

# The Devil's River News

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## Prescribed Burning Workshop Set August 17-19, 2006

Submitted by  
Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor

The Academy for Ranch Management is dedicated to providing educational programs for ranch owners or managers. Limited enrollment assures maximum individual interaction with instructors. The Sonora Research Station has a long history of animal and rangeland management research. The Research Station is an outdoor laboratory for hands-on learning of principles and techniques that you can apply on your ranch.

Prescribed burning is nature's way to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of an area. Fire characteristics, dangers, benefits, and burn planning will be taught. Participants will have the opportunity to see, and learn how to use a variety of equipment that can be used on a prescribed burn. Habitat manipulation with burning will be discussed and you will be able to see the results of many different burns.

Participants will develop a complete burning plan and will serve different duties during practice burns held during the workshop. How to plan pre- and post-burn grazing management will be discussed. This course will provide a portion of the educational requirements for

the Certified Prescribed Burn Manager.

Burning during periods of high temperatures and low humidities has been shown to increase mortality of juniper and prickly pear cactus. Burning in the summer may also be more hazardous to the fire crew and individuals wishing to participate in this workshop should be in good physical condition.

**Cost and Accommodations:**  
The cost for each 3-day workshop at the Sonora Station is \$395 per person. Lodging and meals are provided during the workshop (space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis). There are separate sleeping arrangements for men and women, and limited space available for couples.

**Instructors for the Academy are:**  
Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor  
Director, Sonora Station  
Dr. Mort Kothmann  
Professor, TAMU  
Ray Hinnant  
Sr. Res. Associate, TAMU  
Kent Mills  
Nutritionist, Hi-Pro Feeds  
To register, contact Ray Hinnant at (979)845-5580 or e-mail ranchmanagement@yahoo.com  
Or sign up on the web at www.ranchmanagement.org



## El Torrito Receives The First of the Mandatory Grease Traps

By Ray Glasscock

All Sonora restaurants must install state approved "grease traps." El Torrito has never had one since it was originally a convenience store. The new "grease traps" will keep the grease generated by cooking from entering the Sonora sewer system.

## SISD Hires Two Teachers For High School

Submitted

At last week's regularly scheduled board meeting, the Sonora School Board members hired Brent Scroggins and James Ricks for the 2006-2007 school year. Scroggins will replace Rene Casey as the school's Theater Arts/Speech teacher and UIL coordinator. Ricks will be the school's new Journalism teacher.

Superintendent Doug Bawcom introduced Cliff McMullan to the members of the board. McMullan is the new Industrial Technology instructor. Since this is a new program, it requires funding for tools, equipment, and supplies. Mr. Bawcom explained that the new program would provide specific skills for students entering the work force. Bawcom requested the School Board move \$80,000 from a designated fund balance allocated for instructional supplies to fund the new program. Following discussion in the Open Meeting, Scott Jacoby moved to undesignate \$100,000 instead of \$80,000. Tammy Favila seconded the motion. All members present concurred.

Texas Monarch Management will be the Extra-Curricular insurance carrier for SISD for 2006-2007. All members voted affirmatively. All board members present voted unanimously to approve Deep East Texas Self Insurance Fund proposal to provide the school district with three years of Workers Comp Insurance.

All school board members were present at this meeting with the exception of Jesse Bustamante. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on August 7th at 5:30 p.m.

## Kaitlyn Gibbens Competes in Boston

By Kel Thomas

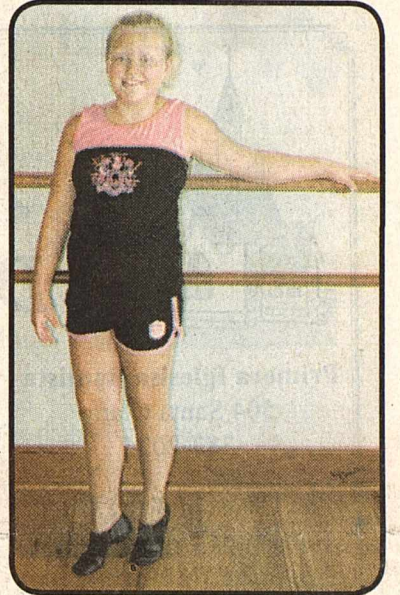
Kaitlyn Gibbens, daughter of Dr. Gene and Laurie Gibbens of Sonora, is currently in Boston, MA competing in the International Dance Challenge, which began Wednesday, July 19th.

Kaitlyn is one of eighty-two youngsters chosen for this prestigious competition. Kaitlyn was selected at the regional competition to vie for the honor of Miss IDC (International Dance Challenge) Jr.

While in Boston, Kaitlyn will train with a professional choreographer from New York.

Kaitlyn, age 10, has been dancing since she was 2 years of age.

Marlyn Young of Sonora is Kaitlyn's dance coach, and is extremely pleased and excited



for the opportunity to showcase this talented young dancer in an international venue.



## Ribbon Cutting Officially Opens Everett's Furniture

By Ray Glasscock

This past Saturday, Sonora's newest business had its Grand Opening. Everett's Furniture opened in the old Neville's Department store on Main Street. Jim Bob, Glenda, Brad, and Misty Everett are the owners of the business. Jim Bob and Glenda also own a furniture store in San Saba.

Cowboy Craig, from Bandera, brought the world's tamiest longhorn to help with the

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opening. Sonora children had a blast petting and riding on Oreo. Dawn Robinson was the lucky winner of the Bar-B-Q grill.

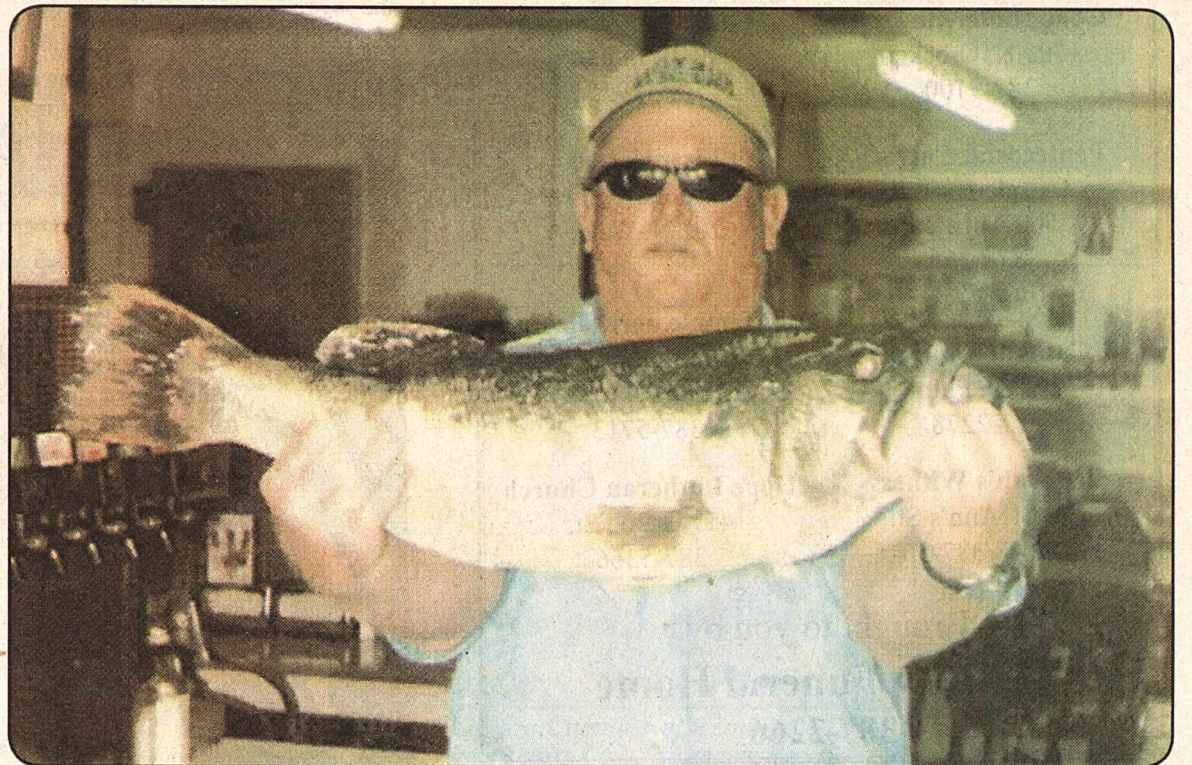
Rick Hyatt, from San Angelo, is the manager. The Everett's found that a store that sold high quality furniture in a



small town to be a successful business model. "When people see the quality of our furniture, they are amazed," said Hyatt. "We sell only the best furniture with brand names such as Lane, Ashley, Zespi, and Accent."

Besides the furniture in the store, they can also special order directly from the manufacturers. Everett's also offers free delivery up to 50 miles of Sonora.

**World's Largest Oreo??  
Oreo, the Longhorn, Helps with Everett's Grand Opening**



## Record Breaking Largemouth Bass

The bumper sticker says "A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work." Imagine how good a great day of fishing can be. Sonora fisherman Tracy Taylor found out Monday, July 10th. Tracy, along with his father Bobby Taylor, were fishing near the confluence of the Rio Grande and the Devil's River in Lake Amistad. Rigged with an

8 inch black Ribbon-tail worm, Tracy worked the bait slowly through the brush in 10 feet of water. As he retrieved the bait near the boat, the fish struck. When the short fight was over, Tracy knew he had a special fish. When the fish was weighed and measured on a certified scale, the giant tipped the scales at 11 lbs. 7 oz. and a length of 28 1/2

inches. While the weight is not a lake record, the length eclipsed the old record by .2 inches.

A few minutes after the record fish was caught, Bobby Taylor landed an 8 lb. and a 6 lb within a few minutes. The honey-hole yielded 8 to 10 other good keepers in the period of an hour.

