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2008 Sutton County Livestock Show A Resounding Success

By Ben D. Taylor

My early stock show career can be summed up in one sentence. I showed sheep. Those of you that have ever spent any amount of time around this animal can appreciate the power of that statement. I've heard it said that, "Every sheep is born looking for a warm place to die", and for the duration of my sheep showing experience, I spent a great deal of time wanting to take my sheep to that "warm place". The winters of my youth were spent running our show lambs around a makeshift track, grumbling under my breath as I spent countless hours working with them, and cringing every time one of those animals sneezed and covered me with a liberal coat of sheep snot. Never has there been a harder headed, clueless, and overall aggravating animal as a sheep, and never has there been a better teacher. I went to college for a total of 7 years receiving 2 degrees, and the lessons I learned in school pale in comparison to the lessons I learned from a sheep.

"We believe in the skills kids learn through stock shows such as time management, commitment, management of resources, and patience", commented Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent, during a recent interview. The Sutton County Stock show has served the youth of Sutton County since at least the late 1940's, showcasing both the agricultural industry and youth of this county.

The 2008 stock show held true to that over 60 year tradition. This year's stock show had over 45 exhibitors showing animals across 27 different classes of livestock (market lambs, meat goats, angora goats, swine, and cattle), and sold a total of 48 lots. Pascual Hernandez noted that stock shows tend to reflect the current trends in the agricultural market, "The exhibitors in the sheep show were down, but meat goat exhibitors were up, and while angora goat exhibitors were down we still probably have the largest county show for angora goats in the state".



Over 45 exhibitors participated in this years Sutton County Stock Show. Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell.

Lightweight Finewool Lambs

Chelsey Lou Campbell 1st, Damon Evans 2nd, Damon Evans 3rd, Justin Perez 4th, Zachary Leonard 5th, Jesus Vasquez 6th, Justin Perez 7th

Middleweight Finewool Lambs

Dustin Neff 1st, Chance Campbell 2nd, Stella Ingham 3rd, Owen Friess 4th, Damon Evans 5th, Savannah Leonard 6th, Savannah Leonard 7th, Zachary Leonard 8th, Savannah Leonard 9th, Andrew Curtis 10th

Heavyweight Finewool Lambs

Stella Ingham 1st, Owen Friess 2nd, Chelsey Lou Campbell 3rd, Steely Ingham 4th, Owen Friess 5th, Steely Ingham 6th, Steely Ingham 7th, Stella Ingham 8th, Owen Friess 9th

Lightweight Finewool Cross Lambs

Damon Evans 1st, Dustin Neff 2nd, Dustin Neff 3rd, Dustin Neff 4th, Chance Campbell 5th, Damon Evans 6th, Owen Friess 7th, Owen Friess 8th, Dustin Neff 9th, Owen Friess 10th

Middleweight Finewool Lambs

Dustin Neff 1st, Chelsey Lou Campbell 2nd, Zachary Leonard 3rd, Stella Ingham 4th, Savannah Leonard 5th, Owen Friess 6th, Zachary Leonard 7th, Chelsey Lou Campbell 8th, Savannah Leonard 9th, Steely Ingham 10th

Heavyweight Finewool Lambs

Chance Campbell 1st, Zachary Leonard 2nd, Steely Ingham 3rd, Steely Ingham 4th, Stella Ingham 5th, Stella Ingham 6th, Andrew Curtis 7th

Market Goat Division Class No.1

Colton Moore 1st, Gunter Pennington 2nd, Macie Friess 3rd, Sky Jennings 4th, Caleb Gonzales 5th, Jaydon West 6th, Kylie Love 7th, Kylie Johnson 8th, Kylie Johnson 9th, Caleb Gonzales 10th, Damon Evans 11th, Jaydon West 12th, Kylie Johnson 13th

Market Goat Division Class No.2

Colton Moore 1st, Gunter Pennington 2nd, Macie Friess 3rd, Macie Friess 4th, Stephani Morriss 5th, Dustin Neff 6th, Steely Ingham 7th, Sterling Love 8th, Sterling Love 9th, Hunter Jennings 10th, Serena Allison 11th, Julissa Esquivel 12th, Erasmo Esquivel 13th, Jaydon West 14th

Community members and businesses worked together to make this years stock show a success. Pascual made sure to pass along his gratitude, "We would like to thank all our volunteers, the sponsors of various awards, all our buyers, and committees that make up and sponsor the show at Sutton County. We also extend our appreciation to Sutton County and the maintenance crews that helped set up before and cleanup after the show".

While stock shows tend to be viewed as a small piece of Americana (one of those things that "only happen in small town Texas"), it's important that we share and continue our agricultural heritage. Americans tend to take for advantage the fact that we spend on average only 10% on food, while some Europeans spend up to 40% of their annual income on groceries. "Next year we will continue recruitment efforts. If we look at the state we are about 85% urban. We want to make an effort to target non-traditional youth (kids here in Sonora that are a few generations removed from the ranch). If we can show those kids and their families the importance of production agriculture hopefully we can make them ambassadors of agriculture", stated Hernandez.

I mentioned that my "early stock show experience" was of showing sheep; let's just say that ended quickly as soon as I heard you didn't have to run angora goats. Thanks to the kindness of Joe David Ross and his gift of an angora nanny (I quickly named her Cyclone). I went on to win 3 grand championship belt buckles at the county show. I wore one of those belt buckles during my college days, just to remind myself of where I came from. "Lessons Learned from Livestock", kind of like "Chicken Soup for the Soul" Texas style. Congratulations to all the exhibitors of the 2008 Sutton County Stockshow!

Stock show results continued on page 6

An Old Park Gets A New Start



Photo by Victoria Vara.

The sign in front of Liberty Park reflects the current state of the park itself.

By Ben D. Taylor

The future of Liberty Park (also known as the Placita) is no longer in question as the city council unanimously voted in favor of rehabbing this piece of Sutton County History in October of last year. The city had recently planned on tearing the park down (going so far as placing a dumpster next to the park in anticipation of the deconstruction) citing public safety as the reason, but public outcry to this action changed their minds. The extent and start date of the renovations are not yet known, as City Manager Jim Polonis is spending a great deal of time and resources working on the city's sewer upgrades.

