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## Sutton County Shines at 4-H Roundup



Photo by: Bonnie Lou Campbell

Team Members L to R: Damon Evans, Stella Ingham, with Dr. Frank Craddock, Wool & Mohair Judging Contest Superintendent; Chelsey Lou Campbell and Zachary Leonard

By Gary Leonard

Texas 4-H "Roundup" was held at Texas A&M University the 2nd week in June. "Roundup" is the culmination of many 4-H projects participated in by thousands of Texas youth each year. These projects range from the traditional agricultural projects to cooking, fashion, talent, and communications with use of technology. These "State

Champions" are named each year after much practice and diligent effort.

Sutton County sent a team of Mohair Judgers to this competition, having qualified at the district level in April. Chelsey Lou Campbell, Stella Ingham, Damon Evans, and Zachary Leonard made up this year's team and ended up 2nd in the Contest. Kerr County won

the closely contested meet. Chelsey Lou Campbell was High pt. individual dropping only 11 pts. from a perfect score with 389 pts. Stella Ingham placed 4th with Damon Evans and Zachary Leonard providing strong scores. Congratulations to Chelsey Lou and all of the Sutton Co. 4-H judgers on a most successful year.

## Bats, Birds and Biking: Kickapoo Cavern State Park Now Open

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas - Visitors from as far away as Houston, Austin and San Antonio came out to enjoy the day's free activities at the grand opening of Kickapoo Cavern State Park on Saturday, marking the first day the park is open for full public access for recreation and overnight camping, after more

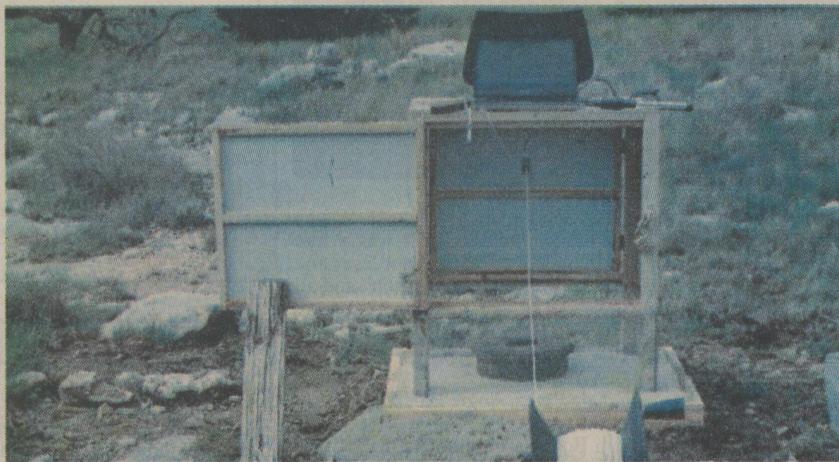
than 20 years of limited public visitation.

Highlighting the day's activities was the dedication of the Sargeant Memorial Trail, a hike and bike trail named in honor of the late Tommy Sargeant, former Kinney County Judge and rancher. The Sargeant family owned the property before selling it to

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, with the expressed intent that the public be able to access and enjoy the land. Today, the 6,300-acre park preserves three distinct ecoregions: the Texas Hill Country,

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## Groundwater Study Helps Predict The Future



One of the instruments the Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District downloading water level data from an In-Situ sensor.

By Ben D. Taylor

It would be easy to think of the Edwards Aquifer (the source of all our groundwater) as an underground storage tank. If that were the case, measuring the amount of water stored would be determined by subtracting the amount pumped out of the ground from the amount of water added by rainfall events. The problem becomes apparent once you realize that nature very rarely acts in a simple manner.

In order to plan for a desired future condition of our groundwater resource (as mandated

by the Texas Legislature), we first need to understand how the aquifer recharges itself which requires an understanding of the geology, hydrology, aquifer depth, soil type, topography, and vegetation (as well as many other factors) of eight different counties. Not only do scientists need to understand all these factors, but they need to understand how they interact with each other. The ultimate goal of putting this information together is to form a Groundwater Management Model (GAM), which is

nothing more than a mathematical formula that adds all these factors together to predict the amount of available groundwater. An oversimplified example would be if A is rainfall, B is soil type, and C is the aquifer level, then A+B=C.

In 2004 the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) came up with a model to predict the behavior of groundwater recharge for the Edwards Trinity Aquifer (covering 44,000 square miles). According to a re-



## Adult Enrichment Center: San Angelo Gives to Area Senior Citizens

By Gayla Thornton

Do you have a loved one living at home who is elderly or disabled and is unable to adequately care for themselves for extended periods of time? Do you find it difficult to manage your own life while tending to the care of others? Do you find a simple trip to San Angelo to run errands, attend doctor appointments, meet friends, or even have a nice meal out can be stressful when you have to worry about the care and comfort of your loved one at the same time?