Preliminaries for the 2006 Mutton Bustin' will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th at the Sutton County Arena. Cowboys and cowgirls ages 4-7, weighing 55 pounds or less can join the fun. Deadline for entries will be Wednesday, August 2nd at 5:00 p.m. All participants will receive a t-shirt. The top 6 finalists will return to compete on Friday, August 11th during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 contestants based on the longest ride. For more information call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880 or contact Bridget Wardlaw at 325-206-0952.



Photo by David Jennings

**MUTTON BUSTERS ...be ready!**



## Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals  
and recovering Pharisees  
**Sunday Services**  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.  
1705 N. Crockett

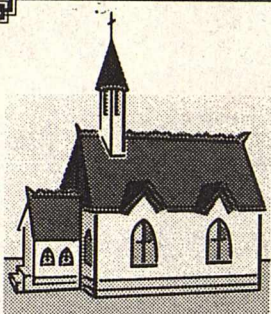
## Senior Center Activities

Fri. July 21 - Run errands and pay bills.  
Mon. July 24 - **Happy Birthday Dorthy Baker!** Bingo  
Tue. July 25 - Help volunteers deliver meals, we need you,  
call or come by center.  
Wed. July 26 - Kooking with Kelly, nutrition ed at noon!  
Thur. July 27 - Need new ideas for crafts and volunteers.

## Senior Center Menu

Fri. July 21 - Chicken fajita salad, lettuce, tomatoes, macaroni  
salad, crackers, pumpkin pie and milk.  
Mon. July 24 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli,  
rolls, peach cobbler and milk.  
Tue. July 25 - Polynesian chicken salad, sweet peas, wheat bread,  
golden salad, vanilla pudding and milk.  
Wed. July 26 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, honey  
glazed carrots, milk, cornbread and melon salad.  
Thur. July 27 - Oven baked pork chops, zucchini with yellow squash,  
corn, bread, tossed salad, fruit parfait and milk.

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



## Sonora Church Directory

<b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	<b>Church of Christ</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190
<b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	<b>First Baptist Church</b> 111 E. Oak 387-2951
<b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E Poplar 387-2955
<b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b> 509 Amistad 387-5266	<b>First United Methodist Church</b> 201 N. Water 387-2466
<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> 229 W. Plum 387-2278	<b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b> 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
<b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518	<b>Hope Lutheran Church</b> 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

Brought to you by:  
**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wadley

Linda Michelle Villanueva and Richard Allen Wadley of San Angelo were married on June 9, 2006 in Sonora with Judge Carla Garner officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Amparo Villanueva. The groom is the son of the late Mark Williams and Jo Ann Williams of San Angelo.

Serving as Michelle's Maid of Honor and Flower Girl was her precious daughter, Miranda Villanueva. Matron of Honor was the bride's sister, Cindy Shirley and Best Man was Jimmy Gaddis. Ring Bearer was Gavin Maher and Victor Fuentes was Miranda's escort. Other attendants were Ms. April Lee and George Arredondo, Ms. Cindy Eichorst and David Wadley, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Diaz and Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Fuentes.

The bride wore a beautiful white strapless a-line gown. The bodice was lightly covered with rhinestones. Her dress had a long train that was also covered with rhinestones throughout. She wore a princess tiara with rhinestones with a beautiful white veil. For something blue, she wore a garter with a blue flower on it, for something old, she wore her Ama Espy's gold band ring, something new, she wore an elegant rhinestone necklace and earrings given to

her by her mother, Amparo, and for something borrowed, she wore a bracelet that belonged to her sister Cindy.

A dinner was served after the ceremony consisting of hamburger steak, trimmings and fruit. Cake and ojarascas, along with punch were also served during the reception. Following the dinner and reception, a dance was held with music provided by Robert Noriega of Cisco, Texas.

The couple went to Puerto Vallarta for their honeymoon before returning to San Angelo, where the couple is currently living.

The bride received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Angelo State University. She is currently employed by the probation department in San Angelo, but will soon be moving to Corpus Christi where she will be employed as a federal probation officer.

The groom is currently employed in San Angelo and will soon be working in Corpus Christi, where the couple will make their home.

Michelle and Richard would like to thank everyone that accompanied them in the celebration of this special event, and would like to also thank everyone sending gifts and cards.

## Thank You Notes



The Sandoval and Luna Family would like to thank everyone that helped with Leslie's quinceañera on July 1st, at the Wild Rose in San Angelo.

God bless everyone.

With many thanks,  
Leslie Sandoval

On Monday evening July 10, my husband Dean Rutland, was bit by a rattlesnake on his left knuckle.

I want to extend my utmost gratitude and thanks to the following individuals and groups:

Dr. Charles Pajetska, Diana Green Arteaga, the staff of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, the Sutton County EMS, our local law enforcement officials, and Dean's friends, Frank Avila, Hank Avila, and Zeke.

Everone was super-Very fast and courteous.

Thank you and may God bless you all,  
Barbara Rutland

## Obituaries

### Monica Frances DuRussel



Monica Frances DuRussel was born to Paul Vaughn Boland and Mary Magner Boland on February 28, 1919 in El Paso, Texas. She passed away Friday morning, July 14, in Bastrop Texas.

A rosary service was held Sunday evening at the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held Monday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m. followed by burial at Sonora Cemetery.

Monica was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Mary Boland, first husband Billy Penick, second husband Louis Davis, and third husband Harvey DuRussel.

She is survived by her "Little Women", Yvonne Meitzen and husband Victor, Mary Howell and husband Coley, Monica Irene Davis, Maxine Klein and husband John, and Beth Edington and husband Ron. She also leaves behind seventeen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

One of her great loves while in Sonora was her involvement with St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she served as choir director for many years, then later as Eucharistic Minister, as well as being active in the Legion of Mary. She also loved traveling and playing golf.

Pallbearers were grandsons Logan Meitzen, Ben Gaddis, Amos Barton, Zach Barton, Matt Barton and Wade Edington. Honorary pallbearers were Dan Meitzen, Chris Meitzen, John-Louis Howell, and Dinchen Jardine. Serving as liturgists were Emil Klein and Maggie Klein, with Hans Klein serving as soloist. Other grandchildren and great-grandchildren assisting with the service were Teresa Hudson, Dee-Dee Howell, Jenny Edington, Autumn Meitzen, Victor Billie Meitzen, and Lacey Mims.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

## May Dell Moore

May Dell Moore, 82, died Saturday July 15, in Eldorado. Funeral services were Tuesday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery. May Dell was born December 22, 1923 in Kimble county, Texas.

May Dell married Herman Moore, December 24, 1941 in Junction, Texas. Herman preceded her in death in 1991. Also preceding May Dell in death were her parents, Orlon and Katie Stewart, brothers Elmer, Elvis and Frank Stewart.

She is survived by sons Herman Moore Jr. of Pasadena, TX and Larry Bob Moore of Lavonia, two daughters-in-law, Candace and Janis Moore, two grandchildren, Rachel Moore of Pasadena and John Carter Moore of College Station, and numer-

ous nieces and nephews. May Dell moved to Sonora in 1952, was a member of the First Baptist Church, worked at Sonora Drug Store, Westernman Drug, and Cox's Pharmacy over a period of about 40 years.

Her kind and friendly demeanor earned her thousands of friends over the years, and many of them faithfully looked after her during her declining years. She loved children and never passed up an opportunity to hold a baby.

After Herman's death, as her hearing and vision worsened, she came to depend on her beloved dog Punkie, to be her eyes, ears, and special companion.

May Dell touched many lives, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.



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## Historical Society

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer  
Secretary, Sutton County  
Historical Society

I would like to start this column by apologizing to my readers for my absence. This was not the fault of The Devil's River News. I had acute bronchitis and a severe inflammation of the trachea and was quite ill. If my column isn't in the paper it is my fault not that of the paper.

Business continues as usual around here, we have had a generous donation of \$1,000 towards a laminating machine, about \$600 more and we will be able to finish the 1930 newspapers and laminate one of the three papers we get each week. Also we will use this machine to laminate exhibits we will be designing for the Ice House Museum when it is ready.

We also received several dues payments for next year already. A memorial was received from Lawrence and Jodie Finklea for Clay Barrow; and Jodie generously donated the new light in front of the Miers Home Museum. It has an electric eye and makes the museum much safer and prettier at night. Extra money that was left from the roof fund was used to plant a lot of new grass in front of the Miers Home. Special thanks to those who volunteered to lay the sod.

Q. Do you have any information on the death of Tulles Gertrude Martinez?

A. This was a difficult one to answer as her name was listed in the cemetery book as the last name of her husband, Sosa, not Martinez. Please include the name of the spouse when asking for information, not all women kept their maiden name.

A cemetery stone states Gertrude Martinez Sosa was born Nov. 7, 1924 and died June 30, 1951. Her death certificate states she was born Nov. 17, 1924 and died June 29, 1951. Marriage records state she married Lawrence Sosa on December 17, 1939. Her parents were listed as Martin Martinez and Pilar Ibarra.

To further confuse the issue, the man listed in marriage records as Lawrence Sosa is listed in military records and death records as Lorenzo Sanchez Sosa. He was born in Boerne on Jan. 1, 1917 and died in San Angelo on July 26, 1975. His obituary states he was buried in the Sonora but his grave was not marked and his is listed in "Sonora Burial Park," as an unknown burial place. Since Lorenzo was a WWII veteran his grave should be marked with a veteran marker but isn't. Family has told us that he is buried with his wife Gertrude. If any of our readers know anything about Martin and Pilar Martinez please call me at the office, 387-5084 Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. mornings.

We are still working on the family trees of every graduate of the Sonora High School this year. We have called many people asking them information

and are still needing some help. As we do each family name, we are doing the whole file and separating out other families of the same name. Samaniego family I need some of you to help me with your huge family. Does anyone have a family tree they could share with us for our files? There are lots of families in Sonora that are still not documented. Just separating all the Smith families took me 6 days. A hundred years from now someone will be trying to update a family tree and the information we keep on file will come in real handy. So please help us to document all the families of Sutton County.

