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THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



On June 29 and 30th spectators and cowboys alike braved the scorching heat to take part in the Sutton County Days Pro Rodeo. Make sure to pick up a copy of next weeks Devil's River News for the complete results!

An Amazon Critter Carnival



By Ben D. Taylor

The Sonora High School Auditorium was turned into a steamy jungle (complete with all kinds of dancing critters) on June 10th during the Second Annual Sonora Academy of Arts recital.

Academy Director Lizzie Chavez commented, "I could not be more proud of my students and the community for making this recital the best it could be." The recital is the culmination of a year long

process where Ms. Chavez instructs her students in different kinds of dance techniques, "We start our classes in August and offer Ballet, Tap, Jazz and even Hip Hop. I love putting on a recital because it gives the girls a chance to really show everyone what they have learned all year long"

This year's recital seemed to have a little bit of everything from tap dancing monkeys to graceful ballet dancing jewels. Chavez is already working towards next year's dance sea-

son, "I have already started bouncing ideas for next years recital off of people, and I think we have an idea of what were going to do"

The Sonora Academy of Arts will be having a registration drive for new (and previous students) in Sonora on July 16th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and in Ozona on July 23rd 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. If you know young aspiring dancer make sure they show up at registration!

Annual County/City Paving Project Completed

Seal Coating of certain City streets has been completed for the year. The project was chosen to seal many of the City streets where new sewer and water infrastructure was recently finished. The streets were patched, seal coated, and graveled.

The area served started over near the swimming pool around Glasscock Street and continued on toward Hwy. 277 S. All of the streets around St. Ann's Catholic Church and Liberty Part were included.

The City and the County have had a long standing agreement designed to get some of the City streets seal coated on an annual basis. The

agreement calls for the City to pay the County for the County Road and Bridge employee's wages and fringe benefits for the time they are working on the City streets. The City also pays the County a reasonable fee for the use of each piece of County equipment. The City pays for its own material.

This allows the City taxpayer to get the advantage of the high level of paving expertise the County Road and Bridge employees have developed over the years. This gives the City more control of the product we get and also keeps most of the money close to home. Funding for these projects comes from the Street Main-

tenance Tax which was approved in past years by city voters. This tax can only be used for street repairs and maintenance.

We have received many well deserved compliments on the quality of work done by the County and City crews on this project. I think it is a good thing when the County Road and Bridge crew comes into the city so everyone can see the high level of their paving ability. The fact is that Sutton County is well known for having the best county roads of any rural county in Texas.

Charlie Graves,
City Manager

New Queens Reign Over Sutton County



The new 2012-2013 Miss Sutton County Sidney Dermody (left) poses with the newly crowned Lions Club Queen Jacinda Sanchez (right)



Little Miss (Jayla Williams) and Little Mr Sutton County (Conner Gill) were all smiles at Sutton County Days.

By: Donna Garrett

Well another year of Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo has come and gone! It amazes me how much time and effort goes into this wonderful community event, then the next day the park is cleaned and looks like nothing ever happened. Thank you to all that helped, participated and came and enjoyed the wonderful event. Congratulations to the Sutton County T-shirt winners, Jay Chavarria, Keesha Moss and Yolanda Avila. We would like to congratulate the new Miss Sutton County, Sidney Dermody and also the new Lions Club Queen, Jacinda Sanchez. These two young ladies will represent Sonora very well and we look forward to working with them. I would like to congratulate our new Little Miss Sutton County, Jayla Williams and the new Little Mr. Sutton County, Conner Gill. This year we had our first annual baking contest and Reagan O'Brien won 1st place with her Honey and Almond Nougat Ganache Cupcake, 1st place with her lemon pie was Tammie Tidwell, 1st place with a S'more Cake was Jennifer Ricks and 2nd place for her Lemon Pound Cake was Tammie Tidwell, 1st place in presentation was Marisol Rodriguez with her German chocolate boot cake. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for participating. The parade was as great as ever with the following winners; Best Theme went to The Bank & Trust, Most Original was the float with the 2011 Miss Sutton County, and the 2011 Little Miss Sutton County Caitlynn Ramirez and 2011 Little Mr. Sutton County Hollis Snyder, the Best Overall went to Sutton County Friends of the NRA. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone that participated. We will have a lot of photos from the event in our next newsletter. If you currently do not receive it just go to www.sonoratexas.org and register to receive it. If you do not have internet access just call the chamber at 325-387-2880.

