tend to see is the lack of trace minerals, and a balance of the macro minerals from just a forage diet. This, I feel, contributed to antlers being less dense than we normally see, and thus the breakage.

My thought on antler growth is that the mass and length are greatly influenced by protein and energy intake in the early parts of the antler growth cycle. In a sense, they help grow the framework of the antlers. The mineral part of the diet contributes greatly to the density and durability of the antlers. So with the protein and energy to grow antlers a little larger than normal, but not the minerals for the durability,

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The Moodys are one of the most fun filled and ministry focused families in the Gospel Music industry today. Hailing from Texas, they have taken their style of gospel music from coast to coast and border to border for over fourteen years. This family focused ministry has a style that some would say is a mixture of both southern and country gospel while delivering their own personality that will send you away having been both blessed and entertained. Touring for an average of 200 dates a year, The Moodys spend a great deal of their time sharing with others the love of a wonderful Savior as well as their tremendous appreciation for the ones who dialy give us the freedoms that we all so richly enjoy. . . our dedicated men and women in uniform. After spending more than 10 weeks singing and

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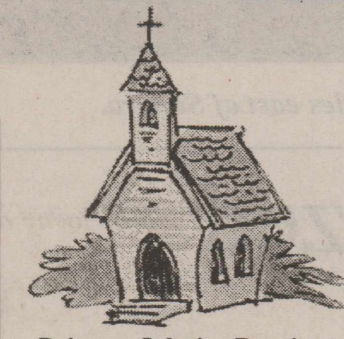
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Sat. Jan. 12 - Happy B-Day Pete Bradley
Sun. Jan. 13 - Best remedy for a short temper is a long walk
Mon. Jan. 14 - Bingo
Tues. Jan. 15 - City Council 4:00 p.m. at City Hall
Wed. Jan. 16 - Van to San Angelo-Medicals come 1st. Happy B-Day Juanita Mesa-the BIG one- 60

Senior Center Menu
Thur. Jan. 10 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding, milk
Fri. Jan. 11 - Spanish Meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, pineapple rings, milk
Mon. Jan. 14 - Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, oven potatoes, carrots, roll, vanilla pudding with fruit, milk
Tues. Jan. 15 - Beef Tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, cornbread,lemon meringue pie, milk
Wed. Jan. 16 - BBQ Chicken, beans, beets, roll, pears with pineapple, chocolate chip cookie, milk



Sonora Church Directory

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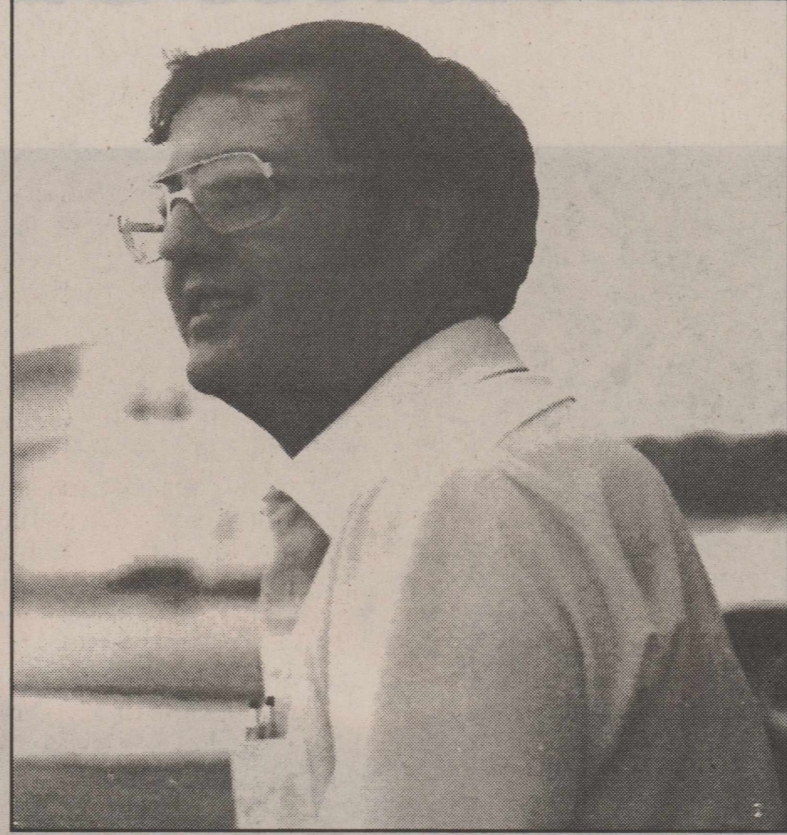
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Obituary



Benjamin Rector Epps died Thursday, January 3, 2006 at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora, Texas. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 5th at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, with burial following in the Sonora Cemetery.

