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Sonora PD officer Cody Gann talks to kids about bicycle safety.

The Sutton County 4-H Ambassadors worked with Mr. Cody Gann, Sonora Police Department (PD), to host a Bicycle Safety Day on July 23rd. They invited the San Angelo Bicycle Association, Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), and Concho Bike to assist. These groups offered a "Bike and Helmet Fit", "Street Smarts", and "Bike Maintenance" stations respectively. Meanwhile 4-H Ambassadors manned a "Bicycle Rodeo". About 100 youth from Sonora's Good Samaritan program took part in the event. The program was meant

to address the behaviors that most often result in crashes. By developing the correct behavior, cyclists can reduce their chance of being injured or killed. The goal is to teach participants the primary bicycle handling skills and traffic concepts that will help them to avoid the most common types of crashes. The three big causes of car/bike crashes for kids are riding out of a driveway without stopping, failing to stop for stop signs, and suddenly swerving without looking back. Other common causes include riding on the wrong side of the street, and rid-

ing at night without proper lighting and reflective clothing. Also, a vast majority of crashes and serious injuries don't involve cars; the cyclist simply loses control of the bike and crashes to the ground. A word of thanks to Cody Gann, and Sonora PD as well as Sam Kent, Gary Hanush, Ralph Gonzales, Michael Campos, and the San Angelo TXDOT. Others who assisted were Justin Smith from Concho Bike; also John Phelps, Bear Stockman, and Ashley Arredondo from Sutton County EMS. 4-Hambassadors included Bryndon Robles, Christina Hernandez, Catarina Hernandez, and Cara Hernandez, while leaders included Karla Dominguez, Nubia Robles and Liz Hernandez.



Sonora ISD Makes History!

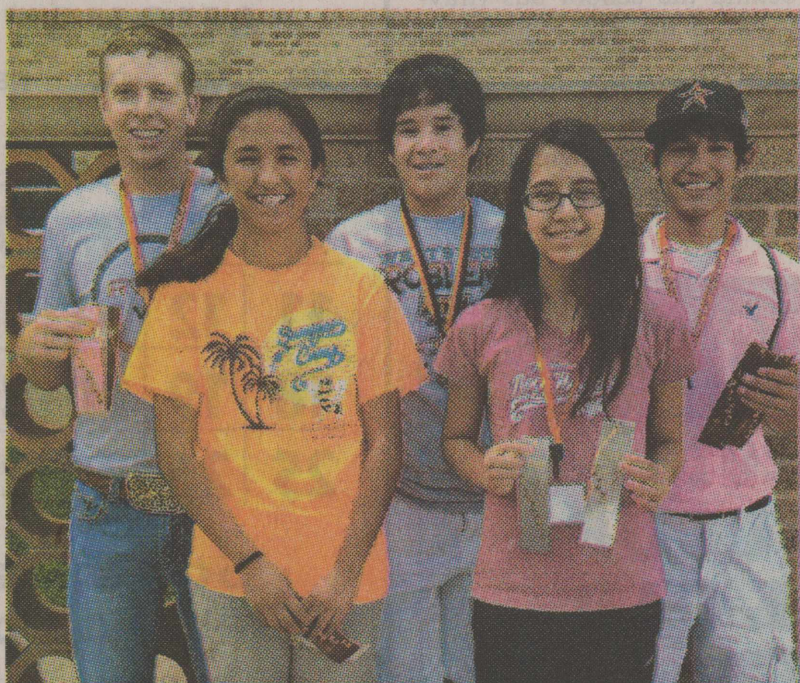
The UIL Lone Star Cup is awarded annually to five high schools, one in each of the five UIL classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A), based on their team performance in district and state championships. The winning schools in each classification will receive the UIL Lone Star Cup trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship, also presented by the UIL.

Honoring the best overall athletic and academic programs in Texas, the UIL Lone Star Cup is open to all UIL participant high schools. For the first time in history Sonora ISD has been ranked in the top ten.