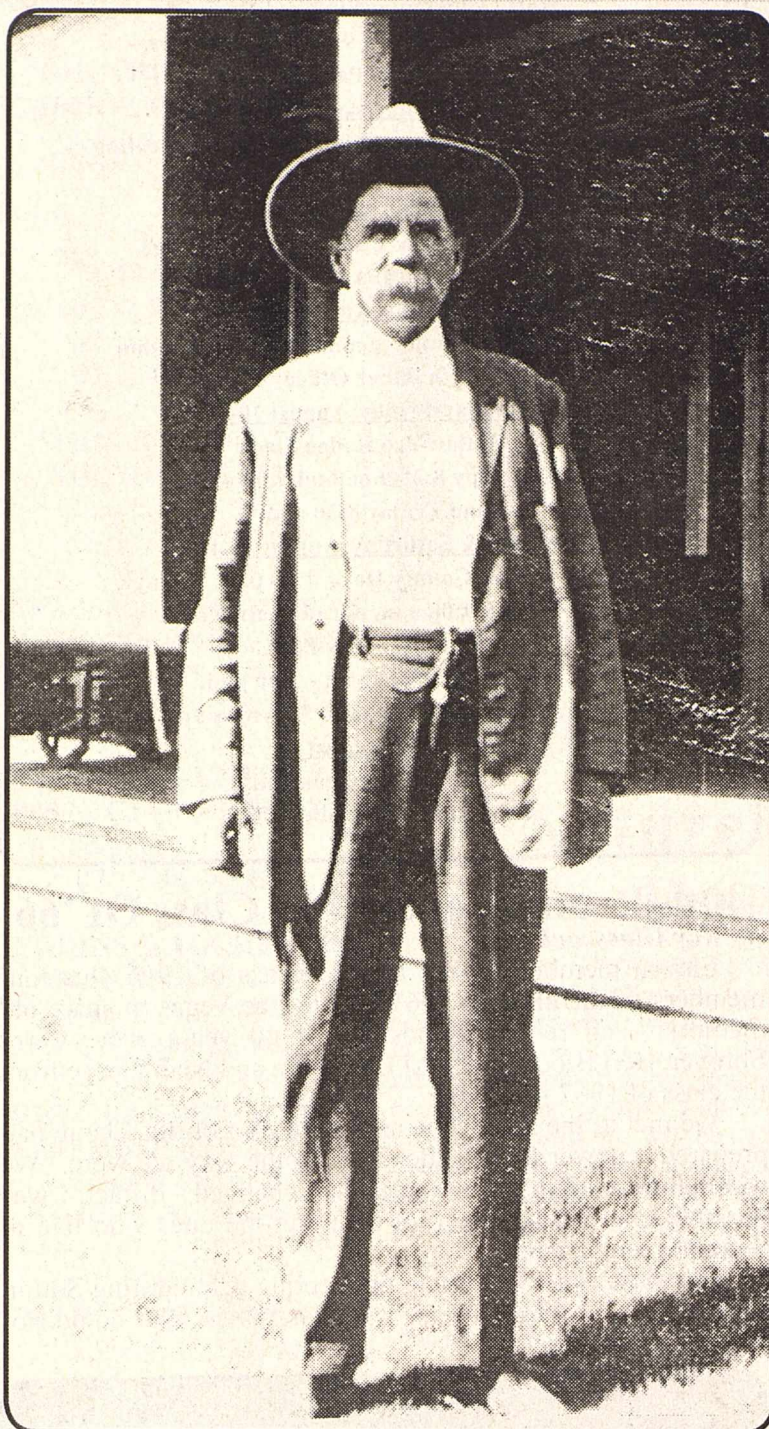
Now another question for our readers. Can anyone tell us where the graves of Robert J. Bean, who died June 6, 1896 and Eva L. Bean who died December 13, 1896 are located? Eva was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bean. Robert was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was buried on June 7, 1896 by the Masons. If anyone knows where these graves are located give us a call at the office.

We have just received information of the Sessom family from one of our readers that has shared her research on their family tree. It lists Michael Valentine Sessom Jr. and Sarah Margaret Wood. Michael was born on Feb. 14, 1853 in Hays Co., TX and married Sara Margaret Wood on February 23, 1871 in Medina, TX. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Owen in 1877 in Llano Co., TX. He died on Sept. 20, 1921 in Sonora at the age of 68 and was buried in the Sonora Cemetery. We appreciate the marriage dates info to add to our files.

We have had a question on a shoot out between Indians and soldiers on the Devil's River back in July of 1857. It seems one Lt. John B. Hood lost two men in a battle with Indians. A gentleman wants to know if the society knows the names of the deceased soldiers. From what I have read on the battle it happened on the Devil's River but closer to the Rio Grande than Sutton County. If anyone is an old cavalry buff and has any info on the names of the two men killed in the battle please give us a call. Our suggestion to the gentleman looking for the names is to check the Texas State Army Archives or National Archives and Records Service. There should be a report of the deceased names on roster records or battle reports on file with those organizations. There should be some kind of report on the deaths and copies of reports to the next of kin and even possibly widow pensions that might have been applied for over the incident.

Someone asked me where they could go for day trips out of Sutton County. With gas prices what they are they were looking for historical places closer to home. My first suggestion would be a trip to the Caverns of Sonora to see the beautiful natural formations in the caves.

Second I would suggest that they go to Fort McKavett. The



James L. Davis, Circa 1915  
Sheriff, TX Ranger, and US Deputy Marshall

post, set in a rural setting, is a jewel to behold. It really gives one a good idea of the isolation of a frontier post and I much prefer it to Ft. Concho in the middle of downtown San Angelo, surrounded by modern buildings. While the Alamo in San Antonio is the real thing, it is surrounded by buildings in the middle of a bustling city and not what most people expect to see. Fort McKavett gives one a real idea of frontier life in a frontier setting. It is a must see on my list of historical places in this area. Pack up a picnic lunch and head out to the fort for a day of no TV, no radio and just good fun, communication and a real learning experience. Of course the people asking have already been to the Miers Home Museum and toured the Old Depot and our offices and other places of interest in Sonora.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.net. You may call the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12:30 or Sat. from 8-12 at 387-5084 or stop by at 307 Oak St. to tour the Miers Home Museum, ask questions, use our files or to

rent the Old Depot and grounds for your functions.

The fan motor in the Old Depot has been replaced and the squeak is gone that our last renter complained about. We have replaced sod where the new lighting was installed, leveled and replanted grass in several areas and have been working on the buildings a little at a time. As I keep telling everyone it takes a lot of money to paint the Old Depot/ John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust Building and we just do not have the funds at this time. Without a massive donation it would be impossible to do anything but minor repairs to the exterior at this time. We have done some touch up painting on areas of the building but will need donations to paint the whole thing. When the trust donated the money to save the building they specified they would not do upkeep on it. So folks if you want to keep this building in good repair you will all have to kick in and help. Mark your donations specifically for the Old Depot and we will set up a fund in our savings account specifically for this project.

Everyone have a good week, pray for rain and stay healthy and I will try to do the same.

## TEAM GRAPHICS

Krystianna Mendez

Sweet 15th Selection

208 E. Main St.

387-5017

## Gifts Galore & More

Everett's Pharmacy

Bridal Registry

Tracy Barbatto bride-elect of Ryan Hardgrave

Pam Jones bride-elect of T.J. Thorp

Christin Linton bride-elect of Allan Nicholas

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## Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry

Elizabeth Hatla bride-elect of Russell Dempsey

Tracy Barbatto bride-elect of Ryan Hardgrave

Pam Jones bride-elect of T.J. Thorp

Trish Ruiz bride elect of Ruben Ynguanzo

Sweet 15<sup>th</sup>

Kristi Anna Mendez

107 N Concho, Downtown Sonora 387-3839

## Happy Birthday

July 20

Caleb Gulley, Cody Mond, Jazmin Ramos

July 21

Elsie Schwiening, Maura Weingart, Pam Bólt

July 22

Roni Vela, Manuel Duran

July 23

Blas Solis, Armer Earwood, Jason Vitela III, Lee Bloodworth, Shelbi Johnson, Prissy Samaniego-Lira, Anthony Renfro

July 24

Robert Sol Mayer, Kenna Kinney, Veronica Garcia, Madison Webb

July 25

Carolyn Samaniego, Beaver Perez, Stephen Dunn, Makenna Shaffer, Hector Ortiz, Sr., Lane Taylor, Nadine Johnson, Stephen Vickers, Marison Capuchina, Cathy Parks, Marcos Perez

July 26

Blake Esparza, Bart Vermillion, Amilkar Hernandez, Blanca Virgen

## FAMILY DENTISTRY



Sonora Chamber of Commerce Landscape of the Month  
Pictured are Rosemary Perez and Rae Ann Bible

## Summer Reading Program Ends

The Sutton County Library ended their Summer Reading Program: "Reading, the Sport of Champions!" Thursday, July 12th. All registered participants reading 50 books or more and/or attended 4 out of 6 programs were treated to a Pool Pizza Party.

Ninety-seven children were registered, with over 50 attending the programs on a weekly basis.

The children were read to by summer help Desirae Boldt and volunteer Selena Mesa.

Along with reading, each child made a craft pertaining to the theme of the book read. The older children participated in outside water activities.

Programs were also taken to Busy Bee Baycare for the children to enjoy the summer program, as well.

Thanks to the Sonora Women's Club for sponsoring the party.

Thanks Dez and Selena  
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## Chamber Roundup

By Greta Ramsdell

Summer is sizzling here in Sonora, but the weather doesn't appear to be dampening anyone's enthusiasm for fun, as we prepare for yet another event that is related to one of our favorite livestock commodities, goats. The World Championship Goat Roping will provide hours of fast-paced entertainment on both Friday and Saturday, July 21st and 22nd. The Devil's River Billy Bustin' begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and the 100 pound billy goats will surely provide a challenge for the team ropers. The roping will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday with the finals scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Look for the top Billy Bustin' ropers to appear again in the finals and the Shawn McMullan, Jr. Memorial Award will be given to the junior roper with the fastest average time.