While there are no longer questions regarding the future of the park, I found that there are a lot of questions about the park's history, specifically why it's named Liberty Park. In the course of my research I found that the park was established in

1947 through a land donation made to the Hispanic community by the city. As was common in those times, the construction of this park was a community effort. As reported in the July 6, 1945 edition of the *Devil's River News*, "Seventy-two men donated 122 1/2 days of labor in the construction of the platform". The Hispanic community raised money for the park through Cinco De Mayo celebrations and fund raisers. Community leaders and government organizations that donated machinery and materials were listed in the 1945 edition as being, "The city of Sonora, Gabriel Mata, Rafael Gomez, Benito Ramon, the Sonora Lions Club, Manuel Ibarra, State Highway Department, H.V. Stokes, and Aurelia Torrez". Robert Mata Sr. (his father was instrumental in the construction of the park) commented that, "Everybody pitched in and helped. The only thing we

paid for was cement".

Everyone that I spoke to about the park knew that it was important and that it had some kind of history, but nobody could tell me exactly what that history was. There were three main theories as to why the park was named Liberty Park. First was that the park was named for all the Hispanic World War II Veterans, second was that the park was named after the Hispanic settlers that first came to Sonora, and the last theory I heard was that the park was named Liberty Park because of all the Cinco de Mayo celebrations held there. I finally came to what I believe is the real story behind the name Liberty Park. Robert Mata Sr. stated, "When they started building it they tried to think of a name. They ended up calling it Liberty Park after all the guys that were coming back from the war".

The park is now covered in graffiti, and the slab is crumbling. This is a far cry from its original design reported in the *Devil's River News*, "Between the walks grass will be planted, with shrubs and flower beds outlining the walks and the dance platform. In the center of the platform a lily pond and flower beds will be built". The construction of the park took a community effort, and it is going to take another community effort to restore it. Even though there is no formal declaration of this park being a World War II memorial, that does not lessen its importance to the memory this park stands for. The restoration of this park is not simply an issue for the city to worry about, and neither is it strictly a Hispanic issue, it's an American one.

Body Found at Trailer Park



Photo by Dalton Dover

Caution tape marks the boundary of the crime scene at the Stadium Trailer Park.

By Ben D. Taylor

Police were called onto a gruesome scene on Tuesday, January 15th at approximately 7:00 a.m. where a man was found dead at the Stadium Trailer Park located in the southeast part of Sonora. Texas Rangers were called in to assist in the investigation. There has been no comment issued by the Police Department regarding this matter; however, unconfirmed reports speculate that this was a possible homicide (indicated by wounds consistent with foul play). These sources also report that the victim was a heavy set Caucasian male, in his fifties, employed by Mittel Dozing, and that the victim was found by his employer inside the house.

According to a deputy sheriff working outside of Sutton County, it is not uncommon to have the Texas Rangers called in on a possible homicide. He stated that, "Every county is different in their protocols; the local police's main purpose is to secure the scene for the arrival of the Rangers."

At around 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, several police officers, forensic investigators, and unmarked vehicles were present at the scene. We were assured that Chief House would issue a statement to the press as soon as the investigation progressed further; however, at press time Chief House was still unavailable for comment.

Card of Thanks

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped to keep everyone fed and happy this past weekend at our stock show. Annette, Randy, and Jalys Mabry, your concession stand was awesome! Terri and Carl Johnson, once again you always lend a helping hand wherever needed. Last but certainly not least, kudos to Ronnie Wipff and Steve Thorp for the delicious barbecue meal you prepared for our Saturday night sale.

In Kind Regards,
Kelly L County Thorp
Sutton

Lighthouse Community Church

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Thur. Jan. 17 - Blood pressure checks 11:00 a.m.
Fri. Jan. 18 - Happy B-Day Jim Polonis, John Cooper
Sat. Jan. 19 - Happy B-Day Mario Hernandez
Sun. Jan. 20 - Happy B-Day Anna Eustace - come see us!
Mon. Jan. 21 - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/CENTER CLOSED
Tues. Jan. 22 - Happy B-Day Vicenta Lopez
Wed. Jan. 23 - Happy B-Day Lucy Ramos

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Jan. 17 - Fried Fish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, bread pudding with raisins, milk
Fri. Jan. 18 - Roast Beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, carrot cake
Mon. Jan. 21 - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/CENTER CLOSED
Tues. Jan. 22 - Smothered Steak with gravy and onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, apple crisp, juice
Wed. Jan. 23 - Salmon Croquettes, macaroni & cheese, turnip greens, roll, coleslaw, peach halves

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).



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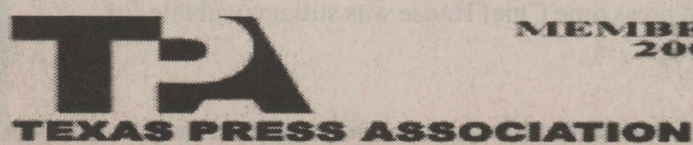
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Obituaries

Harvey Lester "Les" Strawn, Jr. age 81, of Comanche, Texas died Monday January 7, 2008 at his daughter's home after a lengthy battle with cancer and heart disease.

Les served a lifetime of law enforcement. He started his career in the Army as a military policeman. He then attended West Point Academy as a young man and then worked for the Department of Public Safety a Texas Highway Patrolman for 23 years, serving the towns and counties of Albany, Eastland, Abilene, Del Rio, Sonora, and Comanche. After retiring from the State Highway Patrol, he became a police Sergeant for Comanche and served 10 years. He later served as a Deputy Sheriff for Comanche County. He was also a private security officer for several years.

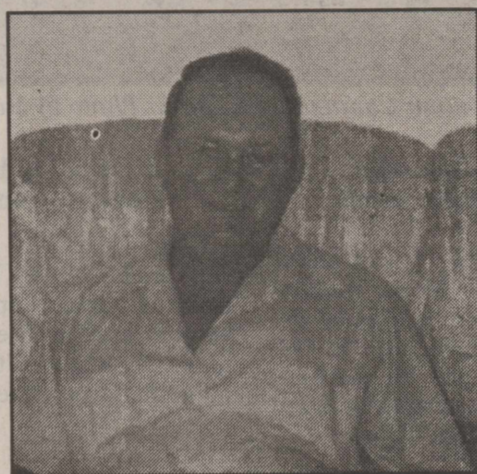
After finally retiring from Law Enforcement, his spare time was used doing what he loved, playing golf. He played in many tournaments, always doing well, usually winning. Les played in the PGA Senior Golf Tournament that was televised on ESPN. Les was instrumental in the development of the Texas Highway Patrol Museum in San Antonio and was on the Board of Directors. Les was also featured in the Winter 2007 edition of the Texas Highway Patrol Magazine, highlighting his great career with the Highway Patrol. Quoting the article, "In 2008 the Wall of History inside the Texas Highway Patrol Museum in San Antonio will be renamed 'The Les Strawn Wall of History' in his honor."