Ben was born on January 20, 1936 in Midland, Texas. His mother was Hattie B. Cusenbary Epps, daughter of pioneer ranchers D.B. and Annie Cusenbary. His father was The Reverend Clift M. Epps, minister of the Methodist church. Ben attended San Angelo schools but graduated from Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, Texas in 1954. He attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He served 4 years in the United States Navy, serving aboard aircraft carriers Randolph and Valley Forge. He graduated from Sul Ross University in 1963 and received his masters from North Texas State in 1965. Ben married Virginia Calvert Curry Campbell on November 16, 1979.

Ranching on family land that was settled in 1890 by D.B. Cusenbary, Ben raised prize black Angus cattle and Angora goats. Ben was a director of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, and a director of the Mohair Council of America.


He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia Calvert Epps, and their sons; Don and Ruth Ann Campbell of Sweetwater, Texas; Cam and Erika Jane Campbell, and Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell of Sonora, Texas; and four precious grandchildren: Tres, Kathleen, Chelsey Lou and Chance Calvert Campbell.

Memorials may be made to Sutton County Health Foundation, or any charity of choice. The Pall Bearers for the funeral service were: Richard Gesin, Mike Wilburn, Ken Telg, Mike Richey, Al Dykes, Bud Whitehead, and Terry Brooks. Honorary Pall Bearers were: Dick McCalmont, Joe David Ross, John Ward, Ronnie Cox, Lawrance Finklea, Jack Marsh, Pat Foy, and Wyley Bunton.

Ben had a gentle spirit, a quiet mind, and God's peace at the end.

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Guess Who's 50?



Happy B-day Sis!
Love: Mom, Dad, Kevin, Johnny, and Ladonna

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Oh, how nifty. Look who's fifty.
Dr. Charles Pajestka

Join us in wishing Dr. Pajestka a happy birthday on Friday 11th from: office staff

Cards of Thanks

The hearts of all the beautiful caregivers at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital are filled with a tender compassion seldom seen and never equaled. Their power lies in their love and skill.

Our hearts are full of humble gratitude for you all. We know that you share in our joy that Ben is truly home now.

Sincerely,
The Family of Ben Epps

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sutton County Volunteer Fire Department, the Forest Service, the service and transport companies, the state and county road departments and the many friends who helped control the grassfire on my ranch. I deeply appreciate your hard work and long hours.

Sincerely,
Randee Fawcett

We would like to express our appreciation for all of the help we received in relation to a fire on Kathleen S. Moore Ranch. Thank you to all the firefighters for your speedy response and brave efforts. A special thank you to Louis Baker, Tom Loch, and Lynn Cox for lending a hand in our time of need. We are extremely grateful for all the help and calls of concern.

Kathleen S. Moore
Tommy, Dalra, and Thia McKissack

We are incredibly grateful to those who helped us fight our ranch fire over the weekend. Thank you so much to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer Fire Departments of Eldorado, Menard, and Ft. McKavett for all of their good work. We would also like to thank the numerous friends and neighbors who responded to our urgent situation, including Carl Lang, Brian Treadwell and Scott Jacoby. We feel so fortunate to live in a community with such good resources and caring people.

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January 12
Maria Zaragoza, Kaitlyn Leigh Lopez, Stephanie Hulsey, Marty Lipham, Felicia Farley, Hector Alcadio Mendez, Darian Lee Reyes

January 13
Tim Cole, Thomas Schenkel, Cheryl Lock, Amy Torres, Ralph Mayer, George Sanchez, Hayden Davenport, Donald Patton, Genaro Martin, Mo'nica Traylor

January 14
Japha Routh, Christian Kesinger, Jody Trainer, Olivia Banda

January 15
Trey Wardlaw, Gary Hardgrave, Danette Maddux, Bill Savell, Baby D. Davila, Kirby Traylor

January 16
Nancy McAngus, Austin Herd, Dana Young, Edward Mata, Jr., Karen Fincher, Bill Stewart, Jo Davis, Jacquelynn Castillo, Anthony Mata, Juanita Mesa, Monica Lujan, Spurr Farley,

Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary

Sutton County Historical Society

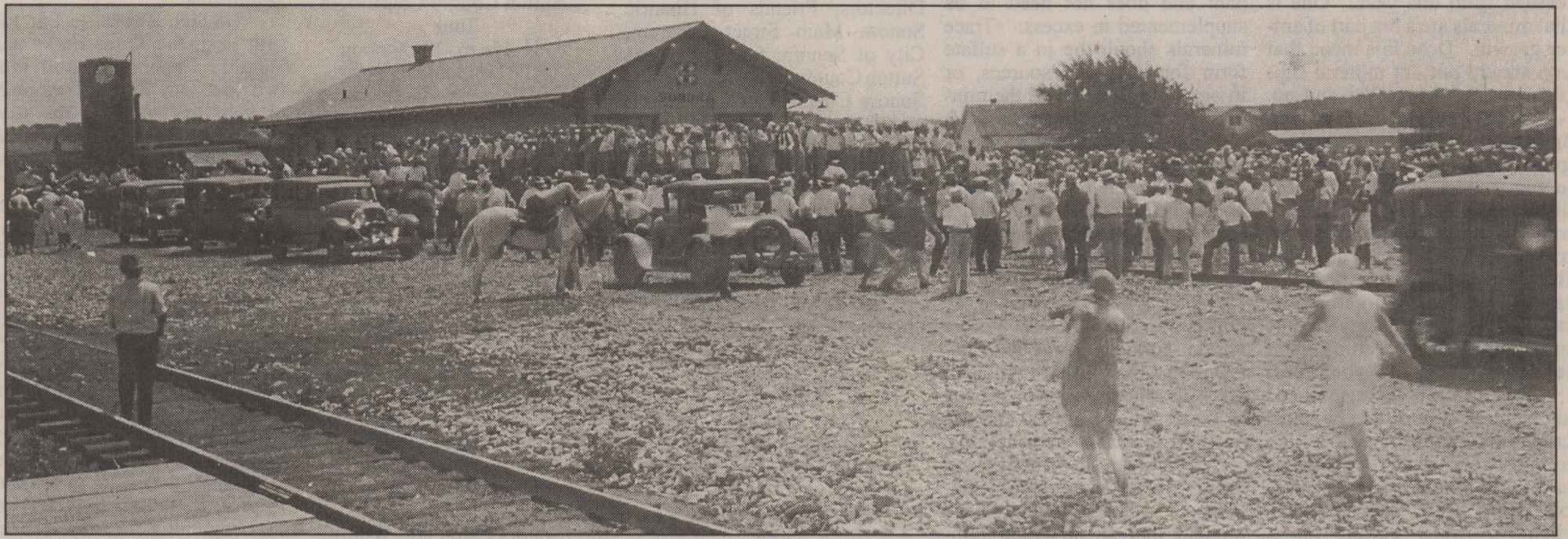
Q. Do you have a record of the burial of Sarah Bushong?

A. The *Devil's River News*, March 12, 1910- Miss Sarah Bushong, aged 76, died at her home in West Sonora on Saturday. The funeral was conducted at the Sonora Cemetery Sunday where the Rev. W.R. Campbell of the Methodist Church officiated. Deceased is survived by a maiden sister 68 years of age and a brother Andy Bushong.

There is no mention of Sarah Bushong in the cemetery records, not even on the missing lists. We have no idea where she is buried in the cemetery. If this family was related to you, and you know where the grave is, please let us know. Thanks!

In this issue we also found the following: "Bill" Clark arrived Tuesday with a gasoline well drilling outfit. A gasoline engine does all the work. Transports the outfit and will do the work while the "master mechanic" looks on. The outfit with manila rope is capable of going 500 feet and weights 14,000 pounds. With a wire cable it could go 1,000 feet or more.

Another obituary in this issue is that of Mrs. Mary Adams, beloved wife of Thomas B. Adams, who died at their home in Sonora Wednesday evening, March 9, 1910 at the age of 26 years. The funeral was conducted at the Methodist Church and grave by the pastor Rev. W.R. Campbell. Deceased is survived by a husband and six children beside many other relatives. The news of the death of the wife and mother came as shock to the community, although not unexpected as it was known for a year or more that the days of the patient sufferer were numbered. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beach of Carlsbad, N.M., who several years ago resided on the North Llano. She joined the Baptist Church in Sonora.



Sonora Santa Fe Depot - official 1st passenger train, July 1, 1930. Runs were made by freight trains before this date.

Cemetery records indicated that Mary Prudie Beach Adams, wife of Thomas Boone Adams was born on January 24, 1874 and died on March 9, 1910 and was buried in Sonora. She had given the birth to a daughter that died on March 1, 1910 and was buried in Block E, Lot 44, grave #1 and was buried beside her in grave #2. Her husband, Thomas Boone Adams, remarried in 1925 to a Dotsie Gray. He was born on April 18, 1870 in Springfield, Missouri and died in San Angelo on November 5, 1948 and was buried beside Mary in the cemetery in Sonora.

