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Hospital Board Meeting: Board Discusses Re-Staffing Options



The Regular Meeting of the LMH Hospital Board had an unusually high number of attendees at their meeting on June 8, 2015. On the agenda included the financial audit conducted by BKD CPA's and Advisors, the approval of a number of individuals to the consulting staff and several policy procedure approvals. The majority of those in attendance; however, were there to voice concerns over recent staffing changes at LMH Hospital. As such administrative decisions have not been openly discussed in past meetings (any discussion regarding personnel is typically held in executive session), the recent termination of Dr. Chris Hall was not added to the regular meeting agenda.

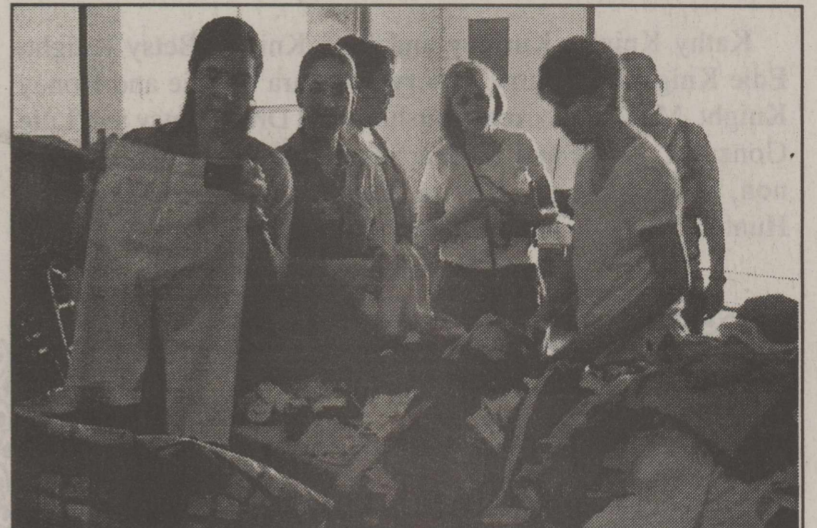
Mr. Graves (LMH CEO) did however mention the staffing changes in his CEO report given in the ladder portion of the meeting. He commented that, "Dr. Chris Hall's last day was Thursday, June 4th and Shannon Davis has modified her resignation effective June 30th. Dr. Mark Edwards is still in the process of interviewing over the phone and in person to finalize the ar-

rangements and interim PA (mid-level) to start a five week engagement starting in June 29th. He is also in the process of interviewing (over the phone and in person) perspective mid level providers to replace further positions."

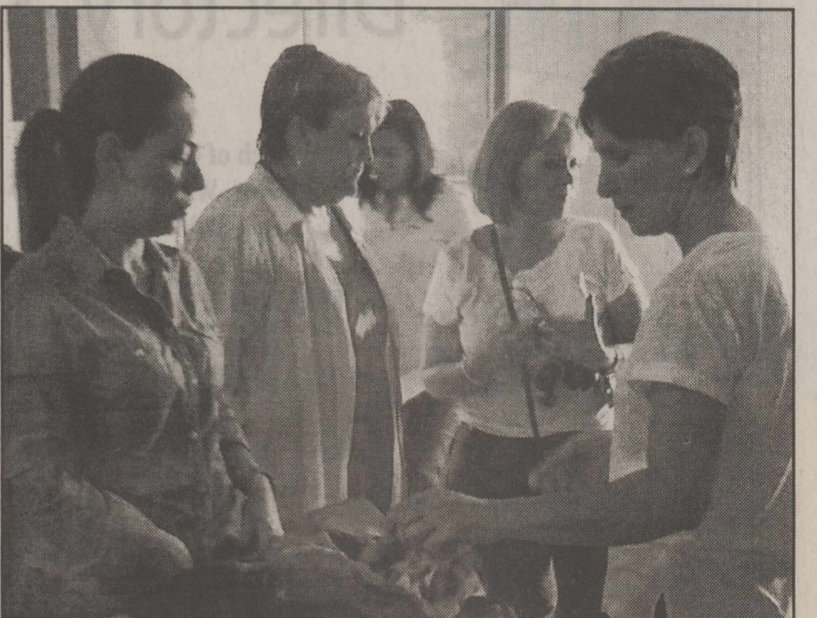
He went on to demonstrate that the decision to alter the composition of the staff at LMH was derived from the analysis of several different sources (the audit findings and comparative evaluations of similar clinic scenarios and models). He stated that, "I had a discussion with Dr. Pajeska in Clinic A just to see what kind of volume they get down there. I was able to verify that the see anywhere from 2 to 2.5 times in clinic A than what we do in clinic B. We were not seeing the volume that Clinic A was seeing. My professional opinion based on this analysis is that we were overstaffed by an M.D. [medical doctor]. There are a couple of optimal staffing models that might work, they are not absolute but they are something to think about. Dr. Mark Edwards and I have been meeting every Wednesday about how we can im-

prove our posture on the cost report presented by the auditor and I think that we have come to an understanding as to how we can improve that. Over time we consider that the Edwards plus one mid-level [provider] will suffice for the clinic, primary calls, and secondary calls required in order to meet our financial and volume needs. I have already worked with an agency to bring in contracted on call ER physicians to cover the ED, and we are working with them to create a three year agreement."