The Chamber office is buzzing with activity as we accept applications for the Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County contest, the parade and the Kid's Mutton Bustin'. There is definitely an activity for every personality type and age during Sutton County Days, so there is no excuse not to be involved! The Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be held on Saturday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by the County Team Roping. The Mutton Bustin' is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7 weighing 55 pounds or less.

The top six contestants will return for the finals during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo on Friday, August 11th, and the winner will receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office at 205 Highway 277 North.

Sonora and Sutton County have been blessed to have a wonderful representative as Miss Sutton County this past year as Hillary Lawson has been a marvelous ambassador for our area. We will definitely miss her, but look forward to this year's contest when the new Miss Sutton County will be crowned.

The contestants are busy promoting the rodeo and selling advance tickets, so don't miss your opportunity to buy your tickets for \$7 (tickets cost \$10 at the gate). The contestants are available by cell phone or you can buy tickets from their sponsors. The contestants and their sponsors are as follows:

**Allyse Edmondson** (325/206-0920), sponsored by Devil's River News, Dominion Exploration and Sutton County Steakhouse/Days Inn.

**Chasady Garcia** (325/206-2387), sponsored by La Mexicana, Ol' Sonora Trading Company and Schlumberger

**Alexie Ortiz** (325/226-3981), sponsored by The Bank & Trust, Creek Swabbing and Roustabout Service and Grider Trucking Company

**Kaija Valkonen** (325/206-0905), sponsored by First National Bank, JMC Trucking and Southwest Treating Products

The new Miss Sutton County will be crowned on August 12th at the final performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, so make your plans to attend!

## CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

**Friday-Saturday, July 21-22:**

World Championship Goat Roping,  
6:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday,  
Sutton County Park Complex

**Thursday, August 3:**

Sutton County Transportation Committee Meeting,  
4:00 p.m. The Bank and Trust

**Saturday, August 5th:**

Mutton Bustin' & County Team Roping,  
4:00 p.m., Sutton County Arena

**Thursday, August 10:**

Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting noon  
Chamber Office

**Thursday-Friday, August 10-11:**

Outlaw Pro Rodeo Slack  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
and Friday 8:30 a.m.

**Friday & Saturday, August 11-12:**

Sutton County Days, 2:00 p.m. Friday  
and 9:00 a.m. parade Saturday,  
Sutton County Park

Rodeo Performances - 7:30 p.m.

Dances: Friday 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 p.m.

**Monday, August 14:**

Keep Sonora Beautiful  
noon at the Chamber office

## 40th Reunion of Sonora Class Of '66

By Ray Glasscock

Eleven members of the Sonora Class of 1966 plus four members of the class of 1967 met in Las Vegas to share old memories and renew friendships of 40 years ago. Larry Shroyer, Bert Bloodworth, Al Letsinger, and Nedra Raye from the class of 1967 joined us.

We met at the Tropicana and enjoyed a buffet. Janie had prepared a power point slide show of the way we were. We were all amazed that some of us had changed. In fact, I was the only one that no one (not counting the ones who live in Sonora) recognized.

Our class is also planning on meeting again during Sutton County Days so we can see our classmates who could not make it to Las Vegas.



Standing: Libb Wallace, Bill Glasscock, Eddie Howell, Eddie Sawyer, Ray Glasscock, Gary McGilvray, Bobby Kelly. Seated: Stan Bundy, Carl Teaff, Janie (Letsinger) Dostel, Susan (Allison) Bloodworth

## Help Needed!

By Ray Glasscock

As in the past few years, Nancy and I will once again be covering Bronco Football and updating www.sonorabroncos.org. We need parents to help by shooting movies of the away games and to help with articles for the Devil's River News.

This year, we will be covering the school sports in the "Devil" as they have never been covered before.

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## LCU Grants Degree to Sonora Resident

LUBBOCK, TX --- Lubbock Christian University had 220 graduates who participated in commencement exercises in May and among those that graduated was Kasey Kearney of Sonora, TX. Obtaining an undergraduate degree, Kearney is the daughter of Kent and Brenda Kearney of Sonora, TX. Kasey graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Communications.

Lubbock Christian University is a private four-year comprehensive university in Lubbock, TX that offers academic excellence in a Christian environment with an enrollment of over 2,000 students. The university offers programs for 34 bachelor's degrees and 10 master's degrees.

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## Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County 2006 Entry Form & Rules

1. A \$5.00 Entry Fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
2. The contestants must have turned (3) years of age and must not have turned six (6) prior to August 12, 2006.
3. Parent or guardian must be present throughout the contest.
4. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by July 26, 2006 to The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mail to P.O. Box 1172 Sonora, TX 76950
6. There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.
7. Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to sonco2@sonorax.net
8. Contest begins at 10:15 am on Saturday August 12, 2006 at the main entertainment tent at the Sutton County Park.
9. If the contestant wishes to sing he or she may not have recorded accompaniment, but may play an instrument themselves.
10. All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
11. All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade.
12. Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures.

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Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Toy: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the Sutton County Days Association nor the County of Sutton will be held responsible for any accidents.

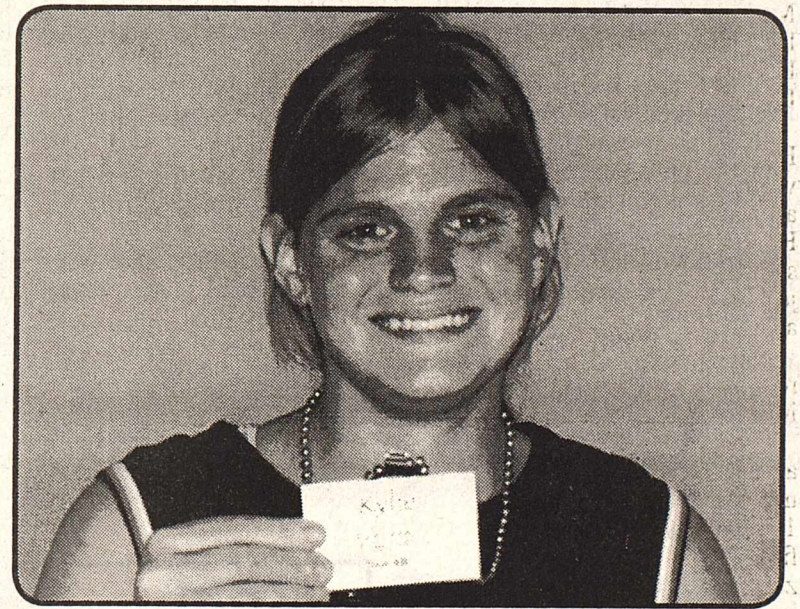
Parent or guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To insure your child's safety, we request the parents' presence throughout the contest. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

For further information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880

**Only 13 Days Until Two-a-Days Start! Go Broncos**



Kylie Johnson beams after Lions Club Camp

## Lions Provide Free Summer Camp for Children with Physical Disabilities and Diabetes

Submitted-

Thanks to the Lions Club of Texas, many children with physical disabilities can look forward to an experience that all children dream about - going to summer camp! The Lions Club Camp in Kerrville offers special camping programs that serve children who have physical disabilities and type 1 diabetes.

This summer, Kylie Johnson of Sonora attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville; Kylie was sponsored by Virgil Polocok of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club.

The Texas Lion Camp offers camping sessions to children ages seven through sixteen, having visual, hearing, or physical disabilities. The camp offers a

wide variety of activities for campers' enjoyment, including arts and crafts, field sports, horseback riding, swimming, theater, and overnight camping. The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a Loins Club member in your area, or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, TX. 78029; (830) 896-8500. The Texas Lion Camp can also be found on the world wide web at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

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## Freshwater and Coastal Fishing Report

Courtesy of TPWD

**Amistad:** Water clear; 86 degrees. Black bass are fair on tequila sunrise and watermelon/white topwaters, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait, bait shrimp, and liver. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch.

**Buchanan:** Water clear; 82 degrees; 12.00' low. Black bass are fair to good on Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, Daiquiri JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, & white Terminator custom tungsten spinnerbaits over flats and around rock piles and ledges at first light in 5 - 18 feet. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait and trolling striped jigs in 30 feet from below Shaw Island to the dam, with topwater action at daylight on 3in. Spoiler Shads Rat-L-Traps and white Snap Back jerkbaits on red Bait Jerker Hooks. White bass are fair to good but small at night under lights.

**Nasworthy:** Water lightly stained; 82 degrees. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are slow. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

**O.H. Ivie:** Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 18.62' low. Black bass are good on live baits, watermelon jigs and shad-colored spinnerbaits near timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits and small crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on chrome jerkbaits, and topwater lures early in day. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

**Matagorda:** Trout are fair to good on the south shoreline on red shad, morning glory and pepper/chartreuse Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eel Jrs Redfish and black drum are

good at Shell Island and Oyster Lake on live shrimp under a popping cork.

**Port O'Connor:** Trout are good in the surf on croaker, plum/white and fire tiger Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eel Jrs. Trout are good while drifting the flats on live shrimp under a popping cork and She Dogs. Trout are fair to good at the Community Bar on soft plastics.

**Rockport:** Trout are good on the outside of Traylor Island, the reefs of Copano, Super Flats and on the Estes Flats on croaker and live shrimp. Redfish are good on mullet and live shrimp on Long Reef and at Paul's Mott.

**Port Aransas:** Trout are good at the North Jetty on croaker, gold spoons and pumpkinseed/chartreuse Bass Assassins, Sand Eels and Trout Killers. Redfish are fair to good around Pelican Island on live shrimp. Offshore is good for snapper, ling, wahoo and kingfish.