Here is an early account of an accident in the paper. Sheriff J. S. Allison met with an accident this week that put him on crutches. He was driving a cow to the ranch when his horse fell on him and caught his foot (John's). Both John and the horse were bruised considerable. "Johnnie" is able to attend to business and get over the country in his auto without the use of his foot.

Now, for you young people. It was quite a feat to be able to drive an auto with one foot back in those days. Your right foot was used for the gas pedal and brake, and your left foot had to push the clutch in so that you could shift gears. Either foot being impaired caused difficulty driving. You had to rev the engine up so

the gears were lugging, push the clutch and shift, then get back to the gas pedal before it stalled out from going too slow.

In advertisements, we find that Walter Wyatt is the proprietor of the Sonora Restaurant; with meals served at all hours, short orders a specialty and oysters and fish in season. Kenneth Taliaferro is the tailor and has his shop in the Old Bank Building. Sam Merck is the blacksmith and machinist and has his shop in the old Potter Blacksmith Shop. C. D. Bohannon is the proprietor of The Sonora Garage and does all kinds of auto and machine work. Robert Anderson is the proprietor of The Red Front Sable, see him for hay and grain. Theo. Savell is the proprietor of The Favorite Saloon and even carried some special brands for family and medicinal purposes. J.G. Barton is proprietor of the Rock Front Saloon, and you could phone him at #97 to order cold beer, soft drinks, pure wines and liquors. T.L. Benson and Co., general merchandise, is operating in Eldorado. H. R. Wardlaw, M.D. had his offices in The Corner Drug Store and at night could be reached at the Commercial Hotel. (Now before someone asks where the Commercial Hotel was located- the McDonald Hotel was first called the Wyatt Hotel, then it was called the Commercial Hotel

until Mrs. Josie McDonald purchased it in full.

Work is coming along nicely on the old ice house building. It is still expected to be operating in April. A lot of hours, hops, expectations and money have been put into this building, and we think the people of this area will be highly pleased with the building when it is finished. It is hoped to have a large exhibit featuring the life of J.L. Davis in the museum, and anyone who has any items we may copy or that they would like to donate to the museum is asked to contact one of the officers so that we may see if it is something we could use in the exhibit or future exhibits. Items are not given on loan to the society. All items must be donated to us as covered in our by-laws since the beginning of the society. All donations must be approved before acceptance as also provided in the by-laws. I know it sounds tedious, but it prevents duplications of items that are very large and that we just don't have the space to store at this time. Some folks are holding already approved items for us at their ranches until we get the floors sealed and can start moving items into the museum. All donors will receive a receipt for items donated, and it will be signed by an officer. All items will be assigned an item#, and that item will be inventoried and kept

in an inventory book, and on alphabetical listing by donor and by the type of item. It is a lot of hard work, but in the end it will make doing regular inventories very simple.

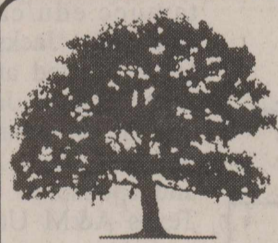
The holidays are over for you, but I am leaving from January 10th thru February 10th for my holidays. Rick and I will spend that time in Mobile, Alabama area with our daughter Tina. I am preparing columns ahead of time so that our readers won't have to go without the weekly fix of "Ask the Historical Society."

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, call the office at 325-387-5084 and speak with anyone who comes in while I am gone, or leave a message on the answering machine. One way or other either David or another volunteer will get the message to me. If there is no one to volunteer to cover the days we usually volunteer, then the office will remain closed. So, remember members, if we aren't open, it is your fault for not raising your hands and volunteering your time. Rick and I can't do all this alone anymore; we have our own family and responsibilities and after 18 years feel it is time we had some time to ourselves before we are too old to enjoy it. If you want to volunteer, call the office or call Rosie Jones, President, at 387-5905 or Marvin Shurley, Vice-President at any of his

many phone numbers. With the new museum opening in April, the society is going to need lots of help. I will continue to volunteer to write this column but will not run for reelection to this office again! Nowhere does it say the secretary of the society has to be in this office every day it is open or that she has to do all the work I am doing without assistance. More committees are needed, and this work must be divided as it was in the early days.