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2.	Brock	72
3.	Holliday	68
4.	White Oak	66
5.	East Bernard	54
6.	Wall	52
7.	Bushland	50
8.	Hallettsville	48
9.	Sonora	44

Standings include:

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Five SHS students attended Texas Tech UIL Math and Science Camp last week. They attended workshops for three days to improve their skills in the UIL Mathematics Contests. On the last day they competed in their respective events along with students from large, state qualifying schools. The students placed as follows:

- Kristy Sanchez(9th grade level)
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- JD Garza:(10th grade level)
3rd in Number Sense and 10th in Calculator Applications
- Cip Tobias: (10th grade level)
9th in Number Sense and 10th in Mathematics
- Santiago Garza(11th grade level)
9th in Number Sense, 6th in Calculator Applications and 9th in Mathematics
- Cody Barber(12th grade level)
4th in Number Sense, 10th in Calculator Applications and 9th in Science.

We are very proud of these students..Best of luck in competition this year!!

Gov. Perry Signs Historic Pro-Life Legislation

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today was joined by Texas legislators to stand for life and sign House Bill 2, which protects unborn babies after the fifth month of a pregnancy and raises standards for women's health care in Texas. "This is an important day for those who support life and for those who support the health of Texas women," Gov. Perry said. "In signing House Bill 2, we celebrate and further cement the foundation on which the culture of life in Texas is built." HB 2 builds on Texas' strong pro-life efforts by banning abortions after the fifth month of a pregnancy. The bill also requires physicians who perform abortions to have hospital admitting

privileges at a facility within 30 miles. Additionally, it mandates that only a physician may dispense or administer abortion-inducing drugs, and requires the physician to comply with all FDA guidelines for the drug. The bill also requires licensed abortion facilities to meet the same minimum safety standards as ambulatory surgical centers, beginning Sept. 1, 2014. "New research and advanced technology give prematurely-born children a renewed chance at life, which should give us all pause as we argue the definition of viability and consider the human impact of abortion," Gov. Perry said. "Additionally, House Bill 2 ensures that anyone performing abortions in Texas is doing so

in a facility that is safe, clean and prepared to deal with any emergencies that might occur - a reasonable, common sense expectation for those caring for the health and safety of Texans." Gov. Perry continues to be a staunch defender of life in Texas. He has signed legislation requiring parents to consent to their minor daughter's abortion, banning tax dollars from being used to support abortion facilities, and requiring women to have a sonogram before an abortion. The governor has also fought to ensure Texas women get the health services they need, including \$100 million in new funding to expand women's health services and creating the Texas Women's Health Program.

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Senior Center Activities

Thurs. July 18- Shopping w/Elsa 325-387-5657
 Fri. July 19- Exercise w/video
 Mon. July 22- BINGO
 Tues. July 23- C.E.A.P. will be here 11am-3pm
 Wed. July 24- Birthday cake for July's birthday's at noon

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. July 18- Steak w/mushroom gravy, capri veggies, pea salad, wheat bread & apple crisp
 Fri. July 19- Smothered chicken w/ rice blend, broccoli/ cauliflower blend, wheat bread & pears
 Mon. July 22- Chicken strips w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed squash & fruit cup
 Tues. July 23- BBQ on a bun, potato salad, beans & apricots w/ topping
 Wed. July 24- Lemon baked fish, herbed rice, sweet peas, cucumber salad & jell-o w/ oranges

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Texas Quote of the Day: Stampedes in the Past

"Stampedes? I've been in a hundred, I guess. You're bound to have stampedes any time you've got a herd gathered up. Not every time, but a lot of times you will. You see, they'll run at the least little scare. Why, a saddle can make a noise, a rabbit can jump up and run, a skunk can show up, or any little old thing can happen, and they're off like a shot out of a gun.

Any time it rains, whether it's midnight or spang up noon, the herd will be a little skittish. Then, those electric storms, for which West Texas is noted, they make the herds stomp. I can't say as I blame the cattle because the heat of their bodies draws the lightning bolts right down to them. Why, one time I seen an electric storm in daytime, when we had around 1,500 head in a herd about four or five miles west of Crowell, and the bolts just skipped around over the herd, knocking four or five out, and then three of them were killed.