Les was also a 32 degree Mason for over 50 years and past master of the Comanche Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Georgia; his daughter - Debbie Perkins of Bailey, Colorado; his son - Anthony Strawn of Burkett, Texas, and his grandchildren - Bandy Jacob Strawn and Destiny Perkins both of Colorado. He was preceded in death by a son, Herschel Strawn.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, in the Heartland Funeral Home of Comanche, with Bro. R. D. Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Gardens of Memories Cemetery in Comanche County.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois, 60601-7633. Friends are invited to sign the guestbook at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements were by Heartland Funeral Home of Comanche, 1508 N. Austin, Comanche, Texas, 76442. 325-356-3292



Carroll Don Behrns, 74, passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2007 after a short illness. He was born on June 3, 1933 in Tow, Texas to Dayton Carroll Behrns and Gladys Lucinda Catherine Bough Behrns. Carroll graduated from Llano High School. Carroll was a rancher, turkey farmer and electronics repairman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his brother, Terry Behrns, of Tow and three sisters; Yvonne Schwarz and husband Vernon of Fredericksburg, Vallree Draper of Sonora, and Wynona Behrns of Harker Heights. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services were held Thursday, December 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at Waldrope, Hatfield, Hawthorne Funeral Home in Llano. Brother Lester Bagley, minister of Llano Church of Christ, officiated. Pallbearers were Bobby Draper, Carey Draper, Perry Don Draper, Frisby Bible, Mike Delz, Kenny Bibles, Ryan Davis, and Kelly Carta. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Hallmark and Ben Hewitt.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the doctors, nurses and staff of Llano Memorial Hospital and Seton Hospital. Memorials may be made to the Tow Cemetery Association. P.O. Box, Tow, TX 78672

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God didn't promise days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow,
Sun without rain,
But he did promise strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears,
And light for the way...

Letters to the Editor

I was raised in Sonora and have read the DRN since I learned how to read. I read parts and pieces of newspapers from all over the country every day for work. I read a lot of magazines and journals for fun in my spare time. I have NEVER read anything as touching, well written, well-phrased, meaningful and inspiring as the story on Rebeckah and Kelly Owen. Maybe it's because I love Ben's writing and think he masterfully captured this story, maybe its because of the story itself and how wonderfully touching it is in and of itself, maybe its because I know and love the Owen family and I prayed along with the countless others through this entire journey/miracle/ordeal or maybe it is because of the belief in those prayers and the magnificence of the unwavering faith of Kelly and her family. Whatever the reason, this is the best story I've read in years - maybe ever. Thank you DRN for bringing this beautiful piece of literature to my life.

Sincerely,
Tammy Fisher

I think all of us can remember (some further back than we would like to admit) when we always went to certain homes on Halloween because of the treats, or by certain homes to see the Christmas decorations each and every childhood year. These are memories that usually last a lifetime; much longer than the person or the structures exhibited.

Now of course the décor is more elaborate and expensive, the electric is higher, not to mention all the work to set things in place. It is all worth it when you get to see a child's excitement, or someone mentions they always drive past our home due to their children's insistence, or adults say they have to come by just to see what we have done the current year. This is our reason for decorating; so that others might enjoy, this is our reason for the season.

On nightly rides through the neighborhoods this year, it seemed there were additional homes decorated; all of which looked great. To us this is what a caring community is about to bring a little joy to the young and the old. What some do not realize is the enjoyment of the decorations might be the only Christmas some folks may have. We seem to forget how fortunate we are as we unwrap our new X-Box, etc. Whether the decorations are on a business or individual home, there is time and money spent as well as a sense of giving a community gift for others.

Last year several people inquired of us as the seasons progressed if we had anything destroyed or stolen. They mentioned they used to decorate but had stopped due to the vandalism. We were able to respond that we had No Problems. However the case is different this year.

It is not fun or funny when items disappear or are kicked apart by some irresponsible person trying to prove they are cute or can get away with something. These actions are what make caring, giving individuals wonder if it is worth the effort. Is it coming to the point that security cameras are necessary to keep things intact?

If this destruction or theft is done by teens it maybe proves the new curfew is deserved, and should parents notice new room or wall décor, they might suggest their child return it with a gentle reminder that they may have some fond childhood memories like us old fogies. Should adults be involved, shame on you.

I would hate to think that such a small group of people lacking respect for other's property could ruin things for so many. This is when it isn't fun anymore.

Merry Christmas
Sue Adkins

Minds are like parachutes.
They only function when
they are open.

Sir James Dewar

Wedding Announcements on Page 4 this week

Happy Birthday

January 17

David Wallace, Felipe Estrada, Tina Watkins, Ruben Garza, Lisa Slaton, Antonio Lopez

January 18

Alexis Aguirre, Allanna Aguirre, Richard Ridgeway, Jed Leal, Rose Kames, Rene Vasquez, Colby Savell, Kent McAnally, Michael Creek, Jim Polonis

January 19

Thomas Hanson, Abb Smith, Keith Wallace, John Lopez, Sr., Mario Hernandez, Randy Knight, Alexis Guerra, Heather Lock, Kristy C. Sanchez, Rogelio Cardona

January 20

Erin Payton, Cindy Feagin, Jesse Burris, Rusty Garner, Joshua Frank Esquivel, Weedy Zorn

January 21

Savannah Savell, Sablan Robles, Tanner Cain, Dan Hawkins, Roy Mesa

January 22

Alicia Dawn, Lance Castro, Michelle Krieg, Tara Johnson, Carrie Herd, Callie Herd, Doris Hull, Bianca Sepeda, Carla Garner, James Lee Leonard, Chantal Ramirez, Chastain Spiller

January 23

Frank Gabriel Esquivel, Willie B. Munoz, Susan Brown, Straton Rushing, Katherine Sparks, Alonzo Perez, Ronny Smith, Gleardo Favila, Bradyn Lippie, Amy Tidwell, Jake Ponsetti

Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Do you have an article on when the home of Mrs. J. L. Davis burned down?

A. The *Devil's River News*, January 25, 1935-Residence Built by Dr. Dodson in 1899 Burned Tuesday. Mrs. M. S. Davis' Property and Furnishing Lost in Early Morning Blaze

The large-print family Bible, fifty-three years old, its leaves badly charred but with the family record readable, was one of the very few treasures salvaged by Mrs. Martha Savannah Davis from the ruins of her 6-room home destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. (1-22-1935)

The house, located a block south of Lowrey Drw on Concho Avenue, was built about 1899 by Dr. Dodson. It was one of the best houses of its day. Mrs. Davis had lived in it twenty-three years.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Mrs. Davis's daughter, Mrs. M. C. Clark and her children, Clifton 7, and Martha Rose 5, live with her. Mrs. Clark awoke about two o'clock and noticed, through the ceiling, a light in the attic. She then saw a light under the door to the living room. Running into that room, she saw flames at both sides of the mantle. She gathered all of the clothes from a closet at each side of the mantle and ran with them to the front porch. They were burned there.