Senior Center Activities

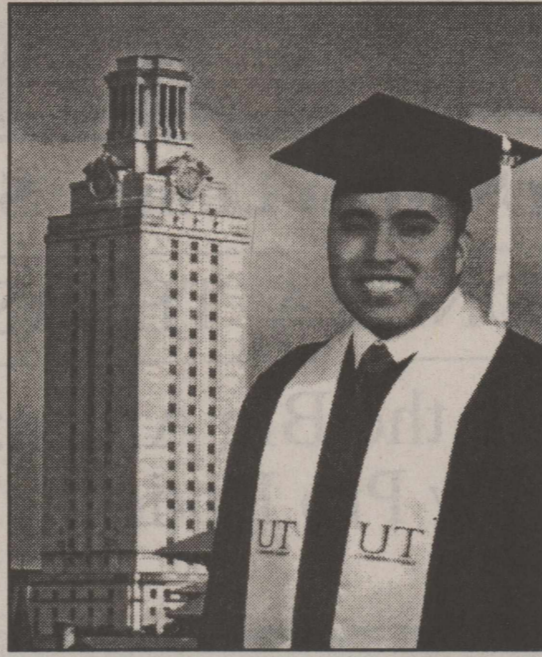
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Senior Center Menu

Thurs. July 5 -
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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).

Perez Receives Bachelor's Degree



Marcus Alan Perez graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on May 18, 2012. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Liberal Arts majoring in Religious Studies and minoring in History. Throughout his college career, he was active in LULAC, Texas Latin Dance, Destino, Via and Alpha Psi Lambda National Inc.

Upon becoming active in the co-ed fraternity, Marcus held various positions such as Community Service Chair, Social Chair, Associate Member Educator and he served as President his senior year. During Presidency, Marcus contributed to the fraternity's winning of a Tower Award, commending them for their superb community service event, Down Syndrome Awareness Week.

His strong leadership skills landed him a job with City Year San Antonio for this upcoming school year, where he will be placed in a low performing middle or high school to tutor and encourage students that are at risk of dropping out. After his year with City Year, Marcus plans to return to the university and work towards his Masters and Doctorates to become a professor of Religious Studies. Marcus would like to thank God, his parents for all their love and support throughout his education, his family and all who had a positive impact on helping him get where he is today.

Thank You Note

Thank you to all our wonderful neighbors and friends that helped us through our time of loss. A special thanks to all those that provided the delicious meal after the service. God Bless you all.

The family of Delores Adams

David Smith Attains State Bar 50 Year Mark

Local attorney David Smith was among a number of Texas attorneys honored recently by The State Bar of Texas for 50 years of service as an attorney in Texas.

David moved to Sonora from Rockport, Texas, in the spring of 2006 with his wife, Betty Fields Smith, after closing his Corpus Christi practice of 40 years and his satellite office in Rockport. They live in the former John and Odessa Fields home within the John David Fields ranch.

David still does a moderate amount of law practice from his home and also works four days a week in the Sutton County Historical Society archives and manning the Old Ice House Ranch Museum where he helps bring local history alive for local residents and for the tourists that visit Sonora.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Here is a breakdown of our step by step procedure for placing water mains and services. Water mains are placed generally as close to the engineers plan as possible however changes sometimes have to be made and are referred to as field changes. Once the new water mains are being placed, we also install all valves and fire hydrants that are noted on plans as well as any the city desires to install. Once this has been accomplished then the services are placed next and in order to accomplish this, the water main is exposed and a saddle is placed on the main and a poly service line is ran from main to the meter. Once all of this has taken place, then we connect to an existing source of water and the new water main is loaded or filled to capacity with treated water. In the process of the water main placement additional chlorine has been added to ensure the new pipe has been properly sanitized. After this loading of the new main has been accomplished it is allowed to sit for 24 hours. Once the sanitation period is up then the line is flushed to remove excess chlorine to a level suitable to the City's requirements.

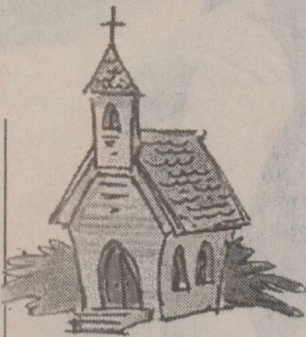
Next, we pressure test the new main and services with a 4 hour test at 150 PSI. Once the City inspector has witnessed that pressure has been maintained for the required amount of time the line is flushed some more and a chlorine residual test is done by a City employee and after he is satisfied that the level is within the City's requirement as well as TCEQ's then a bacteria sample is drawn and taken to a lab in San Angelo. The lab receives the sample and that very day is put on a 24 hour test, the time that the sample goes to test is strictly up to the lab. After 24 hours, the lab contacts us with the results and if the results are negative for bacteria present then the new services are connected to existing meters and clean-up of the customers property is done. Once all new services are connected, any water main tie-ins or connect to existing is performed as well as any kill-outs or cut and cap of water mains to be abandoned also occurs.