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Jo-Ann will be away on a family emergency until late March. She apologizes to all of her readers, and hopes they enjoy some re-runs until her return (we start re-printing some of her previous columns the week after next).



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

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New Salon Opening
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THANK YOU**



White Tailed Deer: Continued From Front Page

The minerals for the durability, greater antler breakage may be the result. So what is the lesson to be learned from this year? One is that minerals are a big part of antler growth. Does this mean that you should put out mineral supplements for deer? Yes and no. If you are feeding protein and energy to deer to help them grow bigger in body size and larger antlers, then yes, deer need an increasing amount of mineral intake as the other nutrients increase. This can come from the supplement, or separately, so you need to study the label of your deer supplements to be sure you are getting good levels of mineral in your feed. If you aren't feeding pelleted supplements and are relying on commodity type of feeds such as corn, cottonseed, or soybeans and other types of beans (pinto, blackeye peas, etc.), then you should consider putting out a mineral that has a substantial amount of phosphorus, magnesium, sulfur, and good levels of the trace minerals copper, zinc, manganese, and selenium.

Don't go for the mineral supplements that are mostly calcium. In most native forage diets for deer, calcium is abundant and does not need to be supplemented in excess. Trace minerals should be in a sulfate form for inorganic sources, or in organic forms where the mineral is bonded to an amino acid. But, if you're not trying to grow bigger deer than the habitat will deliver, then a mineral may not be necessary. I still think a mineral supplement would help with growth and development, just as it does with our livestock. However, when we have a more normal rainfall year, and a more normal forage growth and distribution, the antlers will not grow as much and won't need as much mineral intake and deposition to make them durable. Each year is different and brings on its own set of challenges. Who would have thought that an abundant rainfall year would bring the challenges that it has? Each year teaches us more about deer management, even the good ones.

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

Texas Pecos Trail Board of Directors, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Sutton County Historical Society, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and Sonora Industrial Development Corp. invite you to be a part of the Texas Pecos Trail January Board of Directors and TPTR Partners Meeting on January 15, 2008 in historical downtown Sonora at the St. John's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall at 404 NE Poplar St. (across from the Sutton County Courthouse)

Texas Pecos Trail Meeting And Board of Directors & Partners January Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Coffee & Sweet Goodies Time: 10:30 a.m.
Opening by the Mayor of Sonora Gloria Lopez 10:45 a.m. - Judge Carla

Garner Sutton County Courthouse Tour 11:45a.m.-12:00 noon - TPTR Welcome to Board Of Directors - Networking with attendees & TPTR Partners Lunch: Sutton County Steakhouse (cost \$10.00) 12:45pm President Betty Cash opens Meeting

At the close of the Meeting you are invited to the Visit the New Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum And Texas Downtown Association Awarded "2001 Best Promotion Project" Veteran from All Wars & Pioneer Families Museum And Sonora Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary RSVP for Lunch: TPTR Keith Godwin 325-2927 or Mary Ann Kay 325-387-2248- by January 9, 2008

Flat Out Fishing Back for Fifth Year with Expert Tips for Anglers of All Levels

Submitted
AUSTIN, Texas — For the fifth year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will host two Flat Out Fishing seminars to help anglers start the new year with an edge. The first event, in Corpus Christi, kicks-off at 8:00 a.m., Sat., Feb. 2nd, at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The event will be held at Bay Hall, Room 103, at TAMU-CC's Ward Island campus. The second event will be in Lake Jackson at the Lake Jackson Civic Center Feb. 9th. These day-long events include seminars and presentations from noted guides and experts covering a variety of bay, surf, kayak and fly fishing techniques. "Flat Out Fishing is full day of professional fishing seminars for beginning to experienced fishermen to learn how to become better anglers in a relaxed and friendly setting that offers plenty of opportunities for interaction with the presenters. The speakers are some of the most knowledgeable authorities in their field in Texas," said TPWD Coastal Fisheries Out-

reach Specialist Art Morris. Flat Out Fishing — Corpus Christi, Feb. 2nd, features the following speakers and presentations:
• Tony Amos, Research Associate, University of Texas Marine Science Institute will help anglers understand tides and currents on the Texas coast.
• Capt. Sally Moffett of Capt. Sally's Reel Fun Charters will offer a presentation on "Reading the Water and Finding Fish Under Any Conditions."
• Jeff Herman, an ACA-certified paddling instructor, member of Team Ocean Kayak and kayaking editor for Harold Well's Gulf Coast Fisherman magazine will introduce attendees to the finer points of kayak fishing.
• Capt. "Lefty" Ray Chapa, an FFF-certified fly casting instructor and former kayak fishing guide, is an award-winning outdoor photographer and will present "Fishing and Photography."
• Mark Fisher, Ph.D., TPWD Coastal Fisheries Division science director and lifelong fly tier and angler, will present "Common Prey Items Along the Texas Coast: A Fly Fishing Perspective."
• Nick Meyer is a long-distance casting champion and the sole distributor for Breakaway Tackle in the USA. His BreakAwayUSA.com message board is a mandatory stop for Padre Island National Seashore surf anglers, and he'll present "Surf Fishing Padre Island."