**Corpus Christi:** Trout and redfish are fair to good on live shrimp and croaker around the reefs in Nueces Bay. Trout and redfish are good in the surf and around the causeway on live shrimp and pumpkinseed Trout Killers, Bass Assassins and Sand Eels.

**Baffin Bay:** Trout are fair to good on the King Ranch shoreline and around the rocks on croaker, live shrimp and limetreuse Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eel Jrs. Trout are fair to good at Rocky Slough on She Dogs and Super Spooks. Trout are good at night in the Land Cut on DOA Shrimp and glow plastics.

**Port Mansfield:** Trout are fair to good on live shrimp and bone and limetreuse Norton Sand Eels and Trout Killers on the grass beds in West Bay. Trout and redfish are good on topwaters while drifting the Sauce and Target Markers.

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It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.  
~ Hank Aaron, American Baseball Player

### Tee Time by Kel Thomas

#### Tip of the Week: Getting the most out of your oversize driver

Here are four keys to increase launch angle and decrease spin to increase distance.

- 1. Tee the ball higher:** With a 460cc driver, tee the ball so that the top of the driver is no more than one-third up the ball. A tee that has a total length of 3" is a good place to start.
- 2. Move the ball forward in your stance:** Experiment with this one. I'm afraid the days of "off the left heel" are history. Some may need to play the ball off the big toe. Some may need to move completely outside the forward foot.
- 3. Set up to hit the ball on the center of the face:** Using longer tees, the possibility of hitting the ball off the heel increases. Try this. If you place the club on the ground during your set-up, instead of positioning the ball in the middle of the club, back up a couple of inches so the ball is off the toe of the club. Remember, at impact the ball is not on the ground, but 2 1/2 to 3 inches above the ground.
- 4. Hit the ball on the upswing:** Incorporating the three tips above, the results will produce an ascending strike. This leads to an overall increase in launch angle and decreased spin rate. Especially side spin, which causes a slice or hook. Like everything else, experiment and practice to find out what works best for you.

#### Course of the Week: Stonegate Golf Course- Lubbock TX

Two words, Don't bother. A complete waste of time and money. A par-63 executive course that is in terrible condition, and crowded with the slowest golfers ever to hack at a ball. If you're up in Lubbock and want to play, go anywhere else.

## Nature Conservancy Offers Day of Open Hiking

**Submitted-** The Nature Conservancy will host a day of open hiking Sunday, July 23, on the Davis Mountains Preserve. The gates open at 8 a.m. and the preserve closes at 3 p.m. After registering at the McIvor Conservation Center, participants will be given maps of trails with varying degrees of difficulty. Walk-ins will be accepted, but reservations are recommended and participants should arrive early for best choice of trails. Due to potential afternoon showers, an 8:00 a.m. launch time is required for some of the longer hikes.

A guided, moderately-strenuous hike to an overlook spot near 48-Tank begins at 8:30 a.m. The tour will traverse both a well-defined trail and over a less-defined but planned route. Participants should bring snacks and water for the trail and will return at noon.

Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Texas, the 32,000-acre Davis Mountains Preserve on Hwy. 118 near Fort Davis is a spectacular representative of a "sky island" ecology, providing home to animals and plants that live nowhere else in Texas and some found nowhere else on Earth.

Call Crawford Marginot at (432) 426-2390, ext. 1, or e-mail [cmarginot@tnc.org](mailto:cmarginot@tnc.org) for directions or for more information.

The Nature Conservancy is an international, non-profit organization that preserves plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. To date, the Conservancy and its nearly 1 million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 15 million acres in the United States and have helped protect more than 102 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. In the Lone Star State, The Nature Conservancy of Texas owns 35 nature preserves and conservation projects and assists private landowners to conserve their land through more than 70 voluntary land-preservation agreements. The Nature Conservancy of Texas protects 250,000 acres of wild lands and, with partners, has conserved close to a million acres for wildlife habitat across the state. Visit The Nature Conservancy of Texas on the Web at [nature.org/texas](http://nature.org/texas).

## McPherson 4M Ranch Hosts 26th Hunter Safety Camp

Submitted by Rodney Knight

On July 10-13, the McPherson 4M Ranch, along with the TPWD sponsored a Hunter Education Camp for 21 boys from nine different towns.

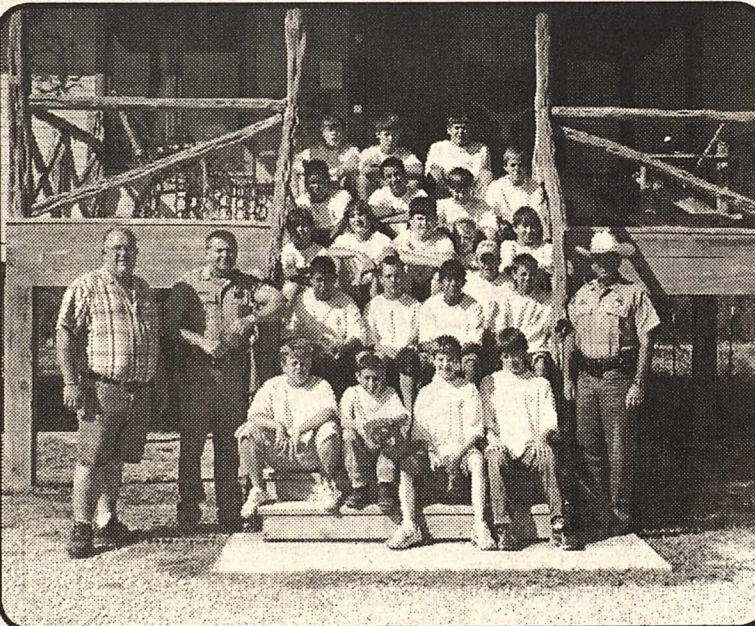
The boys received their Hunter Education certificate included; Michael Sanchez, Caleb Shurtum, Cole Shurtum, and Manuel Paredes, from Sonora; Jaxon Nevins, Miles Gully, Alexander Mueller, Paden Reed, Josh Sefcik, Jacob Sefcik, Taylor Seider, and Turner Bickford from San Angelo; Bryson Weathers Ben Wright, and Brad Wright from Frisco; Zack Grogean from Plano, Jacob Grogean from Garland, David Brown from McKinney, Brandon Gully from Mereta, J.R. Martinez from Eldorado, and Skelton "the Duck" Kelley. The Duck was a little guy with a big grin and a bigger appetite. He asked me "Why do you call me Duck?" I told him first because I like you, and second just look at your feet!

The pocket knife for Outstanding Camper went to Brad Wright. Brad is 15, and a big boy. At orientation, I told him that since he was the oldest and the biggest, it would be his job to help chaperone and watch after the smaller boys while they were in the bunkhouse. He was to also make sure the boys were in class on time and to supervise each group's clean-up detail. Brad did an outstanding job, and all the game wardens were impressed with his leadership ability.

Miles Gully won the .22 caliber scoped rifle contest. He broke most of the balloons and was presented a shotgun cover and a fishing lure as prizes.

The boys were instructed in survival, first aid, hunting ethics and game care. Each participant learned the safe handling and techniques of both firearms and archery. Each boy fired approximately 126 rounds of ammunition, which came out to about 2646 rounds fired. The boys fired .22 caliber rifles, 20 gauge shotguns and muzzle loaders, along with .38 specials, .357 mag, .45 auto, and the game wardens own .40 Smith & Wesson pistols.

The instructing was done by game wardens Marco Alvizo, Will Allison, Matt Adams, Chris Amthor, Lance Lindley, Capt. Scott Davis, Lt. Doug Seamands, Jim Stephen, and retired warden Rodney Knight.



Mary Humphrey, TPWD biologist, taught the wildlife management and identification portions of the course. Sandy and Doug McPherson did an outstanding job helping with the instruction of the archery and shotguns.

A special thanks to Doug and Sandy McPherson for furnishing the facilities at the ranch, the food and especially their friendship and help; to the game wardens that not only instructed, but also helped me cook and wash dishes; to the Border Patrol of San Angelo; to the American Meat Goat Association, Concho Cartridge Co. of San Angelo, Marvin Shurley, and finally my wife Kathy, who in 2 camps has made 376 cupcakes and came down every afternoon to help me with supper. A special thanks to everyone who helped or donated to the camp.



Each student has a game warden instructing him on the firing range during Hunter Safety Camp

## On the Water with Larry Nixon

### SIZING UP SUMMERTIME BAIT

by Larry Nixon

By this time of year, throughout many parts of the country, bass have seen a fair amount of fishing pressure. Common sense tells us that bass in this situation can become harder to catch and luring them to bite requires downsizing both line and bait. While this may be a good tactic for most places, targeting pressured bass in summer doesn't always require picking up a spinning rod and a finesse bait.

As the popularity of tubes, finesse worms and creature baits continue to increase, the traditional plastic worm seems to be used less and less. For this reason, a big 10-inch worm can be the best choice for several summertime situations.

Large worms (I also use a 7-inch Berkley Ribbontail Power Worm in more open water) are great for the warmer months. I start

using them in the late spring when the bass start keying on shad and other baitfish and continue it throughout the summer. When it comes to choosing a big worm, I rely on the water's color, fish size and the surrounding structure to help me decide. Stained or dark water that is holding quality fish is a prime place to try a 10-inch Berkley Power Worm, preferably in a darker color. The big profile is easy for the bass to pick up, plus the action of the longer body draws bass in. To the fish, eating one big meal takes a lot less effort and energy than chasing down several smaller meals. In the summer, big bass like to lay up in the shade of trees and other structure in hopes of ambushing their prey, so to make the best use of this bait, make sure you are casting it in and around heavy cover like vegetation and wood.

My basic set up is a 7-foot medium-heavy Fenwick Techna AV baitcasting rod and an Abu Garcia Tomo low-profile reel spooled with 17-pound Berkley Vanish fluorocarbon line. Usually, a quarter-ounce weight is best, but I may use a heavier

weight depending on the wind, depth of the water I am fishing and the rate of fall that I am looking for. Sometimes, a fast-falling bait can trigger reaction strikes - especially in the summer. I simply Texas rig the worm with a 4/0 or 5/0 hook and fish it like I do any other plastic worm.