Compaction testing can now commence, there is only X amount of funds available for this testing so it is recommended that around 2000 feet of ditch be made available so that the funds will reach till the end of the project. After all requirements for moisture and compaction have been met then asphalt repair can begin, as long as no adverse weather conditions hinder this process. I hope this clarifies the length of time it takes from start to finish for placement of just 2000 feet of water mains and services as well as valves and fire hydrants. Of course once rock is encountered an unknown amount of time is always added to this figure.

Hopefully, this will explain the time procedure.

Thanks,
 Charlie Grave
 City Manager

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Proud grandparents are Mike and Janey Dillard of Sonora, TX and Darrell and Patti Barker of Hutto, TX. Her great grandparents are Byerl Dillard of Sonora, TX and Danny and Linda Barker of Brownstown, IL. Uncles Dustin and Jeremy of Dallas, TX and Uncle Don and Aunt Nina of Sonora, TX.

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Capital Farm Credit Announces Board of Director Election Results

Sonora, Texas — Two incumbents and two new nominees were recently elected to the Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors. They include, Dan Henard- High Plains Region, Carl Sample- Coastal Bend Region, Ronnie Riddle- At-Large position #1 and Dr. Larry Boleman- At-Large position #8.

The Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors is made up of 19 stockholder-elected directors and 2 director-elected directors, each serving a four-year term. Capital's Board members are the governing voice of the Association, acting to represent the best interests of the Association's shareholders. Capital Farm Credit's Board members regularly participate in director development programs and trainings in addition to attending scheduled board and committee meetings throughout the year.

As the largest rural lending cooperative in Texas, Capital Farm Credit has 95 years of experience providing agricultural financing to farmers, ranchers and other rural property owners and agribusinesses. You can explore www.CapitalFarmCredit.com for more information about the Association's governance, loan products and services or office locations.

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July 4 - Boerne, TX: July 4 Fireworks Show
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July 4 - Lakehills, TX: Fourth of July Parade and Barbecue
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July 4 - New Braunfels, TX: Fourth of July Parade
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What To Know When Choosing Health Care Providers For Your Family

(StatePoint) Nothing is more important than the health of your family. So when it comes to selecting the right health care providers, it is vital to do careful research and come up with the right choices for you and your loved ones.

When it comes to selecting a doctor, most of us are very particular and know what to look for. Things aren't necessarily so clear when it comes to selecting other types of health practitioners, such as health care providers, rehab facilities, long-term care facilities and others.

"It's always important to equip yourself with some background knowledge and to use it to ask plenty of ques-

tions of any potential health provider or facility that will be treating you or a family member," says Paul Grace, President and CEO of the non-profit National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT).

The experts at the NBCOT recommend these tips as you search for a certified health care provider:

- Ask if he or she is certified, and if so, by what board or authority. Certification and accreditation are designed to ensure that health professionals are qualified, capable, and prepared to perform the required services.
- Request documentation to

confirm certification.

- Question the provider about his or her level of education, training and experience in the desired field.

- Inquire about any specialty certifications or other skills that might apply to your needs.

- Ask for references and perform independent research to determine suitability to provide the care.

Finding the right rehabilitation or long-term care facility in the event of an injury or ailment is just as important as finding a health care provider. Always make sure facilities provide evidence that they are qualified to perform designated clinical activities and have met certain quality standards.

- Ask management if the facil-

ity is currently accredited, and if so, by what board or authority.

- Ask to see relevant documentation to confirm its commitment to excellence and evaluation.

- Ask about how the quality of care is measured and monitored by the facility.

- Check the benchmarks by which the facility is compared to on the regional and national level.

- Review client satisfaction surveys and perform independent research on each potential facility.

When it comes to the health of your family, you don't want to cut any corners. Make sure you cover all bases and provide your family with the care they deserve.

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Get Ready For Summer Cycling

Whether you're a casual rider or a serious cyclist, there are some important steps to take before you hit the trails and streets this summer.

If it's been awhile since you last used your bike, you may want to do a quick tune-up to ensure it's in great shape for riding. Check for loose parts, inflate your tires, and lube the chain. Ensure your quick release levers on your wheels are closed and that your brakes work.

Don't leave the house without testing your rear and front lights. You don't want to be caught after dark without working lights.