That same time, one of the cowpunchers riding herd on that bunch was knocked clean off his hoss and unconscious, by a bolt. It was a wonder he wasn't killed because another cowpoke riding herd on another herd about the same distance east of Crowell was killed on the same day and in the same way. Those electric storms are something to be reckoned with, and yet, you couldn't hardly ride off and leave the herd to itself."

----- W.L. Dobbs, WPA account of early Cowboy Life in Texas, 1936

Traffic Sign Refresher,



Stop means STOP... Not slow down, look both ways and keep going... Stop Signs are always octagonal (8 sided). A stop sign means that you must bring your vehicle to a complete halt at the marked stop line. If there is no marked stop line, stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. If there is no crosswalk, stop at a point nearest the intersecting roadway where you have a clear view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection

School Days: Remember to Be Safe on the Roads

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road today. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers. Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For this reason, it is necessary to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses:


-All 50 states have a law mak-

ing it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
 -School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
 -All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
 -While state laws vary on what is required on a divided roadway, in all cases, traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.
 -The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being

hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.
 -Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
 -Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

All drivers need to recognize


the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially those that are children. Young, elderly, disabled and intoxicated pedestrians are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian collisions. Generally, pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections; however, regardless of the rules of the road or right-of-way, you as a driver are obligated to exercise great care and extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians.



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Hunter Education Course To Be Offered In August



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
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You may not realize it, but school is right around the corner. And soon after, the dove hunting season begins. With that in mind, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Texas Parks & Wildlife will offer a Hunter Education course. It will start at 8 a.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Barn on August 10th. The fee for the Home Study Field Day is \$15.00.

The course is a but a bit different than how it's been conducted in recent years. The certification process consists of two parts:

1) Complete the TPWD Home Study online. To do so, visit the Texas Parks & Wildlife site (<http://tpwd.state.tx.us>). Click on "Hunting", then "Hunter Education". From that page, select "Home Study-online course plus Field Day". Follow the chapter topic links found under the "Table of Contents". Take the quizzes at the end of the first eight sections and print out the results.

2) Attend a one-day field course with a TPWD certified instructor. Bring the printed results. The field course will provide a review, live-fire practice, and testing. Upon satisfactory completion, participants will receive their hunter certification.

The Home Study course is designed for adult hunters who have been shooting and/or hunting for a number of years or an older youth who has an adult hunting/shooting mentor. This course is NOT recommended for students who lack extensive experience in hunting, shooting and firearms. It is NOT recommended for anyone under the age of 12.

Who is required to take Texas Hunter Education? Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

Since the hunter education program began, the number of accidents per hunting licenses sold has declined. Hunter education not only teaches hunting safety, skills and responsibility, but is also the first step in a lifelong commitment to conservation and sportsmanship.

If you need the certification, register at the Sutton County Extension Office by August 2nd to ensure a spot on the course. For full details, contact the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale set for July 25

SONORA – The annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for July 25 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station at Sonora.

The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55, between Sonora and Rocksprings.

An informal inspection of the test animals and their records will start at 10:30 a.m. with educational presentations to follow at 1 p.m. after lunch. The sale of performance-tested animals will start immediately after the educational program finishes, at about 2 p.m.

The program's topics will include a mohair market update and outlook, Caseous Lymphadenitis control, test result comments, and presentation of Mohair Council of America Awards and recognition of the certified bucks.

The sale of performance-tested animals will conclude the day's activities.

Complete performance data is available at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/performance-tests/angora-goat-test/>. Photos of the bucks in-fleece are also available on the website.

For further information, contact Dr. Dan Waldron, AgriLife Research geneticist and test coordinator, or Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, at 325-653-4576 or the AgriLife Research station at Sonora at 325-387-3168.