She aroused her mother, asleep on the screened back porch, and Mrs. Pearl Cottrell, an employee of the Sutton County Relief Board, who was rooming in the house. All of them got out of the house just before the roof fell. All of Mrs. Cottrell's personal belongings were burned.

Mrs. Davis says that she does not believe the fire started in the flue. The chimney, standing ghost-like now as if vying for

supremacy with the charred pecan tree nearby, was of stone. A stove pipe entered the chimney through a galvanized plate. Now it is tilted against the base of the chimney.

W. M. McDonough, fire department member working as night watchman for Beall Freeman, discovered the fire and notified Junior Brasher, assistant fire chief, who gave the alarm from the telephone office where he works as night watchman, and Jesse Powell, night man at Sonora Motor Co., brought the chemical truck. Mr. McDonough, Beamon Speed and other members of the department brought the other truck. (At that time the fire department was housed in the white building right next door to the current Sutton County Courthouse Annex.)

The temperature was below freezing and fire fighting was difficult. Two lines of hose were used. A third reduced the pressure too greatly.

Mr. Poteet ran into the house to see if everyone was out and came from the blazing building just before the roof fell.

Mrs. Clark took her canary in its cage from the burning home but abandoned it by the back steps. It was burned as were goldfish given Mrs. Clark Sunday by Mrs. Ben F. Meckel, her sister.

As Mrs. Davis and her relatives hunted here and there in the ashes of her home Wednesday, her daughter, Mrs. Meckel, recalled that Mr. Davis had lost his life as a result of exposure at the time of a Mineral Wells hotel fire twenty years ago. A fireman tells that the heat Tuesday morning was so intense that a nickel and a penny in a child's bank were melted. Thirty or thirty-five quilt pieces were among possessions Mrs. Davis lost.

Herman Allison of the fire department suffered a hand injury when his wet hand stuck to a fire nozzle and was torn as he pulled it from the cold brass object. Several members of the department suffered from smoke and from the chill of their water-soaked clothing.

Mrs. Davis said Wednesday that her household goods were insured for \$500 and the property for \$2,000. She is



This was the First National Bank after the 1902 fire. The vault on the inside wall and the ally wall were all that was left standing. There was no vault in the rear of the building.

living now with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Wallace, who lives across the street from her home site.

Mrs. M. S. Davis, Mrs. M. C. Clark, Mrs. W. E. Wallace, Mrs. Ben F. Meckel and J. R. Davis all are sincerely grateful for the service of the boys of the Sonora fire department and all citizens who helped them when Mrs. Davis' home burned. Particular thanks is given to Herman Allison who was slightly hurt.

Martha Savannah Davis at this time was the widow of James L. Davis the former sheriff of Sutton County. J. L. Davis is the man credited with firing the fatal bullet that killed Will Carver a member of the famous Wild Bunch.

In the same issue: Woman Honored On Her 97th Birthday- Mason, Jan. 19-Honoring Mrs. Clarintha Draper on her 97th birthday, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Draper entertained a number of her friends and relatives near Pontotoc.

The combined ages of the honoree and four of the invited

guests totaled 444 years. The four guests were Mrs. Kate McLeod 89; Mrs. L. P. Banner 89; Mrs. Dell Panky 84 and Mrs. Julia Ann Shaw 85. Children present for the occasion were Dawson Draper of Lohn, E. A. Draper of Field Creek, Tom Miller and Lee of Pontotoc, and Mrs. Katie Sessom of Langtry.

Mrs. Draper is the grandmother of Miss Grace Draper and the great-grandmother of Miss Merle Draper of Sonora.

Did you know there is an amusing old theory that a ring worn on the first, or index finger was a sign that the wearer was willing to marry, but not "bespoken"; when the engagement took place the ring was worn on the second finger. On the third finger, of course, it said that the wearer was married; while those independent people who desired to publish to the world that they were neither desirous of, nor interested in, marriage put a ring on the little finger. Answers Magazine

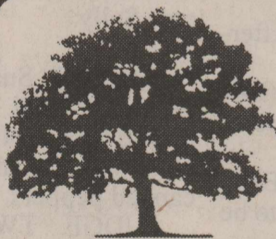
Here is another reason for

you to appreciate the view the next time you look out the window.

In the early days of America people didn't have glass in their windows. It was very costly and in many places unavailable. Windows were made of wooden sliding panels, some had shutters that were closed from the inside. Many homes had paper soaked with linseed oil in place of glass with heavy shutters on the outside for foul weather. Some of the homes had windows made of hides scraped on both sides to a thin texture and coated in linseed oil, anything that could be made thin enough to let in some light. Some homes had windows made of a clear thin stone called mica, that peels off in layers and was used to make small opaque panes. This same stone is now used as windows in furnaces that do heat treating. In the early days many people hung a tapestry or heavy material over these so-called windows to keep out the wind and cold. Thin sheer or lacy drapes were

used in the summer in the finer houses. Glass was just too expensive and too hard to get. Breaking a window could mean waiting for a ship to come in with glass from Europe before companies started making glass here.

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@sonoratx.net The president of the society is Rose Mary Whitehead Jones, vice-president Marvin Shurley, treasurer JoAnn Hernandez and you may contact any of them if you would like to volunteer while I am in Alabama.