Now your bike is ready for an outing! Don't forget to wear a helmet, apply plenty of sunscreen, and keep yourself hydrated.

F.Y.I.

Farmer's Market will be at the corner of Concho and Main St. every Tuesday from 7:00AM - until sold out.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 5th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 15, 2012. Your support is appreciated!

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Sonora Lions are ready to sponsor our youth who are disabled or who have TYPE 1 diabetes to attend a 1 week camp. For more information contact Col. Pete Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Lion. Further information on all Lions Camps is online @ Texas Lions Camp. Camp dates are in June for disabled and July diabetes.

Art Classes the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Stricklan 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

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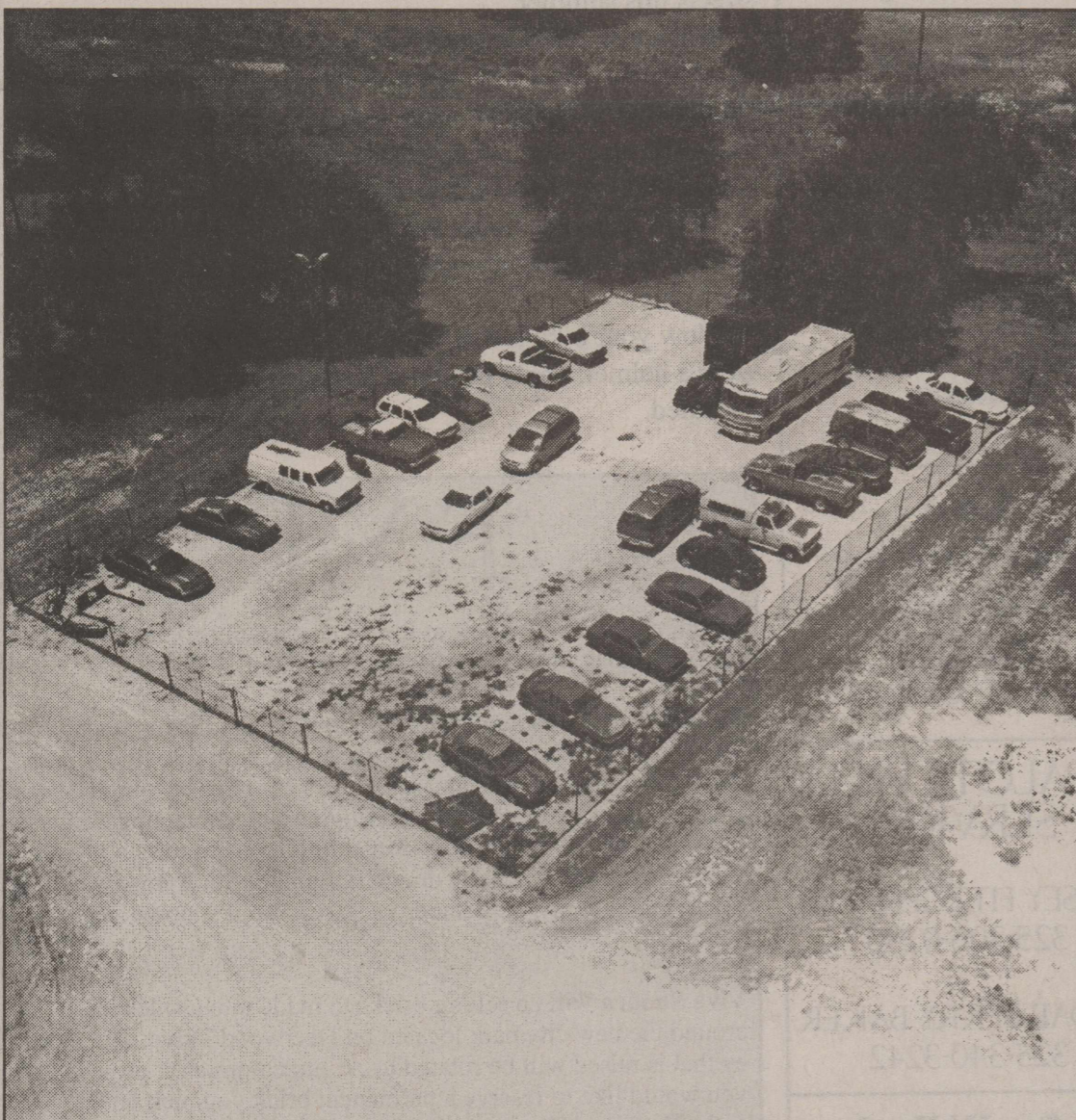
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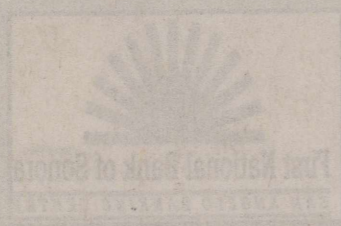
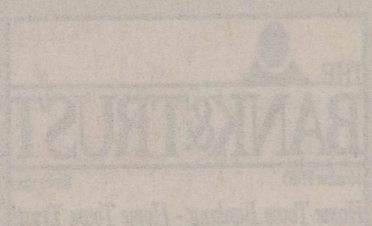
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Local 4-H'er Learning Rangeland Stewardship