It's the time of year when many anglers go hunting for that once-in-a-lifetime spotted seatrout, and Capt. Robert Zapata of High Tide Fishing Adventures will offer a presentation on "Trophy Trout Fishing." Speakers at the Lake Jackson event, Feb. 9th, include Larry Bozka of Bozka Outdoor Media and Coastal Anglers.com, Capt. Charles Foster of Blue Chip Charters and Guide Service, Bill Balboa, TPWD's Galveston Bay Ecosystem Leader, Capt. "Lefty" Ray Chapa, Jeff Herman and others. Participants will be eligible for door prizes and "goody bags." The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, payable by cash, check or money order at the door. Registration fees are tax-deductible. Children under 17 may attend free with an adult. Seating is limited so register early to ensure your participation. To register for either event, contact Art Morris at 361-825-3356 or by e-mail at art.morris@tpwd.state.tx.us. For a map to Bay Hall at TAMU-CC, go to: <http://www.tamucc.edu/campmap.html>. The Lake Jackson Civic Center is located at 333 Hwy 332 East, Lake Jackson, Texas. Flat Out Fishing is underwritten by Anheuser-Busch and sponsored by CCA Texas, Texas A&M University-Corpus

Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is proud to host two upcoming events, Mother Son Date Nite and Daddy Daughter Date Nite. The Mother Son Date Nite will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. This will be a "Dallas Cowboy" themed event, so come dressed in your favorite football t-shirt or jersey. This event is the perfect opportunity for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or big sisters to take their special boy out

for a night he will never forget. "Substitute" moms are welcome. Dads (even uncles, older brothers or grandpas) mark your calendar for The Daddy Daughter Date Nite scheduled for Friday, February 7th. This event also will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. This will be a "High School Musical" themed event, and the girls usual come dressed in their favorite party attire. Pre-registration is now underway for both events at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, located at 205 Highway 277 North, for any boy or girl, pre K through 8th grade, or you can purchase your tickets that night at the door. Each event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Memories

by McBride taking a momentous photograph of the couple. Cost of admission is \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. A disc jockey will spin music throughout the evening for dancing, refreshments will be served, and each boy and girl will leave with a special party favor. Make plans now to attend. This is sure to be a fun-filled evening for your son or daughter that will create memories that are More Than You Imagined! Registration packets will be handed out at the school for both events. For more information please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325 387-2880.

F.Y.I.

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a **Burn Ban** and a **Fireworks Ban**, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

Sonora GED classes resumed **Monday** 7th. Classes are held Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. For more information call Kathleen Freeman at 387-3736.

The Board of Directors of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 15th at 301 S. Crockett Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

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A Matter of Perception

This is supposed to be the transcript of an actual radio conversation between a US naval ship and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. The Radio conversation was released by the Chief of Naval Operations on Oct. 10, 1995.

SHIP
- Please change your direction 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.-

CONTACT
- Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to South to avoid a collision.-

SHIP
- This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.-

CONTACT
- No. I say again, you divert YOUR course. -

SHIP
- THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!-

CONTACT
- This is a lighthouse. Your call.-

Stock Show Season Kicks Off!



(Left to Right) Colton Moore, Gunter Pennington, Bailey Joe Pennington & Ethan Morriss show off their show animals. After many adventures, these young men had a great trip but were glad to be home from the Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa. Together, they hauled 13 goats to the stock show and placed 11 of them in the top ten. What a great way to kick off the 4-H & FFA Stock Show Season.



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

Well, it's that time of year when our youth get busy exhibiting the livestock they've been developing. It means having to gentle animals, halter-break them, weigh, exercise, doctor, and all the work necessary to prepare animals for the show ring. Even though we have our Sutton County Livestock Show this week (January 11-12), our exhibitors have already gotten started.