Summertime can be a great time for catching bass, even when the temperature reaches triple digits. By fishing big worms, you can effectively target the big bass where they live during the hottest times of the year. And by using bigger baits, it allows you to fish with heavier line and stouter gear so there's less of a chance that the big one will break you off. So this summer, instead of downsizing your line and bait, go bigger and catch bigger fish. Larry Nixon is a former Bassmaster Classic winner with more than \$2.1 million in career earnings. Nixon, who currently fishes the FLW Tour, lives in Bee Branch, Ark.

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## Police Dispatcher Log

### Incidents:

July 10, 2006

12:41 AM: Report of a suspicious male. Officer responded.  
 8:39 AM: Caller reported dog on highway. Officer notified.  
 8:46 AM: Subject requested to speak to animal control officer. Animal Control Officer notified.  
 11:30 AM: Caller reported dog on highway. Officer notified.  
 2:38 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.  
 2:50 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Sheriff's Office notified.  
 4:29 PM: Caller reported a hit and run. Officer notified.  
 5:33 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.  
 July 11, 2006  
 8:09 AM: Caller reported snake in animal trap. Animal Control Officer notified.  
 10:10 AM: Caller reported a possum in animal trap. Officer notified.  
 10:20 AM: Caller reported a suspicious male. Officer responded.  
 10:20 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.

11:37 AM: Caller requested to speak to animal control officer. Animal Control Officer notified.  
 1:30 PM: Burglary Alarm.  
 3:10 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.  
 5:30 PM: Report of a grass fire at J & V Trailer Park. Officer, Deputies, & Fire Dept. responded.  
 8:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 9:13 PM: Ambulance Escort.  
 9:30 PM: Caller reported a female driving golf cart down the street. Officer responded.  
 10:24 PM: Burglary Alarm.  
 July 12, 2006  
 7:35 AM: Report of a minor accident. Officer responded.  
 8:20 AM: Caller reported a dog on highway. Officer notified.  
 8:55 AM: Burglary Alarm.  
 9:15 AM: Caller reported harassing phone calls from an unknown caller. Officer notified.  
 9:22 AM: Burglary Alarm.  
 10:42 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.  
 10:53 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer notified.  
 10:59 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.  
 12:10 PM: Wide load escort.  
 3:27 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.  
 4:55 PM: Caller reported stolen bike. Officer responded.  
 9:45 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer at residence. Officer responded.  
 Thursday July 13, 2006  
 8:09 AM: Caller reported stolen items from business. Officer responded.  
 8:51 AM: Caller reported two cats in animal trap. Officer responded.  
 10:43 AM: Caller reported dog

on street. Officer notified.  
 10:58 AM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.  
 11:06 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.  
 11:50 AM: Caller reported lose goat at draw. Officer notified.  
 12:25 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.  
 1:02 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Sheriff's Office notified.  
 1:15 PM: Report of 3 illegal immigrants. Officers responded.  
 1:32 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Sheriff's Office notified.  
 1:47 PM: Subject requested animal trap. Officer notified.  
 2:07 PM: Caller reported an unknown animal in back yard of residence. Officer notified.  
 3:47 PM: Caller reported an unknown animal inside fire place. Officer responded.  
 9:08 PM: Report of a suspicious person. Officer responded.  
 July 14, 2006  
 8:10 AM: Caller requested to speak to animal control officer. Animal Control Officer notified.  
 3:20 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.  
 5:15 PM: Report of a possible drunk driver. Officer responded.  
 8:10 PM: Report of a suspicious male. Officer responded.  
 10:50 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking drive way. Officer responded.  
 July 15, 2006  
 12:15 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.  
 12:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 3:10 PM: Report of a suspicious male. Officer responded.  
 July 16, 2006  
 12:45 PM: Caller reported two dogs attacking a cat. Officer responded.  
 8:25 PM: Report of an accident on Highway 277 South. Officers responded.

## Back From The Border

*"I went to listen; to hear what our agents say we should be doing to better control the border."*

WASHINGTON, DC -

Last week, U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX) traveled down to the Marfa Sector of the Texas-Mexico border to take a personal look at border security and immigration issues. The trip took place July 6th-July 8th.

"I wanted to see and hear for myself what the needs of our border patrol agents are," said Conaway. "Better decisions are made when we have more facts. After my visit, it was clear that our border patrol agents are working hard at their mission. They are, however, understaffed and in need of more and better equipment. More heli-

copters, cameras, vehicles, and most importantly housing are still needed. They have hard jobs and work in harsh environments. It is essential that they have the means necessary to secure our country to the fullest."

During the visit, Conaway met with Sector Chief Simon Garza, Jr. and the Deputy Border Patrol Chief Louis Barker. They took a vehicle tour and examined the daytime operations of the agents, as well as observed nighttime operations in other remote areas of the border. They also took a helicopter tour of the Marfa Sector and border area, including the Sierra Blanca and checkpoint.

Conaway went on to say, "I am confident that a comprehensive border security and immigration reform plan will come

together in the near future."

The Marfa Sector covers over 135,000 square miles encompassing 118 counties in Texas and Oklahoma. It is responsible for the largest geographical area of any sector along the Southwest border.

*In a telephone interview with the Devil's River News, one additional topic concerning border security was discussed. On both sides of the Rio Grande River in the Marfa Sector, salt cedar is obliterating the banks, providing thick cover for those seeking to cross into Texas illegally, along with the unrelated issue of the intense water requirements of the salt cedar. Congressman Conaway is seeking measures to eradicate the pesky plant.*

## Texans and Wide Spaces

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

One of man's greatest achievements occurred 37 years ago this month. On July 20, 1969, two American astronauts guided their landing craft to the moon's surface. Neil Armstrong's historic radio transmission on that first lunar visit began simply with the words, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Since that time, America's space exploration program - not yet even 50 years old - has enjoyed astounding success. It has also experienced a handful of breathtaking tragedies. Through it all, our country has remained steadfastly committed to the exploration of space: an enormous expanse of unvisited territory, our final frontier.

A good number of U.S. astronauts have been Texas natives: Navy Capt. Alan Bean of Wheeler was the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 12 mission, man's second lunar landing. The late Navy Capt. Edgar Mitchell of Hereford walked on the moon in January, 1971, on the Apollo 14 mission. Kenneth Cockrell of Austin, John Blaha of San Antonio and Robert Crippen of Beaumont each completed five shuttle missions. Dr. Bernard Harris

of San Antonio, Elliot See, Jr. of Dallas and David Scott of San Antonio have also made history in space.

And some of the American space program's fallen heroes were native Texans, such as the late Col. Rick Husband and the late Lt. Col. Ed White II.

Husband, an Amarillo native, was crew commander of the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia, which exploded over his home state during re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, just 16 minutes before its scheduled landing.

White, born in San Antonio, was the first man to walk in space. He died in 1967 in the Apollo spacecraft flash-fire during a launch-pad test at Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

Exploration - surmounting any barriers to greater understanding of our world - always involves risk. Space exploration is no exception: there will always be the potential for physical danger. We Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed their lives in these pioneering pursuits.

Our National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) programs are indeed expensive. But the hard science

of the programs produce are key to our country's engineering and technological research - work that keeps the U.S. at the leading edge of the world's technology.

Many commercial applications already have been harvested from space research. As former NASA official Michael Lembeck recently noted: "It's about far more than Teflon, Velcro and Tang."

One small example: A computer chip originally designed for the Hubble Telescope is now used in a digital imaging device that screens for cancer. The camera within can detect the difference between a malignant or a benign tumor - no invasive surgery is necessary.

Texas once appeared to our forefathers as vast as space appears to us. Texas was founded by courageous men and women who braved the unknown - despite the hardship and danger lining their trails. So Texans have always shared a particular empathy for our pioneers and explorers.

To the seven Discovery shuttle astronauts flying above me tonight: I salute you. You are all Texans in spirit.

Our greatest discoveries are yet to come.

## Kinky Gets to Stay Kinky; Grandma Must Stay Carole

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Secretary of State Roger Williams on July 10 rendered a decision on how the names of the two independent candidates in the race for governor will appear on the November ballot.

It'll be Richard "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn. Strayhorn said she would appeal the secretary of state's ruling, and filed suit in an Austin state district court. She wants to be Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn on the ballot. Williams, Texas' chief elections officer, went into detail in explaining why "Grandma" won't be listed with Strayhorn's name, as she requested. In a letter to Strayhorn's attorney, Roy Minton of Austin, Williams wrote: "Your letter does not articulate any facts that would counter my interpretation that the use of 'Grandma,' in the context of Carole Keeton Strayhorn's name appearing on the ballot, is a slogan and as such is prohibited by the Texas Election Code."

Williams said his office also took these factors into account: • Strayhorn has never appeared on the ballot under the name "Grandma,"

• Strayhorn's declaration of intent lists her name as Carole Keeton Strayhorn;  
 • Strayhorn's petitions list her candidate name as Carole Keeton Strayhorn;  
 • The only reference to "Grandma" in communication with the Secretary of State's office appears on Strayhorn's campaign literature; and • "Grandma" is not found on any of Strayhorn's official letterhead or communication with the Secretary of State. Also, Strayhorn's Web site is [www.CaroleStrayhorn.com](http://www.CaroleStrayhorn.com), not [www.Grandmaforgovernor.com](http://www.Grandmaforgovernor.com).

**Groups submit district maps**  
 After declaring Congressional District 23 in violation of the Voting

Rights Act of 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court charged a panel of Texas federal judges to rule on new boundaries that put Texas back in compliance with the act.

The state of Texas, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and other plaintiffs submitted ideas on how to redraw the unconstitutional map of CD-23. Adjustments to CD-23 will cause districts around it to change shape.