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



Sometimes the things we do for fun also provide us with learning experiences which are practical. Such is the case with the 4-H Range Science project. Participants get range and natural resource training as well as knowledge and understanding in the areas of range, livestock and wildlife needs, stewardship, range ecology, plant growth, natural resource management and the impact of management decisions.

Along with several other youth, Danny Pechacek undertook the project this year. They attended project meetings after school. What is it they learned? They gained skills in plant identification, plant collecting, plant species composition, resource planning, and stocking determinations.

Danny and his teammates also attended contests. Competition is a good thing. It can bring out the best in individuals and teams. There is elation in doing well. But, there is also humility when things don't go as we would like.

Though the last contest of the year was last month at Sonora's invitational contests, Danny Pechacek continued work on his range science project. He attended the Texas Youth Range Workshop at the Texas Tech University Center in Junction. This event is known for developing teen and junior leaders in range management, and is an excellent opportunity for Texas youth. He successfully completed the week-long event which provides many hands-on opportunities from forage sampling to prescribed burning. We owe special thanks to the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District for their sponsorship of these youth.

In short, the Range Science project stresses appreciation for conservation of natural resources and implementing wise management practices. The payoff is that sound natural resource management practices benefit ALL of us.

TPWD Outlines Course of Action for Quail

AUSTIN – State wildlife officials are taking a “boots on the ground” approach to bobwhite quail management in Texas as part of a strategic action plan that involves hunters, landowners and science. The plan focuses on habitat management and does not include changes in harvest regulations.

Because regulations will not compensate for losses in quail habitat, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is making no changes to the quail hunting season for 2012-13. The season will open Oct. 27 and close Feb. 24, 2013 with a daily bag limit of 15, possession limit of 45.

“Hunting is a tool to regulate harvest of quail, but not a tool

that could impact quail recovery at a landscape level,” said Robert Perez, TPWD Upland Game Bird Program Leader. “Hunting didn't create this problem.”

The long term trend in declining bobwhite populations have also impacted more than two dozen other grassland bird species that are not hunted. Biologists recognize the primary cause for these declines is loss of usable habitat.

During the next four years, TPWD will implement and monitor quail management strategies at three “focus area” sites in different parts of the state. The model for the project was developed in cooperation with the Nation-

al Bobwhite Conservation Initiative and the Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture and is a component of TPWD Wildlife Division's Upland Game Bird Strategic Plan.

“These efforts will allow us to test the hypotheses that given enough usable habitat, we can sustain viable populations of quail over boom and bust cycles,” Perez said. “Historically, our wildlife biologists have worked with landowners to develop management plans for quail, but we've never attempted to quantify those efforts at a larger scale.”

During the upcoming hunting season, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biolo-

gists will also be looking to hunters to help collect and report data that can be used to more accurately monitor quail harvest. Currently, TPWD relies on information gathered through its annual Small Game Harvest Survey of hunters to determine bobwhite quail harvest, which does not include daily harvest by county.

By issuing a harvest scorecard to a random group of quail hunters prior to the season, and using methodology similar to that developed for tracking migratory game bird harvest, TPWD hopes to get a more accurate accounting of wild bobwhite harvest.

Man Sentenced for Negligent Transportation of Wildlife

TYLER – United States Attorney John M. Bales announced Monday, April 30, that Blake Powell, a 32-year-old Cherokee County man, was sentenced for negligent transportation of wildlife before United States Magistrate Judge Judith Guthrie.

Powell pled guilty to a 3 count Information which was filed with the Court on December 12, 2011, which charged him with transportation of wildlife in interstate commerce in violation of state law. Today, he was sentenced to two years probation, a \$100 special assessment fee and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$243,000 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Lacey Act Reward Account, and \$157,000 in community restitution to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Additionally, Powell will be prohibited from participating in the deer breeding business during the term of his proba-

tion.