Caring for a relative with a chronic illness or disability is a loving commitment many families fulfill each day. More and more people are finding themselves to be the primary caregivers for their parents, their children, and in some cases, even their grandchildren. The demands on their time and money can

be a difficult challenge to overcome. The alternatives to this care, nursing homes and home health care agencies, can be expensive on families. The Adult Enrichment Center in San Angelo provides some relief for these caregivers by offering day care services for their loved ones at a reasonable rate, and with donations by the public, the Center can provide these services free or at a reduced cost to many qualifying families.

The Adult Enrichment Center in San Angelo provides a safe and enriching daytime environment, outside the home, for adults who need an alternative setting or whose caregivers need respite. Many families don't want to place their loved ones in nursing home facilities, and home health agencies often provide

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port compiled for the Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District by the Southwest Research Institute, that 2004 model was supported by, "limited information". That model was revised in 2009 by the TWDB, but the researchers developing the revision admitted that there was a lack of information available on the western edge of the Edwards Trinity Aquifer. This prompted the Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District to commission a study (along with 7 other counties along the western edge of the Edwards Trinity Aquifer) to measure the accuracy of the 2004 model with the option of, "possibly replacing the use of the GAM during their process of designating desired future conditions appropriate for the western Edwards-Trinity Aquifer".

The comparison found that the recharge rates calculated for Menard, Val Verde, and Crockett Counties were comparable to what was predicted in the 2004 model, but the "uncertainty in the calculations remains high". The calculated recharge rates for Edwards, Kimble, Real, Schleicher, and Sutton coun-

ties were significantly higher than what was cited in the 2004 model. Much of the inaccuracy of the 2004 model was attributed to the fact that groundwater piracy was not accounted for.

Groundwater piracy occurs when the above ground flow of water moves in one direction, while groundwater flows in a different direction. For example, if a drop of water lands on the west side of the divide in Schleicher County it will move west above ground and is associated with that county's recharge rate. If that drop of water soaks deep enough into the ground it will move south adding to Sutton County's groundwater recharge rate. The 2004 model was over estimating the amount of recharge for the counties benefitting from groundwater piracy, indicating that a direct relationship between river discharge (as affected by rainfall) and aquifer recharge rates must be re-evaluated. Researchers compared the 2004 study in terms of predicted recharge rates across different levels of rain

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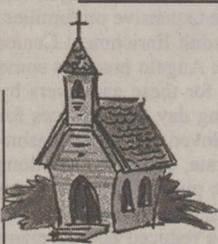
**Senior Center Activities**

- Thurs. June 17 - Happy Birthday *Sydonna Wilson*
- Fri. June 18 - Honor "Senior" Fathers @ noon
- Mon. June 21 - City Council 6 PM @ City Hall, Bingo
- Tues. June 22 - Exercise w/video
- Wed. June 23 - Happy Birthday *Maria Quiroz*

**Senior Center Menu**

- Thur. June 17 - Pork chops w/gravy, zucchini & tomato corn, tossed salad, rolls, mixed fruit, milk
- Fri. June 18 - BBQ brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, coleslaw, bread, cake, milk
- Mon. June 21 - Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onions, oven French fries, apples, milk
- Tues. June 22 - BBQ chicken, ranch style beans, milk, macaroni salad, cornbread, apricot banana mix
- Wed. June 23 - Beef liver w/onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, pecan pie, rolls, 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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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| <b>Lighthouse Community Church</b><br>1705 N. Crockett<br>387-9100                 | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E. Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E. Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
|  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366             |

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**Engagement Announcement**

**Petsinger/Wade**



Kylie Petsinger and Joe Wade

Michael and Lori Neubert of Langdon, ND, and Todd and Marie Petsinger of Hutchinson, MN, would like to announce the engagement of their children, Joe Wade and Kylie Petsinger.

Kylie is employed as an early interventionist in Infant Development. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from St. Cloud State University and is working on her master's degree at Minot State University. Kylie currently lives in Devils Lake, ND.

Joe is employed as a middle school and high school band teacher. He received his bachelor's degree in music education from the University of North Dakota. Joe currently lives in Devils Lake, ND. He is the grandson of Fannie Wade and the son of William Wade.

The couple's wedding is scheduled for July 24, 2010 at St. Anastasia's in Hutchinson, MN. They plan to make their home in Fargo, ND.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,  
Apathy is sinful. In St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 10 is the record of what is commonly known as the story of the Good Samaritan. This is also a story about apathy. The injured man was helpless, yet the priest and the Levite passed by on the other side. Only the Samaritan ministered to the injured man's needs. Some say, "I don't know anything about apathy, and I don't want to know about it."

We have recently had some important elections in Sonora. Fewer than 100 people even bothered to vote, but everyone wants to complain when things are not done the way they want things to be done. The city is calling for the election of a mayor in November. If we can't get people interested enough to vote, how can we get anyone interested in running for mayor?