F.Y.I

Sutton County Friends of NRA Safe Full of Guns raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home four firearms, to include an AR-15, and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 325-206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 6th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 21, 2013. Your support is appreciated

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Texas Game Wardens Seize 10,000-plus Feet of Gill Net and Nearly 2 Tons of Marijuana

AUSTIN – Texas game wardens have concluded two separate week-long enforcement operations in South Texas that led to the seizure of more than 10,000 feet of illegal gill net, approximately two tons of marijuana, and the filing of numerous other criminal cases.

The two operations –

which involved dozens of game wardens — focused on detecting and reducing criminal activity including apprehending poachers, trespassers, human smugglers, and drug smugglers in rural areas along the south Texas border region.

Operation Brush Guard

and Falfurrias while Operation Tilapia focused on Lake Falcon, near Zapata. The combined operations included integral support from the U.S. Border Patrol, county sheriffs and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

While on Lake Falcon, game wardens seized nearly two tons of mari-

juana from three boats while conducting surveillance on gill netters from Mexico.

During Operation Brush Guard, 345 pounds of marijuana and 3.9 grams of cocaine were seized. Additionally, game wardens filed 14 citations and warnings, and made 4 arrests.

In total, seizures from both operations included 10,240 feet of illegal gill net, 5 vessels, 4 outboard motors, 9 vehicles, 3.9 grams of cocaine, and 4,291 pounds of marijuana.

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Resurgence Of Homegrown Food Seen Across The State

AMARILLO – The issue of chickens roosting in the city is not a new one, but it is one being addressed by cities of all sizes as more consumers look to grow their own food in an effort to be health and money conscious, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service leader.

Dr. Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension regional program director for family and consumer sciences in the North Region based in Amarillo, said, "There is a resurgent interest in home-based food production based on the desire for healthier living and playing a more personal role in the food that a family is eating."

The City of Canyon was recently presented two proposed ordinances for consideration by commissioners – one prohibiting chickens in town and the other simply adding regulations specifically to barnyard-type fowl.

Dr. Greg Archer, AgriLife Extension poultry specialist in College Station, said many people wanting to raise chickens in the city don't need a rooster if they just want eggs, and that will help solve some of their neighbor complaints.

"We usually try to tell people not to get a rooster to keep

the noise level down," Archer said. "And then in terms of air, they just need to make sure they maintain the coop, keeping the litter cleaned out to reduce fly problems and ammonia. If they have good airflow and the litter stays relatively dry, it won't be as bad. But if it doesn't have good ventilation, the wetter litter is what causes the problems."

Archer said he recommends chicken owners get in a routine of cleaning the coop and then adjusting for weather changes that add moisture to the coop. Making sure any water flows away from the coop is important when designing or locating one.

"And we don't recommend having more chickens than you can eat the eggs," he said, adding that most breeds will lay an egg every two to three days, but specialized egg-laying breeds might lay an egg every day.

Many people get overwhelmed with all the eggs they will get and they don't know what to do with them, so they need to know what breed they are getting and also how many eggs they can use weekly, Archer said.

More information can be found through publications, links to webinars and helpful

articles at <http://www.extension.org/> and search for chickens, he said.

"Having chickens in the backyard should be more for a hobby or your own use, but not to make money," Archer said. "If you manage the litter, you won't have the issue of flies and smell."

AgriLife Extension has been presenting Backyard Poultry programs that include "Introduction to City Chickens" and "Keeping Your Hens Healthy and Happy" as a part of a larger pilot Backyard Basics series focusing on homegrown and homemade foods.

The Backyard Basics initiative has been in response to the growing interest in home-based food production, preparation and preservation in Texas and throughout the U.S. Burkham said this program was initially piloted in more urban areas of the state, but is now being implemented in less populated areas.

Also in keeping with this interest, the Houston Urban Food Production Conference in August will provide educational information and training for participants who are interested in producing food – chickens, goats, bees – in Houston, the nation's fourth most populous city.

Recently a small-scale poultry production seminar was held in Fort Worth, designed "for those who want to take control of their own food," according to coordinators. In Fort Worth, both hens and

roosters are allowed, with the numbers dependent upon lot size and with other restrictions in place.