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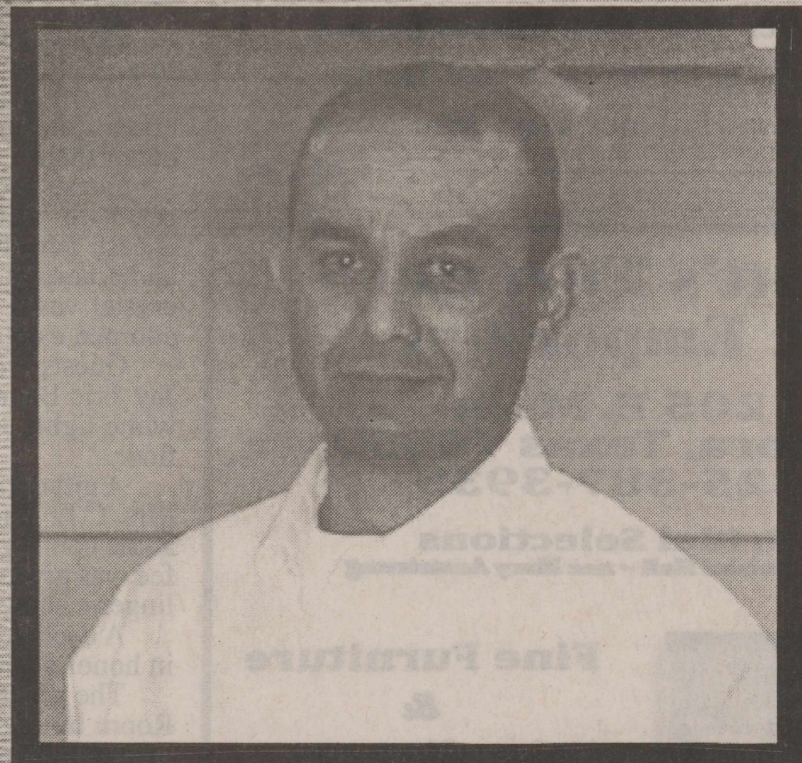
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Men, Women
& Children

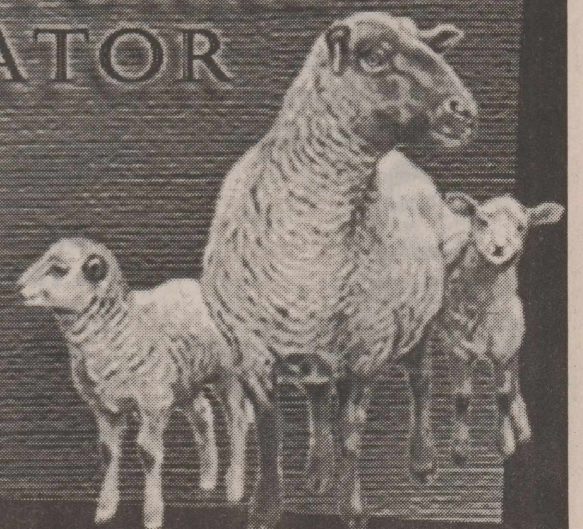
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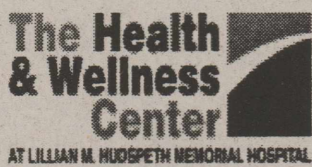
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Wedding Announcements



Robin Kate Conner, of Lubbock, and Jason Ken Campbell, of Floydada, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on Oct. 27, 2007 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Longoria, pastor of the Lighthouse Community Church of Sonora, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner Jr., of Ozona. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. William Dempster Jones and the late Mr. William Dempster Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner, all of Ozona. She was given away in marriage by her father.

The groom is the son of Ms. Polly Campbell and the late Mr. Ken Vance Campbell, of Floydada. He is the grandson of Mrs. Vance Campbell, the late Mr. Vance Campbell, of Floydada, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilson, Modesto, Calif.

Maid of honor was April Grant, of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Kelbie Renfro, cousin of the bride of Ozona and Anna Campbell, sister of the groom of Amarillo.

The bride wore a silky satin, white strapless gown with gorgeous embroidery and bead work on the bodice and hem. Two bands of lace highlighted the lace insert on the back of the train. The veil was mid-length with a tiara and her hair pinned up. The bride also wore her great-grandmother's (Mrs. Joe Pierce Jr.) blue sapphire ring, loaned to her by her cousin Mrs. Billy Dell Renfro. This was her something old, borrowed and blue. She carried a bouquet of fuchsia roses.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore blue sapphire, chiffon strapless tea length dresses with three rows of fuchsia contrasting satin ribbon; one on the neckline and two on the skirt. They carried a bouquet of white roses outlined in fuchsia.

Best man was Hank Henderson, of Lockney. Groomsmen were Tommy Conner, brother of the bride of Ozona and Tyson Whittle, friend of the groom of Seagraves.

Ushers were Wesley Campbell, cousin of the groom of Floydada, Zane Colston, friend of the groom of Matador and Vance Stark, cousin of the groom of Floydada.

The men wore black wool, three-button tuxedos with a satin shawl collar and black satin vests and ties.

Sandy Stokes provided the wedding march on violin. Cousins of the bride Kassie Conner, of Huntsville and Krissie Conner, of Houston, passed out bags of birdseed at the church.

The bride and groom left the church and arrived at the reception in a white, horse-drawn carriage.

A buckboard wagon owned by Mr. Dennis Clark greeted guests when you walked in the door of the Crockett County Convention Center.

The seven-layer cake was three flavors of white, pumpkin spice and strawberry. The cake was served by the bride's aunts Mrs. Tony Conner, of Springtown, Mrs. Earl Acton, of Ozona and Mrs. Rico Forlano, friend of the family of Eldorado.

The groom's cake had a John Deere Tractor with "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy" logo. It was served by Mrs. Hank Henderson, of Lockney and Mrs. Tyson Whittle, of Seagraves.

The wedding dress belonging to the bride's grandmother, Mrs. William Dempster Jones, from 1937, was on display. Photos of the grandparents, the groom's late father and the bride's late aunt, whom she is named after, were on display to honor them.

Guests were served stuffed jalapenos and seafood appetizers, with beef tenderloin and shrimp, along with a fruit and cheese bar. There were two ice sculptures of a ram's head and a horse's head. Pewter and silver ice buckets, along with crystal vases with fuchsia roses and blue and green accents, adorned each table.

Guests were entertained with dancing music by the band Jay Eric Band from New Braunfels. A sapphire blue net with white lights and silver balls made a chandelier over the dance floor.

A gift coffee was given in honor of the bride in the home of Mrs. C.E. Davidson IV. A couples supper and dance was held at the country club by numerous friends and family. A gift coffee was given in Floydada at the historic Lamplighter Hotel. A lingerie shower was given in honor of the bride in Lubbock.

A bachelorette party was given at the Frio River in Concan in honor of the bride.

The rehearsal dinner was given at the Circle Bar Dining Room by Ms. Polly Campbell, mother of the groom. A bridal brunch and pajama party was given around the indoor pool of the Circle Bar Atrium by Mrs. Billy Dell Renfro and her daughter Kelbie, cousin of the bride.