I wish Jed Davenport and his family well as they move to Midland, but we will miss their contributions to Sonora. Come on citizens of Sonora; let's get interested in city government. See Patti at City Hall and sign up to run for mayor.

I would rather try and fail than not to try.

Smith Neal

**Thank You Note**

We would like to thank the Sonora Fire Department for their quick response on Wednesday, June 2 when lightning struck our shop. A special thank you to Rick and Maray Cearley for being so prompt.

Sincerely,  
Billie and Martha Martin

**Obituary**

**Myrtle A. Bridges**

Myrtle A. Bridges, age 101, of Hewitt, Texas, passed away Monday, June 14, 2010 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Waco, Texas. Graveside services were Wednesday, June 16, at the Stockton Family Cemetery near Bartlett, Texas. OakCrest Funeral Home of Waco, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Myrtle taught first grade classes in the Sonora ISD for 45 years before she retired.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Autrey Bridges. Friends may send a message to her family through the online guestbook available at www.oakcrestwaco.com OakCrest Funeral Home

**Attention Sonora Youth 7th grade -recent graduates**

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**First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School**



The First Baptist Church of Sonora, led by Pastor T. Wayne Price, held Vacation Bible School June 7-11. It was a true blessing to have all the children come to learn about Jesus and have great fun. The theme was "Saddle Ridge Ranch" and all the children became cowboys and cowgirls.

**2010 VBS Leaders**

- 4 Year**  
Louise Barlemann, Fela Perez, Angie Balentine
- 5 Year**  
Karen Fincher, Pam Bolt, Carole Ann Hardee, Morgan Vyvlecka, Morgan Badgett
- Kinder**  
Roy Jean Johnson, Nelda Yorba, Glenda Barton
- 1-2 Grade**  
Cheryl Locke, Anita Spiller, Ilene Stewart
- 3-5 Grade**  
Fay Price, Billie Renfro, Earline Grider, Savannah Leonard, Paula Gillit
- Crafts**  
Nelwyn Churchill, Becky Purvis, Cindy Colbath, Nancy Glasscock
- Worship Rally & Music**  
Tosha Halsted, Logan Smith, Alfonso Covarrubiaz
- Recreation**  
Matt Halsted, Morgan Smith, Tyler Gayanich
- Refreshments**  
Loma Surber, Terry Surrudge, Luan King, Derenda Ernst, Sondonia Pechacek, Danny Pechacek, Garrett Jaeger, Edgar Hermendas
- Decorations**  
Delyse Jaeger, Anita Spiller, Don Spiller, Garrett Jaeger
- Maintenance**  
Ruben Yorba
- Coordinator-Secretary**  
T. Wayne Price

*Although you've passed from this world  
And left my world in sorrow  
I know that I must go on  
And face this life tomorrow*

*Just when I think I'm content  
And well upon my way  
To dealing with your loss  
Along comes your birthday*

*Memories of birthdays past  
Hold my heart at bay  
I will find solace once again  
Until your next birthday*



We miss you,  
Becky, Leslie, Susie and family

**Happy Birthday!**

**June 17**  
John Jacob Galvan, Rosemary Dunn, Martin Gonzalez, Pat Hocutt, Shainah Johnson, Darla Titus

**June 18**  
Harold Luna, Patsy Velez, Bill Bacon, Brett Cypert, Freddy Virgen, Efrain Lopez

**June 19**  
Brandon Velez, Kate Martin, Becky Lumbreras, Zare Santana, Gunter Pennington, Sandra Mesa

**June 20**  
Jan Northcott, Tony Renfro, Maria Elena Espinosa, Jordan Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Gerry Ingham

**June 21**  
Morgan Smith, Callie Allison Moore, Justin Bentay

**June 22**  
Virgil Burge, Brandon McGavock, Pam Munn

**June 23**  
Milton Black III, Manuel Patlan, Charlie Johnson, Bryan Reyes

# Lions Roar



Submitted by Frank Wamble

Never a dull moment at your Lions Club! Let's start out with the return of the Lions Club Queen, Keeli Taylor. We said goodbye at our last meeting but, lo and behold, she was back for a visit and we were all tickled to have her. We have two anniversaries that are special, Betty and Rev. (Judge) Jim Stephan celebrate 45 years together and Sue and yours truly (President/Councilman Frank Wamble) celebrate our Golden 50th Anniversary on June 19. We wish these distinguished Sonora Lions and their Ladies a Happy Anniversary and many many more!!!

Preparations are complete for the National Wool Show on June 17 at the Civic Center. Your Lions Club will serve a fine luncheon menu prepared by Ronnie Wipff (Wack Shack Catering) as well as sponsor the award ribbons. Reverend Jerry Jackson is the Lions Project Manager for this event.