Five Sutton County kids participated at the Sandhills Stock Show with their goat projects. Class 1 results are as follows: Colton Moore- 4th, Gunter Pennington- 5th & 6th. Class 2: Ethan Morriss- 4th, Colton Moore- 8th & 9th. Class 3: Stephani Morriss- 4th. Class 4: Bailey Joe Pennington- 1st, Colton Moore- 3rd. Class 5: Colton Moore- 4th, Bailey Joe Pennington- 7th. Classes averaged 50 animals. Congratulations to all these kids.

Our County Livestock Show will be on the 11th and 12th. Shows start at 8:30 a.m. both days. Friday features market lambs and meat goat shows. Saturday shows will be Angora goats, swine, and cattle. The buyer appreciation supper is at 6:00 p.m. and the auction begins at 6:45 on Saturday evening. Call the Extension Office at 387-3101 for more details.

Participating in stock shows can help youngsters develop self-confidence through competition. They are given the opportunity to learn patience, commitment, and work ethic but can also learn to overcome obstacles and to deal with disappointment. Livestock exhibition is an excellent opportunity for family involvement in competitive events which reinforce time and resource management skills. We encourage families new to the program to seek help from their County Extension Agent. We are happy to assist you and help make livestock exhibition a pleasant learning experience.

So, make plans to attend the Sutton County Livestock Show this Friday and Saturday. Hope to see you there.

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| JAN-15 MASON* HOME | 5:00 | 6:30 | 8:00 |
| JAN-18 BRADY* AWAY | 5:00 | 6:30 | 8:00 |
| JAN-22 BLANCO* AWAY | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| JAN-25 COMFORT* HOME | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
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Mohair Council to Hold Annual Meeting

Submitted

The Mohair Council of America will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 16th at the Fairfield Inn in San Angelo. The two-day event will begin on Tuesday, January 15th with the Winter Meeting of the Mohair Producers Board at 1:30 p.m. The Mohair Council Executive Committee will meet immediately following. Executive Director, Zane Willard will host a reception at his home for all attendees Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's activities begin at 8:45 a.m. with the final meet-

ing of the 2007 Mohair Council Directors. At the conclusion of this meeting, the Annual Membership Meeting will be called to order. Mohair Council members will hear of all Council activities in 2007, which are highlighted by the extraordinary success of Christoval Carpet - America's Mohair Carpet Company. The membership meeting will include district caucuses to elect directors and officers for 2008 and discussion of many issues of concern to mohair producers. Reports will be given by related industry organiza-

tions. The Annual Meeting will conclude with a catered lunch. Overnight accommodations may be secured by calling the Fairfield Inn at 325-482-8400. All planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the Mohair Council office at 1-800-583-3161.

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Third Water Symposium to be held in Junction

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Texas Tech University Center at Junction will host the third event in the Texas Water Symposium Series on Thursday, January 24th. This event will focus on the role of water conservation and education about water issues for Texans now and in the future and is titled "Taking Action for your Children's Children." The Texas Water Symposium is a joint project of Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg, Schreiner University and Texas Public Radio.

The public is invited to a dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. There is no charge for either, but attendees are asked to make reservations at 325.446.2301 or email lisa.herring@ttu.edu. The panel represents agencies promoting water-saving techniques ranging from the individual to the state, including:

Ken Kramer, Ph.D., Chapter Director of the Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club, Austin, has 25 years of experience working on water and other environmental issues as an academic, environmental group leader and public policy specialist. Water conservation is the main initiative of the chapter. Kramer will focus on the critical role of conservation and education in helping to meet our mid to long-term water supply needs.

John Sutton, Team Leader, Municipal and Institutional, Commercial, & Industrial (ICI) Water Conservation Programs, Drought Response of the Texas Water Development Board in Austin, coordinates conservation activities and programs of a state agency to educate youth and the general public.

Karen Guz is Director of Conservation at San Antonio Water System is responsible for meeting long-term conservation goals of the SAWS Water Supply Plan and saving money for SAWS ratepayers. As a result of the investment San Antonio has made in conservation, the gallons per capita per day has reduced by 40% during the last ten years in one of the fastest growing US housing markets. A comprehensive conservation ordinance unanimously passed by the City Council will provide billions of gallons water savings in the future.

Billy Kniffen, County Extension Agent, Agriculture/Natural Resources, Menard County, has been an agent for 25 years and is very knowledgeable about actions which might be taken by home/land owners such as rainwater collection, xeriscaping, and brush clearance. He is active in the organization, training and certification of Texas Master Naturalist and rainwater harvesting and catchment organizations and professionals.