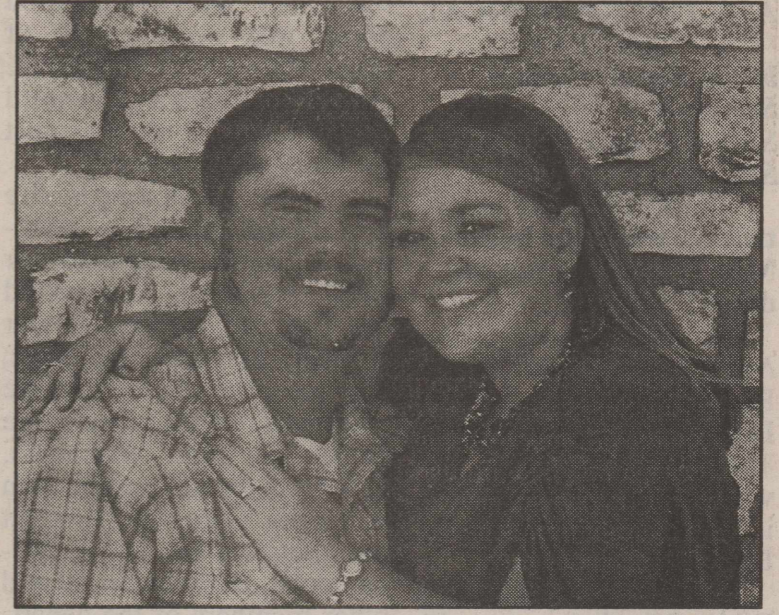
The bride is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School. She attended Howard College in Big Spring and South Plains College in Levelland.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Floydada High School. He graduated in 2003 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics.

After a wedding trip to the Mayan Rivera Spa in Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home near Daugherty, Texas where the groom is a rancher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Campbell would like to thank everyone who took the time to share in this special occasion.

Engagement



Wes and Tressa Henson, of Water Valley, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Daisha Rashawn Henson to Jarrod Allen Morrison, son of James and Jane Morrison of San Angelo.

Daisha is a 2001 Graduate of Early High School and a 2006 graduate of Angelo State University. She is employed by Sonora ISD. Jarrod is a 2001 graduate of Lakeview High School.

The couple will have a June wedding and will reside in Sonora.

It's A Matter Of Taste

Submitted

Notes From An Inexperienced Chili Taster Named FRANK, who was visiting Texas: "Recently I was honored to be selected as an outstanding Famous celebrity in Texas, to be a judge at a chili cook-off, because no one else wanted to do it. Also the original person called in sick at the last moment, and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking directions to the beer wagon when the call came. I was assured by the other two judges (Native Texans) that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy, about the same as usual, and besides they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted. Here are the scorecards from the event:

Chili # 1: Mike's Maniac Mobster Monster Chili

JUDGE ONE: A little too heavy on tomato. Amusing kick.

JUDGE TWO: Nice, smooth tomato flavor. Very mild.

FRANK: Holy smokes, what the heck is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway with it. Hope that's the worst one. These people are crazy.

Chili # 2: Arthur's Afterburner Chili

JUDGE ONE: Smoky (barbecue?) with a hint of pork. Slight Jalapeno tang.

JUDGE TWO: Exciting BBQ flavor, needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

FRANK: Keep this out of reach of children! I'm not sure what I am supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver.

Chili # 3: Fred's Famous Burn Down the Barn Chili

JUDGE ONE: Excellent firehouse chili! Great kick. Needs more beans.

JUDGE TWO: A beanless chili, a bit salty, good use of red peppers.

FRANK: This has got to be a joke. Call the EPA, I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now and got out of my way so I could make it to the beverage wagon. Barmaid pounded me on the back; now my backbone is in the front part of my chest.

Chili # 4: Bubba's Black Magic

JUDGE ONE: Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

JUDGE TWO: Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a chili.

FRANK: I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Sally, the bar maid, was standing behind me with fresh refills so I wouldn't have to dash over to see her.

Chili # 5: Linda's Legal Lip Remover

JUDGE ONE: Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very impressive.

JUDGE TWO: Chili using shredded beef; could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

FRANK: My ears are ringing, and I can no longer focus my eyes. I passed gas and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed hurt when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue by pouring beer directly on it from a pitcher. Sort of irritates me that one of the other judges asked me to stop screaming.

Chili # 6: Vera's Very Vegetarian Variety

JUDGE ONE: Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spice and peppers.

JUDGE TWO: The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb.

FRANK: My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous flames. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except Sally.

Chili # 7: Susan's Screaming Sensation Chili

JUDGE ONE: A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

JUDGE TWO: Ho Hum, tastes as if the chef threw in canned chili peppers at the last moment. I should note that I am worried about Judge Number 3. He appears to be in a bit of distress.

FRANK: You could put a grenade in my mouth and pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel it. I've lost the sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My clothes are covered with chili which slid unnoticed out of my mouth at some point. Good! At autopsy they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing, it's too painful, and I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air I'll just suck it in through the 4 inch hole in my stomach.

Chili # 8: Helen's Mount Saint Chili

JUDGE ONE: A perfect ending, this is a nice blend chili, safe for all, not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.

JUDGE TWO: This final entry is a good, balanced chili neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge Number 3 fell and pulled the chili pot on top of himself.

FRANK:.....

(editor's note: Judge #3 was unable to report)



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

Arthritis

Arthritis is one of the most common diseases in this country, affecting millions of adults and half of all people age 65 and older. Arthritis literally means "joint inflammation;" however, there are many kinds of arthritis, each with different symptoms and treatments.

Arthritis can attack almost any part of the body. Some forms of arthritis cause changes you can see and feel - swelling, warmth and redness. Other types have fewer symptoms but still slowly cause damage. This article will focus on the three most common types of arthritis in older adults: osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and gout.

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common type of arthritis in older adults. OA starts when cartilage, the tissue that cushions bones, begins to wear away. At its worst, all of the cartilage in a joint wears away, leaving bones that rub against each other. Symptoms may range from stiffness and mild pain that comes and goes to severe pain that persists when you are at rest. Sometimes OA causes you to feel stiff when you have not moved in a while but the stiffness goes away when you move.

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) is an autoimmune disease, meaning the body attacks the lining of a joint just as it would if it were trying to protect you from an infection. RA leads to inflammation in your joints, causing pain, swelling and stiffness. This can often happen in many different joints at the same time. If you have RA in a joint on one side of the body, the same joint on the other side of the body will probably have RA. People with RA often do not feel well, often being tired or running a fever.

Gout is one of the most painful forms of arthritis. Gout begins

when crystals of uric acid form in your joints. These deposits lead to swelling, redness, heat, pain and stiffness in the joint. Gout attacks often follow eating foods like shellfish, liver, dried beans, peas, anchovies or gravy. Gout is most often a problem in the big toe but it can affect other joints, including your ankle, elbow, knee, wrist, hand or other toes. Swelling may cause the skin to pull tightly around the joint and make the area red or purple and very tender.