Powell owned and operated the Rockin' P White Tails, a high-fence deer breeding facility in Cherokee County. On or about Feb. 17, 2007, in the Eastern District of Texas, Powell sold a live, whitetail deer, known as “Diablo” valued at over \$350 that was acquired from an out-of-state source, which is prohibited by Texas law. On or about March 4, 2007 Powell, sold 10 live whitetail deer, valued at over \$350 that were acquired from an out-of-state source, and on or about Nov. 22, 2007 Powell, knowingly imported, transported, received, and acquired, in interstate commerce, a live whitetail deer, a buck known as “Thunderstruck,” valued at over \$350, that was also acquired from an out-of-state source.

The fair market value of all of the illegally imported, whitetail deer, including rel-

evant conduct, exceeded approximately \$208,500. Additionally, through the unlawful importation of white-tail deer, Powell accumulated white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$85,000 and progeny valued at approximately \$172,500. Powell was required to forfeit the illegally derived deer semen to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Findings of the investigation also prompted the Wildlife Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to conduct an epidemiological investigation in consultation with veterinarians and wildlife disease experts from Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of State Health Services, and Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and accredited veterinarians actively involved in the deer breeding industry. Ultimately all 66 deer contained in Powell's deer breeding facility were euthanized to facilitate testing for chronic wasting disease (CWD) and bovine tuberculosis (TB). This process was necessary in order to provide an acceptable level of assurance that neither disease was prevalent neither in Powell's deer breeding facility nor in any deer breeding facility that had received deer from

Powell's facility since February 2007.

TPWD has had an intensive CWD surveillance program since 2002, and this disease has yet to be detected in Texas. Likewise, bovine tuberculosis has not been detected in any Texas deer population. However, illegal entry of white-tailed deer from other states poses a serious risk of introducing these diseases and others into Texas. Introduction of these diseases into Texas could have a detrimental impact on the longtime cultural tradition of deer hunting, which generates an estimated \$1.2 billion in retail sales and has a total economic output of more than \$2 billion in Texas each year. Disease monitoring is also necessary to protect legal deer breeding activity from risk of disease exposure. Furthermore, bovine tuberculosis could have a significant impact on the Texas livestock industry. Prevention is the most effective tool to combat diseases because once established in wild populations, these diseases are extremely difficult, if not impossible to eradicate.

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Biscuits Exhibit at the Ranch Museum

The Old Ice House Ranch Museum has announced the opening of a Biscuits O'Bryan Exhibit. Biscuits, aka The Rev. Monte Jones, former long time Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church here in Sonora, has donated Biscuit's original hat to the museum and the museum has fashioned an exhibit featuring Biscuits hat, a nice photograph and an assortment of other Biscuits memorabilia.

Biscuits was created by Monte as a character that performed on the stage of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater at the Caverns of Sonora for several years beginning in 1987. Biscuits went on to perform at cowboy poetry gatherings, schools, chamber of commerce banquets and other events in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Connecticut and New York City.

He is the author of several books and a compact disc. The disc, "Biscuits Live At The Grand" and his latest book Biscuits O'Bryan, Texas Storyteller, are available in the museum gift shop.

Other new items at the museum include the axle ends of Joseph Abner Glasscock's wagon that carried freight between Menardville and Sonora in Sonora's earliest days, donated by Ray Glasscock, and a 1923 model Singer treadle sewing machine, long used by Melissa Valkomen's grandmother and donated by Melissa.

Gov. Perry Speaks Out About Eric Holder and Obamacare

Gov. Rick Perry today released the following statement regarding the House of Representatives' vote to hold U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress:

"The U.S. House of Representatives today sent a clear message that it will not allow the Obama Administration to hide its lawless, reckless and deadly actions from the American public. The American people deserve to know what they are hiding, how high this lawlessness goes and why the President's lawyer and best friend is stonewalling.

"I have long called for General Holder's resignation over his involvement in the botched Fast and Furious scandal that led to the tragic death of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry. General Holder's blatant attempts to mislead members of Congress and the American people, paired with his relentless crusade to erode states' rights, have cost him the trust of this nation, and must be stopped."

Gov. Rick Perry today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the federal health care reform bill:

"This ruling will be a stomach punch to the American economy. It is a shocking disappointment to freedom-loving Americans desperate to get our country back on track. Obamacare is bad for the economy, bad for health care, bad for freedom. Americans have made clear their overwhelming opposition to its convoluted, burdensome and overreaching mandates.

"Freedom was frontally attacked by passage of this monstrosity - and the Court utterly failed in its duty to uphold the Constitutional limits placed on Washington. Now that the Supreme Court has abandoned us, we citizens must take action at every level of government and demand real reform, done with respect for our Constitution and our liberty."