**Tobacco money keeps coming**  
 Although the Carole Keeton Strayhorn running for governor was disappointed over the ballot-name ruling, she still found good news to report as Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas comptroller of public accounts. Strayhorn said her office has distributed \$72 million to three cities, 158 counties and 131 hospital districts from the \$2.2 billion Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account.

But she couldn't resist taking a potshot at the man she considers her main opponent in the race for governor: incumbent Gov. Rick Perry. "These funds from the tobacco settlement provide a shot-in-the-arm for hospitals that are burdened with the responsibility of treating patients who cannot afford health care, including hurricane evacuees who have sought care at Texas hospitals and tens of thousands of children who have been dropped from the Children's Health Insurance Program under this governor's administration."

Since the first distribution of funds from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account in April 2001, local entities have received nearly \$205 million from the fund.

**Rep asks AG tough question**  
 Would a doctor who violates the state law restricting third-trimester abortions be subject to charges of homicide?

State Rep. David Swinford, chair of the House State Affairs Committee, asked Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott for an opinion on the question. Swinford, R-Amarillo, also asked Abbott if a doctor who does not get parental consent to perform an abortion on an unemancipated minor would be subject to charges of criminal homicide. The attorney general's office has up to 45 days to render a formal opinion on the questions.

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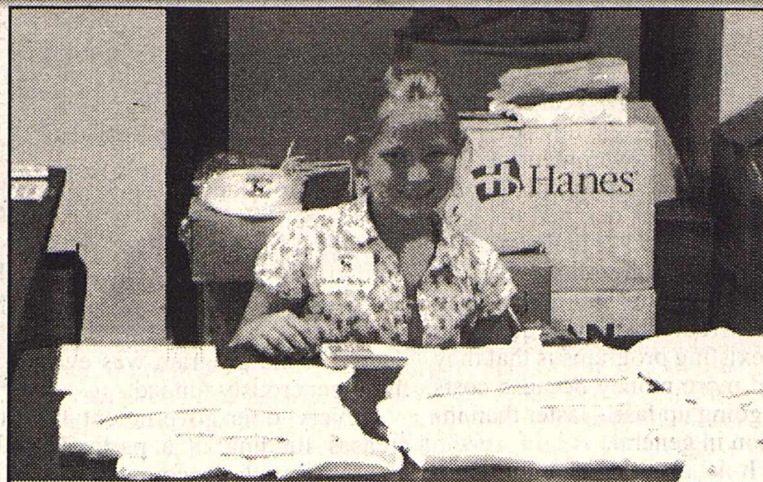
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New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9450' Johansen -A80- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 07/20/06 Assigned  
New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8600' Richardson -135- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 07/17/06 Assigned  
5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8590' Mayer -47- #13 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 07/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead  
New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7950' Simmons -72- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 07/19/06 Assigned  
7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7950' Simmons -3- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 07/12/06 3 Drlg Ahead  
8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7550' Sawyer -144- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 07/12/06 3 Drlg Ahead  
9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7450' Shurley -148- #11 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 07/09/06 6 Drlg Ahead  
New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7350' Ward #69 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 07/19/06 Assigned  
11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7100' Canyon Ranch #113-4s Dw Patterson Drilling/A 161 07/09/06 6 Drlg Ahead  
12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6950' Canyon Ranch #2074s Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 07/13/06 2 Drlg Ahead  
New 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6850' Kelly -124- #23 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 115 07/17/06 Assigned  
14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6850' Kelly -124- #24 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 115 07/08/06 7 Drlg Ahead  
New 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6350' Shurley #115 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 07/17/06 Assigned  
16 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6350' Stella Keene Et Al -77- #11 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 107 07/09/06 6 Drlg Ahead  
New 17 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6150' Stella Keene Et Al -77- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 107 07/18/06 Assigned  
New 18 Xog Operating Llc 5200' Cassius Clay #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 102 07/11/06 4 Drlg Ahead

#### Crockett

4 J. Cleo Thompson/Dal 9700' University 31-14 #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 42 07/03/06 12 Drlg Ahead  
5 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -A- #709 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 07/03/06 12 Drlg Ahead  
New 6 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -A- #717 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 07/17/06 Assigned  
7 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #418 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 07/05/06 10 Drlg Ahead  
New 8 Anadarko E & P 8500' Laura Hoover Estate -52d- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 07/13/06 2 Drlg Ahead  
9 Soc Oil Company Inc 6800' Stugard -45- #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 06/22/06 23 Drlg Ahead 6363'  
New 10 Mlc Operating 6500' Onyx -C- #5 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 07/11/06 4 Drlg Ahead 1037'  
11 Oxy Permian/Houston 5600' South Cross Unit #241 Dw Sledge Drilling 1 07/03/06 12 Drlg Ahead  
New 12 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -A- #8a Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 07/10/06 5 Drlg Ahead  
13 Telesis Operating 2500' Perner -42- #1 Hinz Drilling 1 06/21/06 24 Drlg Ahead 565'  
14 Momentum Energy 1050' Chambers County #402 Ft Hope Drilling 1 07/01/06 14 Drlg Ahead 479'

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New 3 Pogo Producing Co 6900' West -78- Unit #6 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 07/10/06 5 Drlg Ahead 2200'

#### Terrell

1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/14/06 62 Drlg Ahead  
2 Oxy Permian/Houston 14500' Turk -A- #1a Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 06/19/06 26 Recomplete  
New 3 Energico Production 13900' Slaughter -63- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 420 07/16/06 Moving On  
4 Encana O & G/Dallas 12200' Culbertson -17- #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 06/06/06 39 Drlg Ahead  
5 Bp America/Houston 11500' Banner Estate #43 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 07/07/06 8 Drlg Ahead  
New 6 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Brown Se -221- #39 Dw Lariat Services/Ode 18 07/09/06 6 Drlg Ahead 3702'  
New 7 Encore Operating Lp 6400' Brown Mcninch Estate Unit #12 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 07/18/06 Assigned  
8 Encore Operating Lp 6100' Banner Estate #51 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 07/01/06 14 Drlg Ahead

#### Edwards

1 Newfield 11500' Mayfield -A- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 06/30/06 15 Drlg Ahead  
Exploration  
New 2 Newfield 11000' Cloudt #7601 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 07/13/06 2 Drlg Ahead  
Exploration  
New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7000' Canyon Ranch #209-2e Dw Patterson Drilling/A 161 07/18/06 Assigned

#### Val Verde

1 Unit Petroleum/Hous 16700' Joy R Pusard State Unit #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/H 19 05/15/06 61 Drlg Ahead 16620'  
2 Conocophillips/Odes 11100' J A Ranch -L- #4 Dw Patterson Uti/Lv 481 06/26/06 19 Drlg Ahead 9010'  
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### Sutton County 4-H'er Attends State Water Camp

By Pascual Hernandez  
Texas Cooperative Extension Agent Sutton County

A Sutton County 4-H'er attended the 14th annual Texas Youth Water Camp held July 9-13. Sutton Underground Water District sponsored Justin Perez to attend the five-day event.

The camp helps Texas youth learn about current pertinent water issues. It strives to build an appreciation among the participants for the implications water management has on agriculture, industry, municipalities and homes. Field trips, tours and hands-on group project work make up the learning experiences included in the event.

Justin saw first-hand how water is used for such things as crop irrigation, oil recovery, generating electricity, aquaculture, and many other uses. This is an excellent opportunity for

high school boys and girls from across the state to learn more about our water resources and the need for conservation.

This Texas Cooperative Extension youth workshop is offered each July in Monahans, Texas and is conducted by Extension agents and specialists, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel and other water resource experts.

A sincere expression of gratitude is owed to our Sutton Underground Water District and water conservation districts around the state who sponsor youth to attend this event. The support of these water districts helps educate youth about maintaining tomorrow's resources.



4-H'ers visit a shrimp farm

### Where has the Fire-Culture Gone?

By Charles "Butch" Taylor  
Professor & Research Station Superintendent  
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-Sonora

This past winter and spring when the range was covered with excess fuels, parched by drought, and swept with high winds, wild-fires roared across the landscape. Various news organizations expended much effort and money reporting the conflagration to the masses. During the entire maelstrom, I never heard a single ounce of reasoning why the state was experiencing the inevitable wild-fire season. However, I seriously doubt if many Texans would have taken the time to read an in depth article describing the fire history of the state and why fire was so important to the early inhabitants (American Indians) as well as to a healthy ecosystem.

In Texas, as well as the rest of the United States, very few places know fire as they once did over a 100-years ago. Basically prescribed fires have fled the state like Turkey Vultures in the winter; and, what are the consequences of this reduction in anthropogenic (human-caused) fires?

This past winter and spring the wild-fires in the High-Plains are one example of what happens when the ability to use prescribed fire is suppressed (one can only wonder how much damage to man-made structures and livestock would have been prevented if there had been an active prescribed fire program in the area). The Texas landscape has known regular fire for thousands of years but with the advent of European settlement, the frequency of both anthropogenic and lightning caused fires have been greatly reduced. It is obvious that fire has been greatly diminished; one only has to look

at the evidence of woody plants and prickly pear graffiti sprawled across a landscape that had once been productive grasslands.

We should reinstate prescribed fire to sustain and manage the grasslands and grassland savannas we value as a society; we should reinstate prescribed fire to manage the fuel loads that build to unmanageable levels when we suppress prescribed fire; and, we should reinstate prescribed fire because it is what we do as human beings; in other words, we should reinstate a fire-culture. We're the only creature on the planet that will light a torch and carry it with the purpose of sculpting the landscape. We need to recreate a fire-culture within the state so the populace will understand and appreciate its value. One question that currently begs to be answered, "is the critical divide that currently exists within the state, regarding prescribed fire, between those who have experience carrying a torch and those who haven't (i.e., those who have only known fire in barbecue pits, internal combustion engines, or what they hear through the press or state and federal agencies)?" Has Smokey Bear, in just the last 60-years, replaced a fire-culture that had previously existed for thousands of years?