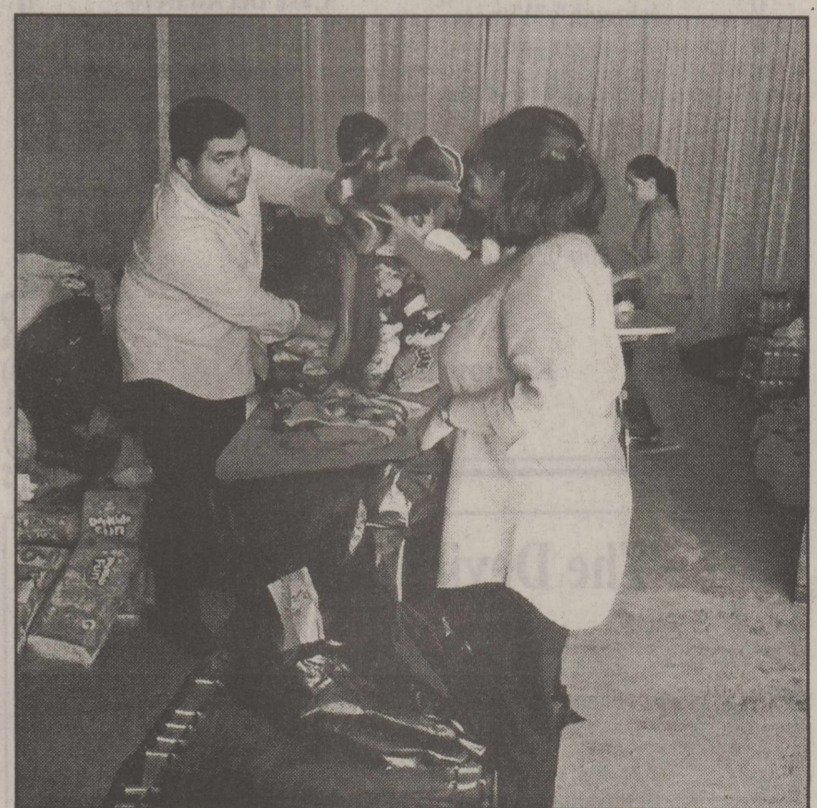
Even though Dr. Hall's termination was not specifically discussed or mentioned on the agenda, the board allowed him the time to speak to those in attendance. "My name is Dr. Hall. It's been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Sutton County and the surrounding counties for the last 2 and a half years. On behalf of my family and I, we want to thank all of you. We hope that we will have the opportunity to serve you in some way in the future."