Common symptoms and indications that you might have some form of arthritis include:

Lasting joint pain, swelling and/or stiffness.

Tenderness or pain when touching a joint.

Problems using or moving a joint normally.

Warmth and redness in a joint.

If any one of these symptoms lasts longer than two weeks, see your health provider. If you have a fever, feel physically ill, suddenly have a swollen joint or have problems using your joint, see him or her sooner.

Medications may help with the pain and swelling - Acetaminophen and some NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) are sold without a prescription. These are medications like Tylenol, ibuprofen or naproxen. Read the warnings on the package or insert that comes with the drug and talk to your health provider about if and how you should use acetaminophen or NSAIDs for your arthritis pain. There are some treatments that are specific for each common type of arthritis, including prescription drugs or steroid injections. Your health provider may make an individual recommendation for treatment after he or she determines which type of arthritis you have.

Along with taking the right medicine and properly resting your joints, exercise is a good way to stay

fit, keep muscles strong and control arthritis symptoms. Daily exercise helps keep joints moving, lessens pain and makes muscles around the joints stronger. The three types of exercise that are best if you have arthritis are:

Range-of-motion exercises, like dancing, relieve stiffness, keep you flexible and help you keep moving your joints.

Strengthening exercises, such as weight training, strengthen muscles to support and protect joints. Be sure to move in a slow, steady motion, but there should be no pain.

Aerobic or endurance exercises, like bicycle riding, improve overall health and wellbeing and may lessen swelling in some joints.

You might find comfort by applying heat or cold, soaking in a warm bath or swimming in a heated pool. Your health provider may suggest surgery when damage to your joints becomes disabling or when other treatments do not help with pain. Surgeons can repair or replace these joints with artificial ones.

Do not take for granted that your pain and arthritis are just part of growing older. You and your health provider can work together to safely lessen pain and stiffness and prevent more serious damage to your joints. For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also find more information from the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases: <http://www.niams.nih.gov/>. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health.

Chamber Chatter

By: Becky Covington

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SONORA MAPS

City/County Road Maps - The Chamber produces a city/county-wide map for distribution to all new residents and visitors to our area. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise on the Sonora map, and with a distribution of 12,000 maps, this is an excellent advertising venue for members and is the number one request in all chambers. Texas Trails, a company out of Llano, Texas, is producing the map for the Chamber and is currently in town contacting businesses for advertisement. The Chamber has thoroughly checked out this company and found that they are very reputable and produce excellent, high quality maps. Some of the counties they have produced maps for are: Brown, Comanche, Hamilton, Mills, McCulloch, San

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MOTHER SON DATE NITE

Mothers and Sons don't forget to get your tickets early, for the discount, for "The Mother Son Date Nite" event that will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. This will be a "Dallas

Cowboys" themed event so come dressed in your favorite football t-shirt or jersey. "Substitute" moms are welcome. This event is the perfect opportunity for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or big sisters to take their special boy out for a night he will never forget!

This event is for pre k through 8th grade boys. Photos by Memories by McBride will start at 6:30 p.m. Cost of admission is \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door.

A disc jockey will spin music throughout the evening for dancing, refreshments will be served, and each boy will leave with a special party favor. This is sure to be a fun-filled date for your son that will create memories that are More Than You Imagined!

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JAN-29
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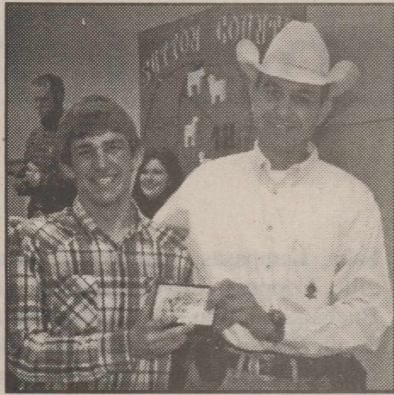
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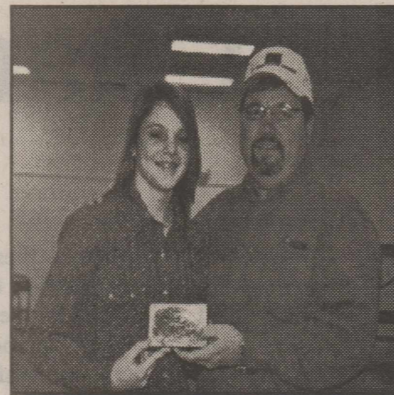
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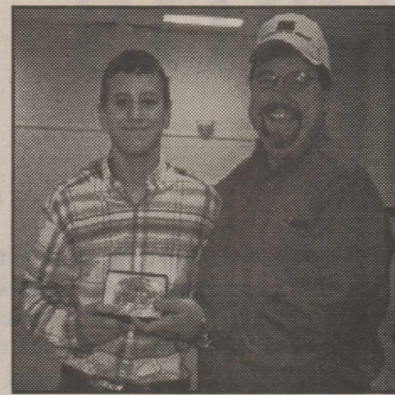
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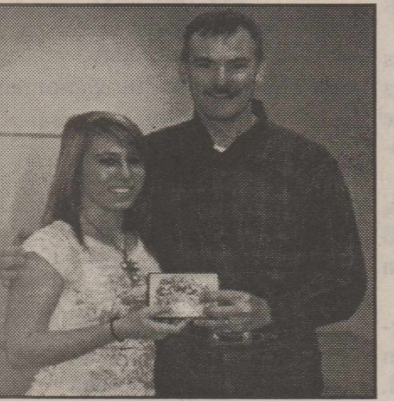
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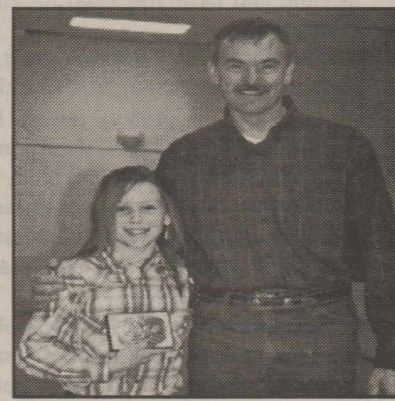
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Bailey Joe Pennington 1st, Bailey Joe Pennington 2nd, Colton Moore 3rd, Steely Ingham 4th, Ethan Morriss 5th, Stella Ingham 6th, Word B. Hudson 7th, Hunter Jennings 8th, Stella Ingham 9th, John Duke 10th, Caleb Gonzales 11th, Jaydon West 12th