By Dusty Padilla

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. - That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness." - *The United States Declaration of Independence*

In my humble opinion the above excerpt now has more meaning to every American than it ever has. We are living in a time where so many countries have over thrown their leaders because they were not happy with the way they were living. As I look around the News and on social media sites all you see is how unhappy some Americans are with the current state of this country. However I ask you this question; what have we done in order to make it better? Another good question is; what would you do for your freedoms? The men who worked on the Declaration of Independence gave little care for their own safety and would have died to defend it. This is what it takes to be free. All these men were labeled as traitors to the crown and were sentenced to death. Knowing this they still took it upon themselves to ensure that America would be free from tyranny. Allow me to take

you back in time to show you how ONE document; changed the course of a nations freedom.

In 1776 the Thirteen Colonies had been at war with Great Britain for a year. After the Seven Years' War in 1763 Brittan started "taxing" our colonies to help fix their debt issues. Seeing as how the colonies were not directly represented in Parliament, the colonists felt that there was no right to levy taxes upon them. This was only part of a much larger issue the colonists were having with British Parliament. The big issue was the fact that Great Britain thought that because their "parliament" was the supreme authority and everything they did was constitutional. By this time in our history we had already put into place our own legislatures and laws. The only reason we were still dealing with Great Britain was because of our allegiance to the Crown. Many events led up to the war that separated us from Britain. One of the biggest was the Boston Tea Party of 1773. After all our boycotting of British goods and our petitions to the King, none of which worked, we were still trying to form our own Government. We knew that no matter what, if we were to overcome the shadow of Britain and grow as a nation; we had to keep moving forward.

The colonist recruited Thomas Jefferson to write up a draft of the Declaration on June 11th 1776 along with 4 others (John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman) they formed the "Committee of Five". Their sole purpose was to construct the

outline for the Declaration which was originally titled "A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled." As you can imagine when they received the draft there was still work to do on it. They took out some wording and restructured sentences and even changed the title. They did this all in 17 days. During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies took place on July 2. Although the Declaration was not officially approved until the 4th, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail: The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more. When you look back on how we became a nation you should remember one thing. It took COURAGE in order to stand up and defend what they believed to be most important in life. They didn't have the luxury to be uncertain or afraid to do so. They stood up to a Government that was taking their duties to the extreme and using the powers they had to intimidate. They wanted a Government that wouldn't just rule and be the leading authority. They wanted one that would work for the people and be something the people shouldn't be afraid of. Now a days we can't help but be afraid of what's next for us. What laws will be passed that will take away more freedoms. I have mixed feelings about what our future holds and to how our Government will be run. The American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence will forever be two of the greatest moments in our history and we should always celebrate July 4th as they once did.

Feel pride to be an American and be proud of what our fore-fathers did for us as a nation.

I believe that we are coming to a crucial time that decisions will have to be made and courage will need to be found in all of us. Why wait for it to be too much to bear; when we can do something now. We should educate ourselves on who runs our Government and who will be running our country this next year. Complaints can only get you so far, as you saw with the in the colonies, and at some point you have to put your foot down and not be afraid of what the consequences will be. I think that when enough people do that we will see a change in the way we live from day to day. I am in no way saying that a Revolution is what is needed to fix our current issues. However, I don't know what the future holds for us as a people of this nation. So with this 4th of July, take a little time to remember our past and speculate on our future. Celebrate it with the same attitude that John Adams wrote to his wife about. Just as our fore-fathers did in the past; be proud to be an American and stand up for what you believe to be true.

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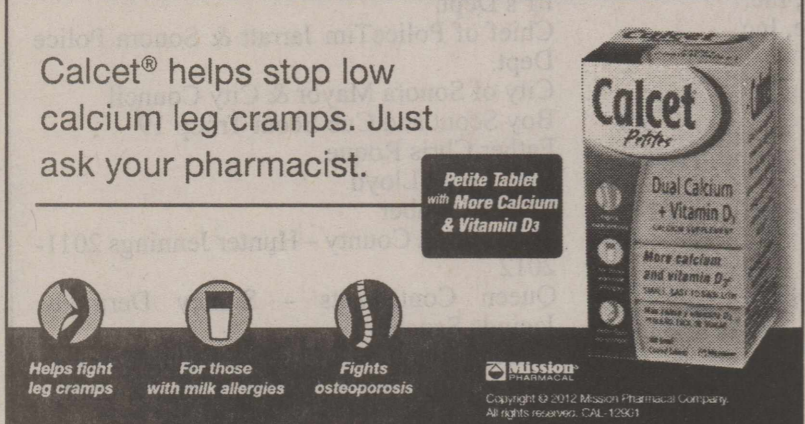