We had a special lady at our program last week. I like to refer to her as THE SONORA TOP CHEERLEADER and YELL LEADER, Ann Kay updated the club on the Main Street activities as well as The Texas Historical Society's new responsibility with Texas Forts. I would like to expound on all of Ann's effort on behalf of Sonora but space does not permit it. Suffice to say, she is decisively engaged promoting Sonora throughout the state. Among other things on her plate is the 3rd US Marine Division's Texas Chapter Reunion here in October. Thanks Ann, for all you do!!!

The Lion's Children's Camp is underway. This Camp is for Disabled and Diabetic children 7- 16 years. For information contact Col (ret) Pete Bradley 325.387.6282.

Next on the Agenda is the installation of newly elected officers in next weeks column.  
Go BRONCOS and SHOP SONORA!

# First National Bank Popcorn Proceeds



Sutton County EMS Received First National Bank's Popcorn Contribution for June. Tonya Brown (First National Bank) Presented The Check To Rose Butler and Erica Favela (Sutton County EMS)

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Submitted

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# F.Y.I.

Lighthouse Community Church- Antique Childrens Pictures, July 16-17, 2010, \$10.00 for an 8x10, FMI call Brooke Knight at 757-375-3241.

Volleyball Camp with ASU Head Volleyball Coach Chuck Waddington. Join ASU Head Volleyball Coach Chuck Waddington for an all skills volleyball camp right here in Sonora!! July 6th, 7th and 8th at Sonora High School Gym. Elementary/Middle School 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, High School 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information contact Greta Ramsdell at greta.ramsdell@sonoraisd.net or by phone at 325/206-0142

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1st at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

Sutton County Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Auction/Banquet will be Saturday, September 18, 2010. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!

PARADE FOR LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION--If you would like to be in the parade for La Elliott School Reunion, on Sept. 11, 2010, please contact Ernesto Barrera at 512-961-9709-cell or 325-387-5480-home.

Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni. Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonoratx.net or by calling 325-206-0830. Everyone is encouraged to submit names. A committee is being put together to organize LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION and also to place a historical marker where the school stood. If you have any information or questions please contact us.

La Elliott School Commemorative Poetry Contest- Open for all Sonora Middle and High School Students. Adults are also welcome to participate. No Entry Fee. Poetry should be your own and can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Submit one poem of no more than 20 lines with a maximum of 150 words, in any form on the personal experiences of former L.W. Elliott School Alumni, provided that the poem content is not vulgar/offensive. **Deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010.** Please include your name and grade level. Winners will be announced September 16. Please submit poems to Delia Samaniego: the\_twins@verizon.net or FMI Call 325-226-0666.

L.W. Elliott (La Elliott) School Reunion will be Sept. 10-11, 2010. Registration will start Sept. 10, with a ceremony on Sept. 11, the unveiling of the Historical Marker and a parade. Please plan to attend these two days for this Historical Event in Sonora, TX.

Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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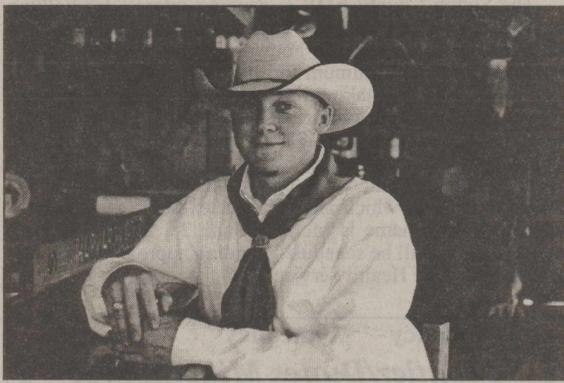
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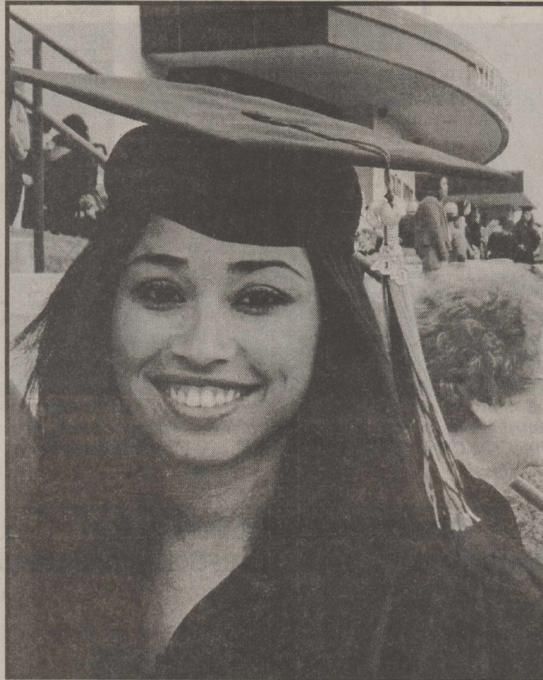
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## Turney Graduates from Texas A&M



Charles Jack Turney graduated from Texas A&M University, May 14th, 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. While attending Texas A&M Jack served as TAMU Student Chapter of the Texas Wildlife Society Publicity Chair / Webmaster, President of Texas A&M Soil and Water Conservation Society, and Treasurer for the TAMU Range Club. He is currently attending graduate school at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas and working as a research assistant to Dr. Louis A. Harveson. Jack graduated from Sonora High School as an honor graduate in 2006. He is the son of Jody and Mary Beth Luttrell and Paul and Stacy Turney.