Market Goat Division Class Number 4

Steely Ingham 1st, Stella Ingham 2nd, Bailey Joe Pennington 3rd, Sky Jennings 4th, John Duke Hudson 5th, Stephani Morriss 6th, Caleb Gonzales 7th, Sterling Hall 8th, Jesus Vasquez 9th, Spencer Hall 10th, Sterling Love 11th, Hunter Jennings 12th, Hunter Jennings 13th, Caleb Gonzales 14th, Jalelle Vasquez 15, Delilah Aguerro 16th

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Market Goat Division Class Number 8

Colton Moore 1st, Steely Ingham 2nd, Chance Campbell 3rd, Ethan Morriss 4th, Cash Jennings 5th, Serena Allison 6th, Serena Allison 7th, Macie Friess 8th, Caleb Gonzales 9th, Stella Ingham 10th, Word B. Hudson 11th, Cash Jennings 12th, Cash Jennings 13th, Sterling Love 14th, Delilah Aguero 15th

Angora Goat Division Class No. 1 Commercial Doe Kid

Mark Holman 1st, Mark Holman 2nd, Jesus Guerrero 3rd, Madison Wolf 4th, Yaritza Guerrero 5th, Straton Rushing 6th

Class No. 3 Commercial Aged Doe

Laura Martin 1st, Kelsey Watkins 2nd, Mark Holman 3rd, Mark Holman 4th

Class No. 5 Registered Yearling Buck

Emily Earwood 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd, Laura Martin 3rd, Mark Holman 4th, Mark Holman 5th

Class No. 7 Registered Doe Kid

Emily Earwood 1st, Laura Martin 2nd, Laura Martin 3rd, Emily Earwood 4th, Mark Holman 5th, Kelsey Watkins 6th, Mark Holman 7th

Class No. 9 Registered Aged Doe

Laura Martin 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd, Kelsey Watkins 3rd, Laura Martin 4th, Emily Earwood 5th, Kelsey Watkins 6th

Market Goat Division Class Number 7

Bailey Joe Pennington 1st, Tyler Edmonson 2nd, Sterling Hall 3rd, Steely Ingham 4th, Word B. Hudson 5th, John Duke Hudson 6th, Stephani Morriss 7th, Tyler Edmonson 8th, Delilah Aguero 9th, John Duke Hudson 10th, Serena Allison 11th, Delilah Aguero 12th

Market Goat Division Class Number 9

Owen Friess 1st, Ethan Morriss 2nd, Owen Friess 3rd, Cash Jennings 4th, Chance Campbell 5th, Owen Friess 6th, Owen Friess 7th, Chance Campbell 8th, Chelsey Lou Campbell 9th, Cash Jennings 10th, Owen Friess 11th

Class No. 2 Commercial Yearling Doe

Laura Martin 1st, Mark Holman 2nd, Mark Holman 3rd

Class No. 4 Registered Buck Kid

Emily Earwood 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd, Laura Martin 3rd, Laura Martin 4th, Mark Holman 5th, Mark Holman 6th

Class No. 6 Registered Aged Buck

Laura Martin 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd

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Students of The Week



Alicia, granddaughter of Glinda Lowe, is a sophomore this year. She enjoys hanging out with friends and "myspacing." Alicia is involved in UIL and art. She is also involved in her youth group. Alicia moved here in the 4th grade from Fort Worth, Texas. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is all of her friends. She plans on going to college at Texas A&M when she graduates.



Christina Robbins, daughter of Allan and Theresa Robbins, is a freshman this year. Christina does not enjoy doing chores. However, she does enjoy sports and is a member of the golf and track team. She is also involved in UIL and FCS. Christina moved to Sonora in the 7th grade from Junction, Texas. Her favorite thing about Sonora is Sonic. She plans on becoming a pastry chef when she graduates.

Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.

Langston Hughes

Sonora PD Dispatch Log

Arrest(s):

January 7, 2008

- Justin Lee Harris, 26, from San Angelo, Texas was arrested for Manufacture and Delivering of a Controlled Substance.
- Ashley Nicole Morrison, 23, from San Angelo, Texas was arrested for Manufacture and Delivering of a Controlled Substance.

January 8, 2008

- Alejandro Perez, 20, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Assault Causes Bodily Injury.
- Rolando Ojeda, 45, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault.

January 10, 2008

- Clayton Shane Love, 18, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

Uvaldo Ramos Jr., 44, from San Angelo, Texas was arrested for Tom Green County Warrant for Forgery Financial Instrument.

Incidents:

January 7, 2008

- 11:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:46 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 2:34 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
- 4:44 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 5:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

January 8, 2008

- 12:10 AM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
- 8:04 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Officer responded.
- 8:37 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 11:12 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 1:04 PM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.
- 1:22 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

January 9, 2008

- 11:00 AM: Caller reported two dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 4:41 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:53 PM: Caller reported

a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

January 10, 2008

- 8:10 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 10:00 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 10:15 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

January 11, 2008

- 8:10 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:43 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 2:47 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 3:01 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

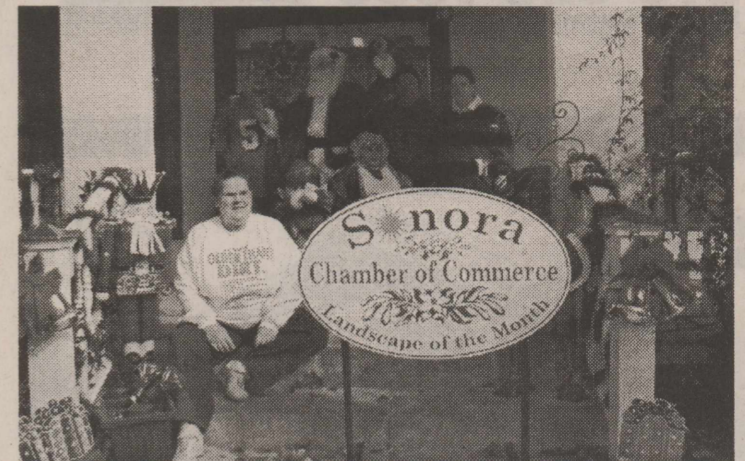
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- 5:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

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Dist/Div Office(s)
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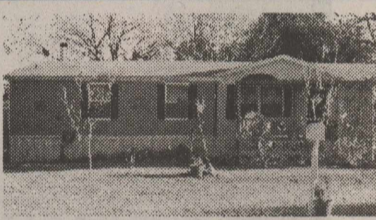
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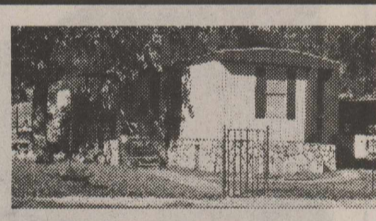
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