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, located between Sonora and Rocksprings, will be conducting a prescribed fire school on August 17, 18, & 19, 2006. If you want to become one who has carried a torch and sculpted the landscape, then you have the opportunity to do so at this school. You will also receive instructions in reading and understanding a fire weather report, fire ecology, fire history, and the safe and efficient application of prescribed fire to the landscape, even during burn bans.

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**Why Government Costs Rise Faster Than Inflation**

By Byron Schломach, Ph.D.

When the Texas Legislature meets every other year, its most important task is to devise a budget for state government. At the same time, advocates for government programs descend on Austin to noisily make their cases for ever-increased funding.

Perhaps the line most often heard from those who advocate for existing programs is that they need more money because costs are going up fast—faster than inflation in general.

It is accurate that costs in many areas of the economy where government spends taxpayer money are, indeed, going up faster than costs in areas where government is not a major spender. Public education costs certainly have gone up faster than inflation, judging by the rate expenditures have increased over the last few decades. The same is true of higher education. Even more obvious is the increase in the costs of health care, now the single biggest general area of expenditure in the Texas state budget, when higher education and public education are separated.

The list of government endeavors whose costs go up faster than inflation includes roads, the penal system, and virtually any other major function. But why does this happen? Is government just somehow unlucky? How is it that everything government touches seems to become so financially burdensome? Surely there must be an answer.

"Costs" are another way to say "prices." When people say costs are going up, they mean the prices of inputs are increasing. The real issue is found in asking why do prices associated with government programs rise so quickly?

There are only two reasons the price of something rises: either demand increases, or supply decreases. That is, those who would like to buy something decide they want a lot more of it, thereby pushing up the price. Or, for some reason those who would be willing to sell something become less willing to do so, and have to be induced to sell by being offered a higher price.

Economic reasoning therefore says one of these two circumstances must be occurring with the inputs to government programs, and it has to be occurring to a greater degree than in the economy as a whole.

Government's demand is unlimited. For any given program, no matter how generous, someone can be found who would benefit if the program was even more generously funded.

Every time government increases funding in a particular area, it simply encourages the behavior that brought about the rising costs the new funding was supposed to offset in the first place! Thus, the higher-than-average inflation in government programming feeds on itself.

There will never be enough money for most government programs. Government's own demand pushes up costs. Then, when funding is increased to compensate, the costs just go up that much faster. The problem is compounded by the fact that people who benefit from these programs have no incentive to use them wisely, and so they demand even more of the programs, pushing costs up all the more.

The ideal of big-government advocates—no one lacks for anything because government always fills the gaps—is unreachable. It is as unreachable as the dream of someone who steps off a building intending to defy the law of gravity; only doom awaits him.

The laws of economics, and the dire consequences of ignoring them, are just as certain.

Hopefully, our elected leaders will learn to discern when their actions are causing the very problems they intended to solve. More importantly, hopefully they will learn to just say "no" to the advocates who see taxpayers' wallets as a bottomless pit to be endlessly mined.

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Game Wardens Will Allison and Marco Alvizo instruct in safe and proper handling of a rifle during a recent Hunter Safety Camp at the McPherson 4M Ranch.  
See related story on page 5.

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**LIGHTNING AND LIVESTOCK**

Submitted

**Q:** How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

**A:** No one knows for sure because record keeping tends to be very sketchy in this area, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States.

"The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80 percent of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts explains. "What usually happens is that livestock often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be. There are numerous cases of ranchers finding two or more cows or horses dead under a tree after a thunderstorm."

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us inside them for 9 months.

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**Congestive Heart Failure**

Submitted By: Kelly L Thorp  
County Extension Agent-FCS  
Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County



Congestive heart failure (CHF) means your heart cannot pump enough blood to meet your body's needs. Though the name of the condition sounds as though the heart is no longer working, it simply means the heart is not working as effectively as it should.

Each side of the heart is made up of two chambers: the atrium and the ventricle. The atrium takes blood into the heart and the ventricle pumps it where it needs to go. CHF occurs when any of these chambers lose their ability to keep up with the amount of blood flow.

Left-sided heart failure involves the heart's left ventricle. If the left ventricle loses its ability to pump normally, the heart cannot pump with enough force to push enough blood into circulation. If the ventricle loses its ability to relax normally because the muscle has become stiff, the heart cannot properly fill with blood during the resting period between each beat. In either case, blood coming into the left chamber from the lungs may "back up," causing fluid to leak into the lungs, a condition called pulmonary edema.

The right atrium receives the "used" blood that returns to the heart through the veins. When the right side loses pumping power, blood backs up in the body's veins. This usually causes swelling in the legs and ankles.

Heart failure typically does not occur suddenly—it develops slowly, over time. The term "congestive" comes from the fact that as either or both of the heart's chambers fail, blood backs up into the liver, abdomen, lower limbs and lungs. Common signs and symptoms of congestive heart failure may include:

- Fatigue and weakness
- Shortness of breath when you exert yourself or when you lie down
- Persistent cough or wheezing
- Swelling in your legs, ankles and feet
- Swelling of your abdomen
- Sudden weight gain from fluid retention
- Lack of appetite and nausea
- Irregular or rapid heartbeat

A single risk factor may be enough to cause heart failure, but a combination of factors dramatically increases the risk. Risk factors may include high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, alcohol abuse and kidney failure, to name a few.

Using a stethoscope, your health provider can listen to your lungs for sounds of congestion. The stethoscope also picks up abnormal heart sounds that may suggest heart failure. Your health provider may recommend one or more tests to diagnose heart failure, including a chest x-ray, electrocardiogram (EKG), echocardiogram and cardiac catheterization, among others. Your health provider may also refer you to a cardiologist, a doctor who specializes in the heart and its function.

Congestive heart failure is treatable in most cases. Your health provider will initially try to treat the underlying diseases or conditions, such as high blood pressure or diabetes, which are causing your heart failure. The treatment for heart failure may include:

- \* Lifestyle Changes: Follow a diet low in salt. Limit the amount of fluids that you drink. Weigh yourself every day and let your doctor know right away if you have a sudden weight gain. Exercise as directed to help build up your fitness level and ability to be more active.
- \* Medications: Your health provider may prescribe medicines to help improve your heart function and symptoms. The main medicines are
  - \* Diuretics to help reduce fluid buildup in your lungs and swelling in your feet and ankles.
  - \* ACE inhibitors to lower blood pressure and reduce the strain on your heart.
  - \* Beta blockers to slow your heart rate and lower your blood pressure to decrease the workload on your heart.
  - \* Digoxin to make the heart beat stronger and pump more blood.
  - \* Surgery: If you have very severe heart failure, you may be considered for a mechanical heart pump or heart transplant.

Although many cases of heart failure cannot be reversed, treatment can usually improve symptoms and help you live longer. You and your health can work together to help make your life more comfortable. Pay attention to your body and how you feel and tell your health provider when you are feeling better or feeling worse.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also visit the CHF information page offered by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute: [http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/Diseases/Hf/HF\\_WhatIs.html](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/Diseases/Hf/HF_WhatIs.html)  
Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist – Gerontology Health

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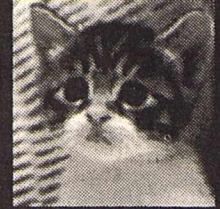


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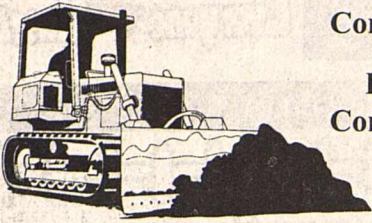


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There are six Brigade camps each summer, two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, the Feather Forces (focusing on quail and turkey), and the Bass Brigade.

Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, and submit a complete application for consideration. Dates for 2007 will be available after 9/01/06.

Participants are available to give presentations to schools and civic groups.

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904

*"Tell me, I forget;  
Show me, I re-  
member;  
Involve me,  
I understand."  
Anonymous*

## F.Y.I.

Sonora ISD Phone Number is now 387-6940. In the future, please use this number to contact all campuses/offices district wide.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

St. Ann's Softball Tournament: July 22, 2006. For more information, call Tommy Van Winkle at 325-206-1824 or Joe San Miguel at 325-226-2745.

World Championship Goat Roping, Friday & Saturday, July 21-22: Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m., Sutton County Park Complex. 325/853-3053

Kids Mutton Bustin' for ages 4-7 weighing 55 lbs or less. Entry fee \$10. Prelims Aug. 5th, 4:00 p.m. Deadline for entry is Wed., August 2, @ 5:00 p.m. For more info, contact Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or Bridget Wardlaw 206-0952.

Sutton County Days and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will be held August 11-12 at the Sutton County Arena Complex.

The 1996 Graduating class of Sonora High School is having a 10 yr. reunion during this year's Sutton County Days. Please contact Jesse West at (325)387-2150 for more information or if you know how to contact any of your former classmates.

The Eldorado Game Association will be hosting its annual Game Dinner on Nov. 4, 2006, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Schleicher County Civic Center, 1 mile south of Eldorado on US 277. There will be over \$25,000 in prizes, including gift certificates from Academy, a Pot Belly blind, and a AUSA Utility Vehicle. BBQ brisket and chili plates are \$5 each and tickets for the drawings are \$1. Tickets for the drawing are available at Angelo Bolt, West Texas Game Feeders, and Angelo Pellets. Tickets will also be available the day of the Game Dinner. For more information, call (325)650-9559 or (325)650-6614.

4th Annual Running of the Bull will take place July 29-30, 2006 in Eldorado on the shaded courthouse lawn. A parade will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Food, arts and crafts, entertainment and much more will highlight this year's event. Cowboy poets, storytellers, Elvis impersonators, singers, animal acts and much more are on tap for your entertainment. Saturday's festivities will conclude at 5 p.m. and the schedule for Sunday will take place from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission, entry or parking fees.

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