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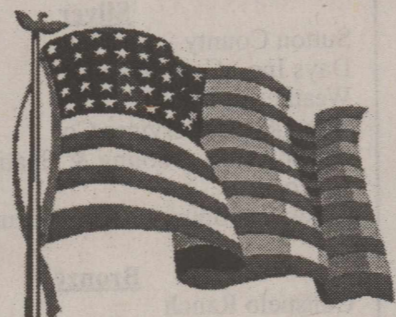


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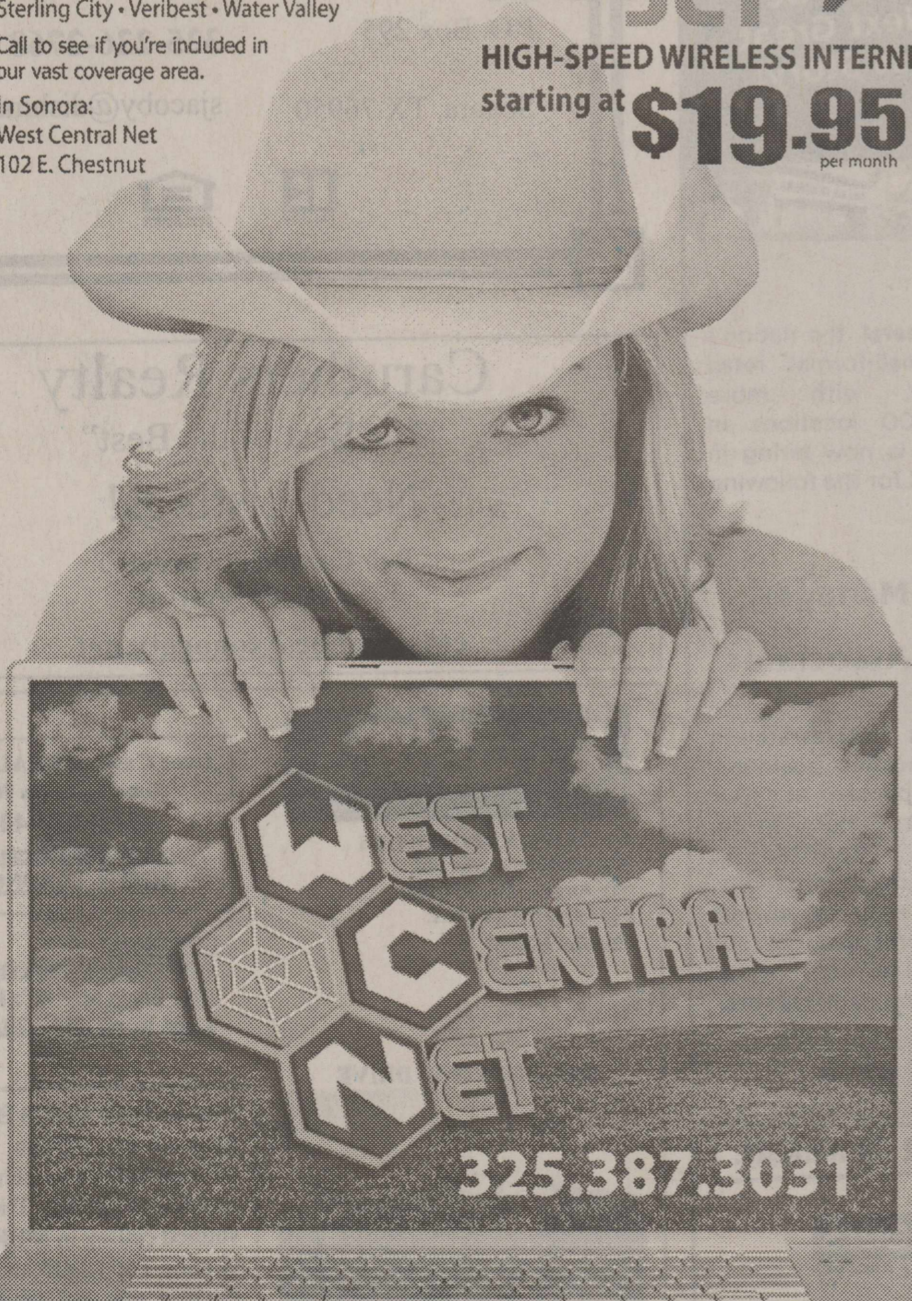
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