## Hernandez Graduates from ASU



We are proud to announce the graduation of Kristina Hernandez from Angelo State University. On May 15, 2010, Kristina received her Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Finance with Real Estate Option. While enrolled at ASU Kristina was part of the Dean's List for several semesters and finished her final semester with a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations Kristina! We are so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Reggie

## Krieg Named First Team All State Softball



Cassie Krieg was selected TGCA 1st Team All-State Softball 2010. She earned a 1<sup>st</sup> Team selection all 4 years of high school.

She was also selected to the Standard Times All West Texas Team

and asked to play in the TGCA East vs West All

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Trans-Pecos and South Texas Brush Country.

"I think this is an extraordinary realization of Judge Seargeant's vision to see this property transformed to a state park, particularly for the folks of Kinney County," said TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith. "He had a lot of pride in this part of Texas, and he wanted to protect it so that the people here could always enjoy it. Tommy Seargeant was a friend of my family for some 15 years, and my only regret is that he was not here to see it. But I have no doubt that he was looking down on us today."

Visitors who ventured out to the grand opening at Kickapoo Cavern, located some 22 miles outside the town of Brackettville, enjoyed hiking tours, birding tours, plant and nature walks, archaeology exhibits, mountain biking and wild cave tours of Kickapoo Cavern.

The day closed with a bat flight viewing at Stuart Bat Cave, one of some 20 caves located inside the park, where hundreds of thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats emerge at dusk for their nightly hunting trip for insects during warm weather months.

For more information, contact Kickapoo Cavern State Park at (830) 563-2342, or visit the park's Web site at [www.texas-stateparks.org](http://www.texas-stateparks.org).



## A Trail for a Trailblazer

Members of the Seargeant family were on hand for the grand opening of Kickapoo Cavern State Park, and the dedication of the Seargeant Memorial Trail, named in honor of the late Tommy Seargeant, a renowned Kinney County judge and rancher who owned the land before selling it to TPWD to become the park. Pictured here are David Seargeant of Brackettville (left), Nell Seargeant Walker of College Station (middle) and Tommy D. Seargeant of Buda as they unveil the memorial bronze plaque at the trailhead. Other members of the Seargeant family traveled from as far as Tennessee, Florida and Virginia to be here for the opening, and a family reunion dinner held in nearby Fort Clark (TPWD photo by Bryan Frazier).

## A Farmers Divorce

A farmer walked into an attorney's office wanting to file for a divorce. The attorney asked, "May I help you?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I

want to get one of those divorces."

The attorney said, "Well do you have any grounds?"

The farmer said, "Yea, I got about 140 acres." The attorney said, "No, you don't understand. Do you have a case?"

The farmer said, "No, I don't have a Case, but I have a John Deere."

The attorney said, "No you don't understand. I mean do you have a grudge?"

The farmer said, "Yea I got a grudge, that's where I park my John Deere."

The attorney said, "No sir, I mean do you have a suit?"

The farmer said, "Yes sir, I got a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays."

The exasperated attorney said, "Well sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?"

The farmer said, "No sir, we both get up about 4:30."

Finally, the attorney says, "Okay, let me put it this way. WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?"

And the farmer says, "Well, I can never have a meaningful conversation



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## Oil & Agribusiness

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# Time to Beat Mesquite

Submitted By  
Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



It's that time of year. Mesquite enjoyed good growing conditions this spring, and they've really benefited. So for those of you who have a mesquite control plan in mind- it's time.

The mesquite tree is one of the toughest, most invasive species of brush in the world. It thrives across the western two-thirds of Texas, both in rural pastures and on urban lots. There is a three step way to control mesquite that is easy, inexpensive, environmentally responsible, and effective. Using these "Brush Busters" methods, which involve spraying a small, but potent, concentration of herbicide directly on each plant, you will be able to keep the mesquites and other trees and shrubs you want and get rid of those you don't.

Professionals with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas AgriLife Extension Service have developed and approved these three-step "Brush Busters" methods of mesquite control. Your results may vary with weather and other conditions, but you should be able to knock out more than 7 of 10 mesquites treated.

"Brush Busters" recommends two ways to control mesquite, depending upon tree shape.