"It doesn't matter where you live, people in general are more interested in where their

food comes from and a desire to eat less processed foods," Burkham said.



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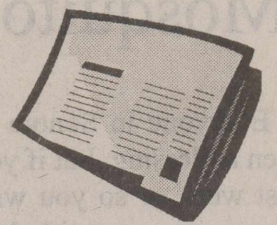
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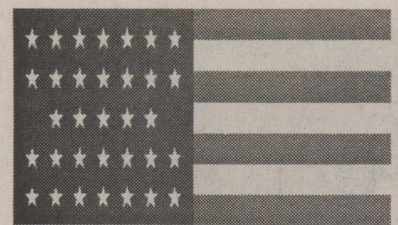
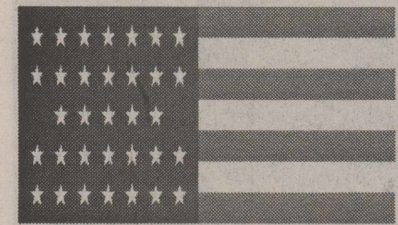
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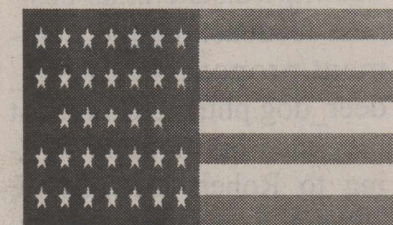
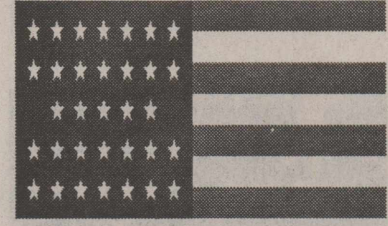
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Mosquito Season Is Here

Everyone in Sonora will agree that the recent rains have been a blessing, but if you have spent anytime outdoors in the past week or so you will notice that the rains brought more than green grass with them. It seems that mosquitoes have descended upon sonora en masse, with the intentions of taking over. Itchy red bumps aren't the only possible downside to a mosquito bite and everyone is encouraged to take the proper steps to keep the pesky bugs at bay.

West Nile is a mosquito-borne virus. There are two forms of the illness, West Nile neuroinvasive disease (WNND) and West Nile fever (WN fever). The symptoms of severe infection from West Nile neuroinvasive disease include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. West Nile fever is the milder form of the illness. Symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, and occasionally a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands.

DSHS reminds Texans to reduce the risk of exposure by eliminating standing water and other mosquito breeding areas; making sure door, porch and window screens are in good condition; and using a repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 when outdoors.

TPWD Taking Public Comment on Use of Dogs to Trail Wounded Deer

AUSTIN – Hunters could use dogs to trail a wounded deer in 12 counties in East Texas, a practice that has been prohibited in this area of the state since 1990, under a proposal being considered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A series of public meetings will be held to provide details of the proposal and give the public an opportunity to comment. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is expected to take action on the proposed change at its August 22.

In 1990 TPWD adopted rules prohibiting the use of dogs to trail wounded deer

in 34 East Texas counties. The rulemaking was necessary because the department determined that dogs were being used unlawfully to hunt deer, which was causing depletion of the resource.

By 2000, TPWD determined that the practice of using dogs to hunt deer had declined to the point of being nonexistent in some of those counties and removed the prohibition in 10 of those counties. TPWD now believes the prohibition could be lifted in an additional 12 counties, including: Harris, Harrison, Houston, Jefferson, Liberty,



The Sutton County Underwater Conservation District began a study of our water supply. They are trying to better understand how the aquifer that supplies all of our water works. As soon as they get their information back they will report on their findings.



The Good Samaritan program was treated to a bicycle safety program by the Sonora Police Department, Agrilife Extension, and TEXDOT.



Lizzie Chavez and the Sonora Academy of Arts is holding its first dance camp this week!



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