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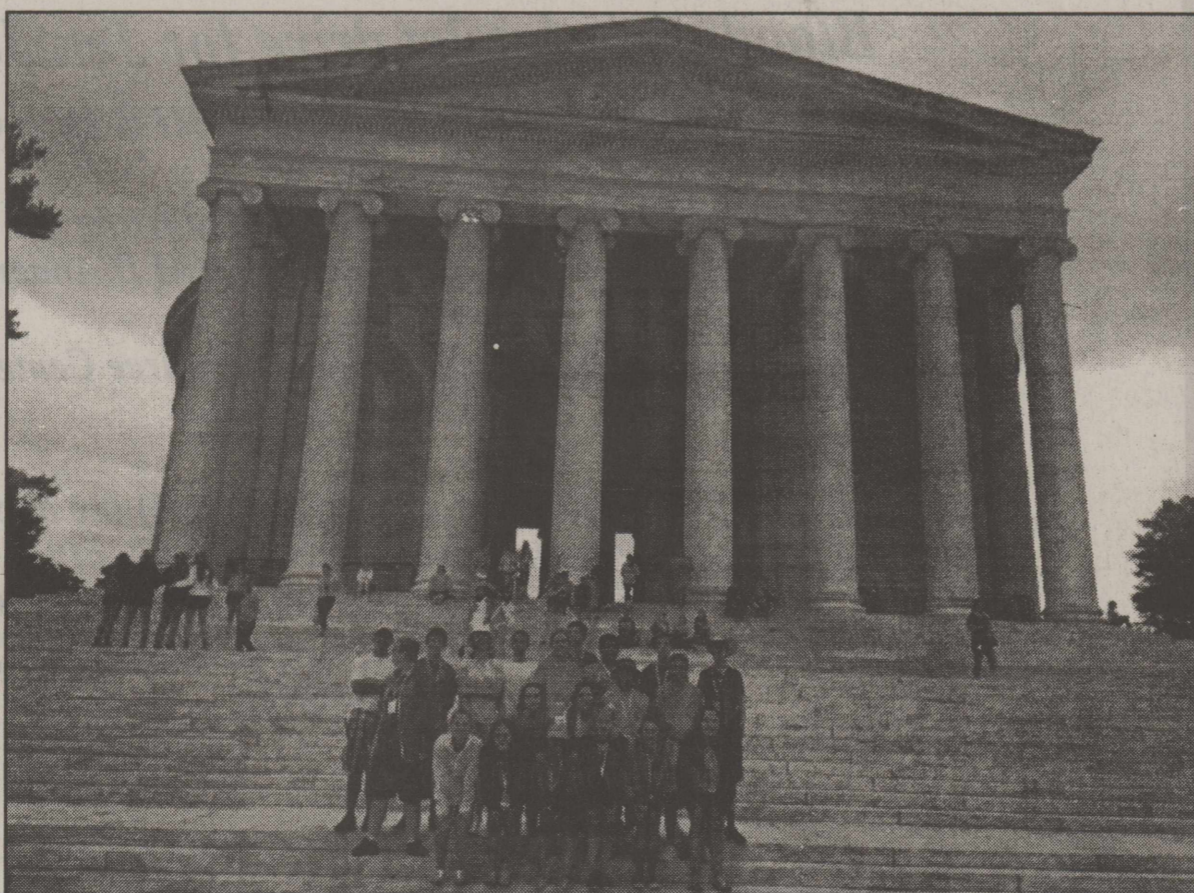


Congrats to these Retirees: You Will be Missed



Sonora Elementary would like to wish a heartfelt farewell to these wonderful ladies as they "rock" their way into their retirement years! Thank you to Mrs. Sandra Elliott, Mrs. Martha Perez, and Ms. Yolanda Martinez for giving so much to Sonora ISD and for touching the lives of so many Sonora children - you will be missed!

Sonora Middle School Visits Washington DC and the Big Apple!!!



Thank You

The family of Rodney A. Knight wants to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls and visits while he was so critically ill in the Hospital in San Angelo. We also want to thank everyone that brought food, sent flowers and cards. We want to thank everyone that came by and visited with us. It meant a lot. If we missed anyone, please forgive us. We want to thank Hudspeth Hospital Staff, who were so kind and concerned and the EMS for getting him to Shannon Hospital. Many thanks to the ICU unit and the staff on the 6th floor. Ya'll were great. Special thanks to Dr. Walter Rustmann and all the Doctors that took care of Rod.

Sincerely,

Kathy Knight, Kurtney and Fran Knight, Betsy Knight, Edie Knight and Barry, Emery and Sara Lonnie and Honey Knight, Maddie, Garrett, Taushlyn and Drew, Betsy and Luie Gonzales, Bryce and Kodee Smith, Joe and Tammy Shannon, Ryan, Matt and Kaycie, Debbie and Darold Norment, Hunter, Michelle and Dakota.

Announcement

If you or your family has loaned anything to the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program to display in the Veterans from All Wars and Pioneer Ranch Women Museum, please come to gather your belongings. For more information please call 325-387-2248.

Birthday

Help us celebrate the 80th birthday of our Dad, Eddie Farrell Smith.

Come join us on July 2nd at the Church of Christ in Sonora in the fellowship room.

It will be at 5:30 pm to 07:30 pm for a come and go. No gifts please but cards are welcome. Everyone is invited and welcome.



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Blood and platelet drive for Jen Jones.
Friday June 19 & Saturday 20

South Texas Blood & Tissue Center will be conducting the blood drive and all donations will be credited to Jen's account at M D Anderson in Houston.

The drive will be held at the Food Pantry & Resource Center 704 Glasscock Sonora, Tx.

Sign up sheets (the deadline for sign up is June 8) are at court house annex Pam Thorp, Sonora Bank, school administration office, Bank & Trust, hospital Sarah Teaff, EnerVest Donna Keese, Gigi's, Mr D's, Sonora Vet Clinic, Baptist and Methodist church, Ben or Lenora Pool, 210-240-3535 or. 325-234-5960.

One New Positive Found in 2014-15 Trans Pecos CWD Surveillance

AUSTIN – Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was detected in only one of 222 tissue samples that were collected from hunter harvested deer and elk from the Trans Pecos ecoregion during the 2014-15 season as part of a CWD surveillance effort. This sample was collected from a mule deer buck harvested in the Hueco Mountain area of far West Texas.