The first is known as the Leaf Spray Method. It works best on mesquites that are bushy, have many stems at ground

level, and are less than 8 feet tall. This method has also been known as high-volume foliar spraying. Begin treatment in spring, when mesquite leaves change color from a light pea green to a uniform dark green, and throughout the summer.

The second method is known as the Stem Spray Method. It works best for control of relatively young mesquite trees that have smooth bark and few basal stems, those slim trunks emerging from the ground. The method has been known for years as the low-volume, basal stem treatment technique. What's new is that demonstrations have shown excellent results using much less herbicide, making it much more economical. When to apply? Anytime during the year, although best results occur during spring-summer growing season.

Whichever way you choose, with these simple directions, you'll find you can successfully control your mesquites. Just be sure that the trees are a dark, green color and actively growing. Drought stress can reduce chemical efficacy.

A third treatment, known as the cut-stump method, is also available. For application instructions, you can come by the Sutton County Extension Office for a "Brush Busters" publication or visit our website at [HTTP://sutton-co.tamu.edu](http://sutton-co.tamu.edu). Click on the "Links" tab, then "Range Management" and select "How To Beat Mesquite".

fall over an 80 year period, and found that its level of accuracy depends on the amount of annual rainfall.

It was found that in the 80 years of rainfall data (in the 8 county study area), "10, 20, and 30 percent reductions in precipitation occurred approximately 40, 30, and 20 percent of the time during 1920-2000". That means over a period of 10 years we can expect to have 10% less rainfall in 4 of those years. The 2004 study predicted a much lower recharge rate for all counties (except Val Verde and Crockett) at a 10% reduction in rainfall. When the rainfall decreases by 20% the recharge rates for Sutton, Edwards, and Schleicher counties were much lower than what were predicted by the 2004 model (at 30% all counties had lower recharge rates than predicted by the model). This implies that 40% of the time (10% less rainfall) the 2004 model underestimates the amount of groundwater recharge, and 50% of the time it overestimates the amount of groundwater recharge (those periods where annual rainfall is reduced by 20 and 30%).

After evaluating several other factors affecting groundwater recharge the study determined that, "Crockett and Val Verde counties are most vulnerable to drought because recharge is negligible when precipitation is reduced

to less than 16-17 inches per year. Menard County is also vulnerable to drought because it has minimal opportunity to store groundwater due to the limited thickness of the aquifer in Menard County. Conversely, Real, Edwards, Kimble, and to a lesser degree, Sutton Counties are least vulnerable to drought because they receive greater amounts of precipitation and their groundwater catchment areas limits beyond the extents of their surface watersheds [they benefit from groundwater piracy]".

It was suggested that any plan of the future conditions of the Western Edwards-Trinity Aquifer should be shaped to fit the unique characteristics of each particular district. The continual use of a generalized model to estimate recharge rates (i.e. the 2004 model covering 44,000 square miles) has been clearly demonstrated that, "the water resources of the Edwards Plateau are not adequately characterized".

Sutton County Underwater Conservation District General Manager Jim Polonis commented that, "this study is an important tool for us to use in order to start making better estimates of the future conditions of our groundwater resources."

## A Poker Player Bluffs: He Gets Away With It

An inveterate poker player, whose wife always complained of his late hours, stayed out even later than usual one night and tells in the following way of his attempt to get in unnoticed:

"I slipped off my shoes at the front steps, pulled off my clothes in the hall, slipped into the bedroom, and began to slip into bed with the ease of experience.

"My wife has a dog that on cold nights insists on jumping in the bed with us. So when I began to slide under the covers she stirred in her sleep and pushed me on the head. "Get down, Fido, get down!" she said.

The poker player then had the presence of mind to lick her hand, and she dozed off again!

God writes a lot of comedy... the trouble is, he's stuck with so many bad actors who don't know how to play funny.

-Garrison Keillor

## Deadline Approaching for Entry to Win Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License

AUSTIN – This Father's Day forgo the gaudy neckties and register to win a gift for dad that will never go out of style – a lifetime of free hunting and fishing in Texas.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is offering outdoors enthusiasts in Texas another chance to enter the Lifetime License Drawing for a chance to win a lifetime Super Combo hunting and fishing license. The drawing will take place on June 30, but entries for the drawing must be purchased by midnight of June 27. Entries for the lifetime Super Combo license – a \$1,800 value – are only \$5.

This license package will permanently exempt the lucky winner from having to purchase new state hunting and fishing licenses each year. The winner, however, is not exempt from the Federal Duck Stamp Requirement.

All proceeds from the drawing will go toward the department's on-the-ground

conservation efforts. More than 10,000 entrants registered for the first drawing, raising more than \$48,000 for TPWD conservation programs.

"The money helps keep Texas a great place to hunt and fish," TPWD marketing coordinator Carly Montez said.