For more information, check www.schreiner.edu/water or contact Bob Hickerson or Dr. Tom Arsuffi at 325.446.2301, bob.hickerson@ttu.edu or tom.arsuffi@ttu.edu, or Dr. Mike Looney at Schreiner University, 830.792.7371 or mlooney@schreiner.edu.

The last symposium in the series will be on March 6 at Schreiner University in Kerrville. All of the forums will be taped and broadcast on Texas Public Radio. The Jan. 24th program will air on Feb. 1st at 7:00 p.m. on KSTX 89.1 FM and KTXI 90.1 FM Newsmaker Hour.

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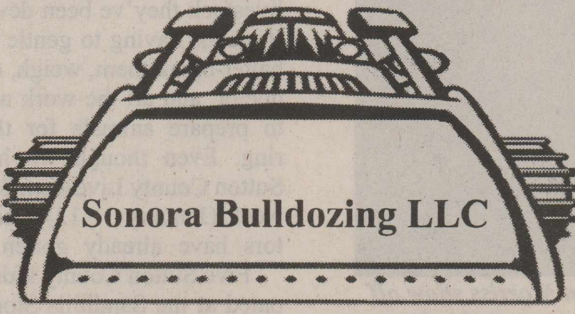
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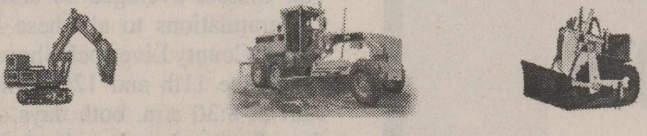
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Market Report 1/7/08

Sheep & Goats Market Report
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Sheep:
#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs 1.02-1.15
#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. 1.00-1.11
#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. No test
#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. No test
Fat Ewes - .35-.45
Thin Ewes - .12-.28
Bucks - .28-.40
Baby Tooth Ewes - .60-.72
Solid Mouth Ewes - .37-.48
Ewe & Lamb Pairs- .520 - 25/hd

Goats:
Baby Tooth Angora- .45-.52
Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies - no test
Stocker Angora Muttons - .50-.70
Angora Kids - no test
Angora Kids Shorn 1.05-1.14
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) - .17-.27
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies - .35-.40
Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.80
Fat Spanish Nannies .38-.46
Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .78-1.04 mutt. .90-1.10
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3 Approach Operating 9000' University 42-14 #1 DW Nabors Drilling (O) 353 12/17/07 19 Drlg Ahead
4 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -A- #807 DW Patterson Drilling/A 710 12/27/07 9 Drlg Ahead
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New 6 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 7500' Moody Estate -53- #7 DW Patterson Drilling/A 38 01/05/08 Moving On
New 7 Fiml Natural Res 6200' Sudderth #3-11d DW Patterson Drilling/A 721 12/27/07 9 Drlg Ahead
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4 Chaparral Energy 6200' Mcelroy Estate #2 Ft Bandera Drilling 010 12/11/07 25 Drlg Ahead

SUTTON
1 Highmount E&P Tx 9750' Jack D Brown #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 12/30/07 6 Drlg Ahead
2 Highmount E&P Tx 9550' Duke Wilson #21-11 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 12/26/07 10 Drlg Ahead
3 Highmount E&P Tx 9350' Duke Wilson -187- #17 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 01/08/08 Assigned
4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8850' Shurley Rr -1a- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 12/31/07 5 Drlg Ahead
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- January 3, 2008**
- 9:03 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
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- January 4, 2008**
- 9:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
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Search for Miss Sonora 2008!

If you are single, have never been married or given birth, and are between the ages of 19 and 29, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2008 "Miss Sonora International"! Miss Sonora will represent her city at the Miss Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas, April 11 - 13, 2008. The young woman selected as "Miss Sonora International" will become an ambassador from the ---Sutton County--- area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2008 Miss International Pageant in Chicago. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Miss Texas Pageant.

The current reigning "2007" Miss Texas is Monika Stewart of Houston, Texas.

As Miss Texas, Monika serves as a spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Club of America. Monika's goal as Miss Texas is to promote the importance of mentoring. Monika aspires to be a role model for all young people: encouraging them to set high goals. She travels the state attending Boys & Girls Club functions, serves as key-note speaker, and continues to mentor children one-on-one.

Miss contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary!!!)

Young ladies living, working, or attending school in ---Sutton County--- interested in applying should write for an application:

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Meat Goat Show will begin after lamb show

Saturday, Jan 12, 2008 - 8:30 AM judging begins for Angora Goat Show
Swine Show will begin after Angora goat show
Beef Cattle will follow swine show
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6:45 PM Premium sale
8:00 PM Awards presentation

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