Entries can be purchased anywhere Texas hunting and fishing license are sold or online at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/licenses/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/licenses/). Participants can also buy an entry over the phone by calling 1 (800) TX LIC 4 U (895-4248).

Only Texas residents are eligible to win the Lifetime License. Participants may purchase as many entries as they like, and the winner may also give the license as a gift to a friend or family member who is also a Texas resident. For more information on rules and to find a local retailer where you can purchase an entry, visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/lifetime](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/lifetime).



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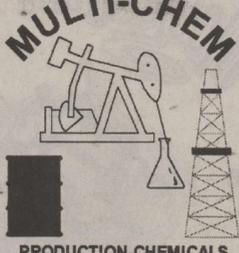
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## No summer Slow-Down for Central Texas insects

UVALDE — Insects with strange names like red katydids, false chinch bugs and cicada killers are among the pesky critters popping up in surprising numbers throughout South and Central Texas this summer, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"From late spring to the present, AgriLife Extension entomologists and integrated pest management specialists have been receiving reports of red Central Texas leaf-katy-

dids in Medina, Comal, Bexar and Real counties", said Noel Troxclair, AgriLife Extension entomologist at the AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde.

"While masses of red katydids can damage trees, especially the canopies of oaks, as well as cause consternation and aural irritation to many Central Texas residents, they do not tend to inflict much long-term damage on the areas they choose for their summer home", he said.

Central Texas leaf-katydid look similar to grasshoppers and are from 1.3-1.7 inches in length with forewings that are broad near the tips and slightly convex, forming a cup around the abdomen. They are sometimes called "long-horn grasshoppers" because of their long, sturdy antennae. Katydid produce a sound by rubbing their forewings together, and during population outbreaks, masses of them generate a loud, raspy, pulsating whine that continues night and day.

"The Central Texas leaf-katydid is an arboreal or tree-dwelling species found mostly in oaks," Troxclair said. "Large populations of them can decimate oak tree canopies and swarm over property, though they're mostly considered a nuisance or annoyance."

Troxclair said he witnessed the previous explosion of Central Texas leaf-katydid in 2007 and remembered a large bottomland area near Pearsall where the rapacious insects had completely defoliated hundreds of live oaks. During that year, outbreaks were reported in Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Hays, Kendall, and Medina counties.

One of this year's most serious reports came from the Kane family of Hondo.

"A few weeks ago, red katydids started swarming all over my house and property," said Janelle Kane. "At first there were hundreds on the side of my house, then they finally moved into the trees and now they've spread all over a 50- to 60-acre area around us."

Kane said the katydids have gotten into her shed, crawled under her patio and "found their way into almost every nook and cranny" of her home's exterior.

"When their noise finally stops for a brief time, we can actually hear them eating the leaves on our oak trees," she said. "They've jumped on both me and my kids, and now my kids are scared to go near them. Besides that, with so many of them dying around us, they smell just awful."

Troxclair said katydids are sturdy insects and insecticides for their control would depend on their location such as home landscape, pasture, forested area, etc., and the recommendations and directions noted on the pesticide's label. Insecticides containing acetamiprid, carbaryl, indoxacarb, malathion, phosmet and spinosad would be labeled in most situations and provide some level of control.

"We've also gotten reports of false chinch bugs in Guadalupe and Medina counties," said Troxclair. "These are a sucking bug related to the chinch bug, but are of a different genus. They tend to do the most damage to row crops, as well as rangeland and brushland with a lot of winter annuals, which is where they prefer to breed."

He said the insect prefers wild mustards, breeding on numerous species in the mustard family including Virginia pepperweed and shepherd's purse, but also feeds on other winter annuals.

Troxclair said adults are a gray-brown with translucent wings and approximately the size of an uncooked grain of rice, but the late instar immatures are responsible for the majority of the crop damage done in Texas.

"As the winter annuals dry down in the summer forcing these large new populations of false chinch bugs to migrate, they can move into small row crop stands and destroy them, basically sucking them dry," he said.

Troxclair said reports of false chinch bugs usually come from rural and semi-rural areas, but sometimes they can migrate onto residential property where they can damage landscape plants and lawns.

"Malathion is an effective

pesticide for row-crop farmers to use against the insect, he said, and pyrethroids also typically do a good job of controlling them. But again it is important to read the pesticide labels carefully for proper application rates and information."

"We've been getting a number of calls about cicada killers, especially about the holes the cicada killers make in the ground," said Wizzie Brown, integrated pest management specialist at the AgriLife Extension office in Travis County.

"Many people panic when they see large wasps flying low over their yard at this time of year and spot holes in the yard or flower beds surrounded by small piles of dirt", she said.

"But these wasps are cicada killers and aren't anything to panic over," Brown said. "The males can be aggressive and buzz near people, but males are unable to sting. While the females are capable of stinging, they are rarely aggressive towards humans or animals."

Cicada killers are about 1.5 inches long with a reddish-brown head and thorax and a

black abdomen with yellow markings, and their wings have a rusty tinge. Females dig burrows in the ground and use them as nesting areas.

Females sting and paralyze cicadas, then take them back to their burrow to lay eggs on them. When the eggs hatch, the larvae feed upon the cicada carcass.

"Cicada killers usually do not warrant any control methods", Brown said.

"They are actually beneficial insects that help to reduce populations of cicadas," she said. "But if you feel that you must do something to manage them, you can sprinkle insecticidal dust around the opening of the burrow."

Troxclair and Brown also noted an increase in reports in Central Texas of caterpillars they have identified as salt marsh caterpillars. They agreed while the caterpillars are not yet a significant issue, the moths they will produce in weeks to come could create problems for home gardens and area cotton producers as cotton is a preferred host.

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limited daily nursing care. The Center's services include up to ten hours of daily life enrichment, activities and entertainment, socialization, transportation, meals, showers, and nursing care.

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The Adult Enrichment Center relies heavily on public support, and to help raise money to serve more families, the Center is hosting its first annual fundraiser event, "Under the Texas Sky." The proceeds from this event will help provide our services for the people who cannot afford them. This exciting event will include a silent auction, barbeque dinner, and live

entertainment featuring Biscuits O'Bryan, Mike Andress, Annalon Gilbreath, members of the Twin Mountain Tonesmen, and the Stace Ogle Band. Each will be performing either cowboy storytelling or cowboy/campfire songs — under the Texas sky. The event will be held June 26, 2010 on the lawn of the Adult Enrichment Center. Tickets may be purchased at Mr. Boots, Barbed Wire & Roses, Myers Drug, Nacho's, the Adult Enrichment Center, from any board member, or at the door.

The Adult Enrichment Center is located at 6146 Appaloosa Trail behind the San Angelo Banking Center (First National Bank of Sonora) across from Sam's on Sherwood Way. Appointments and walk-ins are both welcome, and the Center's staff is eager to help your loved one feel at home while you are away. For more information, you can contact the Center at 325-942-9253. The Adult Enrichment Center wants you to be able to live your own life while ensuring a good life for the ones you care for.

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## Gov. Perry: EPA Action Would Kill Texas Jobs, Derail Air Quality Progress

DEER PARK – Gov. Rick Perry today was joined by local government and business leaders to decry Washington's latest attempt to extend federal control over the state's authority, an action that would undermine Texas' successful clean air programs and cost the state thousands of jobs. Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its efforts to take over Texas' federally delegated, successful Title V permitting program, and replace it with a less effective Washington-based, bureaucratic led, command and control mandate.

"Last week, the federal government sent the very clear message that it seeks to destroy Texas' successful clean air program and threaten tens of thousands of good Texas jobs in the process. The EPA seems to believe that federal controls and bureaucracy are more important than clean air results," Gov. Perry said. "Texas' common-sense approach to air quality permitting works because it avoids the damage caused by Washington's command and control approach, while cleaning the air, helping create jobs and growing our state economy."

In response to the EPA's announcement last week, Gov. Perry sent a letter urging President Barack Obama to stop the agency's excessive overreach into Texas' permitting process, which would kill thousands of Texas jobs and derail a program that has effectively cleaned Texas' air.

"I am eager to get back to the drawing board and have constructive, law and science based discussions with EPA, discussions that should have

been finished 16 years ago" Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Executive Director Mark Vickery said.

The air Texans breathe today is significantly cleaner than it was in 2000. As Texas added much of the nation's job, population and economic growth, the Texas clean air program achieved a 22 percent reduction in ozone and a 46 percent decrease in NOx emissions, compared to an eight percent reduction in national ozone levels and a 27 percent reduction in national NOx levels between 2000 and 2008. Additionally, no county in Texas is in nonattainment for fine particulate matter, one of the pollutants with the greatest impact on human health.

"The Houston Port Region's petrochemical industry employs more than 30,000 direct jobs and an additional 300,000 in indirect jobs, Chad Burke, president/CEO of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region said. "If we allow the EPA to chase the 30,000 jobs away, the 300,000 jobs will follow."

Texas is a national leader in reducing emissions and known pollutants and advancing renewable energy sources, all while remaining a leader in the nation's energy production. We have successfully balanced the need for environmental improvements with fostering economic growth, new investment and job creation. Texas continues to advance new, clean energy technology by using market incentives and stable regulation, not costly mandates and taxes.

## Three Receive Eagle Scout Honors



Left to Right-Lewis Allen (left) stands with Michael Stevens, Tyler Creek, and Manny Paredes as they receive their honors.



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Scientists at NASA have developed a gun built specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains.

Arrangements were made. But when the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, crashed through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin.

Horrified Britons sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield, and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions. NASA's response was just one sentence: "Thaw the chicken."