“Without the hunter check stations and the strong cooperation of hunters and landowners, we would know very little about the prevalence of the disease or where it exists,” said Mitch Lockwood, Big Game Program Director with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Also included in the sampling effort last season, 143 deer and elk brought to check stations were tested for bovine tuberculosis as part of a cooperative effort between TPWD and Texas Animal Health Commission to monitor for bovine tuberculosis. No positives were found.

To date, 839 deer and elk have been tested through the CWD check stations and strategic sampling that occurred during the summer of 2012; 282 were in the Containment Zone, 205 were in the adjacent High Risk Zone, 117 were in the Buffer Zone, and 235 were outside of the CWD zones. The disease has been detected in only 7 animals, all within the Hueco Mountain area, indicating a disease prevalence of 10-15 percent within that population.

“Additional sampling is necessary to develop more confidence in the geographic extent and prevalence of the disease, but the fact that CWD has not been detected in Texas outside of the Hueco Mountain area of northern El Paso and Hudspeth counties is encouraging,” said Lockwood.

CWD is a member of the group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Other diseases in this group include scrapie in sheep, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) in cattle, and Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. CWD among cervids is a progressive, fatal disease that commonly results in altered behavior as a result of microscopic changes made to the brain of affected animals. An animal may carry the disease for years without outward indication, but in the latter stages, signs may include listlessness, lowering of the head, weight loss, repetitive walking in set patterns, and a lack of responsiveness. CWD is not known to affect humans or livestock.

There is no vaccine or cure for CWD, but steps have been taken to minimize the risk of the disease spreading from beyond the area where it currently exists. The Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas Animal Health commissions adopted rules to restrict movement of deer, elk, and other susceptible species within or from the CWD Zones as well increase surveillance efforts.

2015 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Kid's Mutton Bustin' Entry Form

The preliminary Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be held Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The top 6 contestants will return for finals in the Friday, June 26, 2015 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. It is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing 55 pounds or less. Entry fee is \$10 per child. Each Mutton Bustin' finalist receives free entry into the Friday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The overall Mutton Bustin' winner will receive a buckle, 2nd place will receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots, and 3rd place will receive a pair of spurs. All top 6 places to receive a youth rope!

Notes:

1. A helmet is required and will be provided.
2. Each child may have ONE helper/parent in the arena.
3. SCDA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Name of Contestant: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

T-Shirt Size (XS 2-4, Sm 6-8, Med 10-12 Lg 14-16) _____

Weight: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Must weigh in at registration

Name of parent/guardian: _____ Arena Helper: _____
(Only 1 helper/parent allowed in the arena during performance)

Telephone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

All Entries must include the hold harmless release below. It must be signed by the parent/guardian of the entrant. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Release

The undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume all risks arising out of and/or connected with his or her participation in the below named event and does hereby release the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days Association, the employees, agents, and/or officers, and all other persons associated with the organizations, from any and all claims and causes of action that may result from an injury to the undersigned which has been sustained or may be sustained, and from any and all damages to property belonging to the undersigned that may be a result of his or her participation in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Mutton Bustin'. If the undersigned is a minor, the parent or guardian of said minor shall sign this release and hereby agrees to hold each of the above said persons harmless from any liability whatsoever to say minor arising out of his or her participation in the above named event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Printed name and address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

Deadline for entry is Friday, June 12th by 5:00 p.m. in order to receive a t-shirt.
Turn in entry form to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 205 Hwy 277 N.
FMI Call Makayla Snyder at 210-748-2354 or Carla Smith at 325-226-2977

2015 Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form & Rules

1. A \$5.00 entry fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
2. The contestants must have turned (3) yrs of age and must not have turned seven (7) prior to June 27, 2015.
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 June 12, 2015 to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mailed 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 chamber@sonoratexas.org
8. Contest begins at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the main entertainment stage at the Sutton County Park.
9. If the contestant wishes to sing or dance, 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 to be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
12. Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures.

Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Toy: _____

Interests: _____

Girl or Boy (Circle One) \$5.00 Entry Fee Included _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Parent/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 325-387-2880

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the Sutton County Days Association, the County of Sutton or the City of Sonora will not be held responsible for any accidents.

Water Well & Septic Workshop Set for June 24 in Sonora

Anyone interested in water wells and septic systems is invited to the Water Talks Workshop on June 24 which begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center.

The workshop will help well owners become familiar with water well construction and maintenance; water conservation and ownership; water quality and drinking water standards; abandoned wells, how and why to plug them; and proper function and management of on-site sewage facilities.

Space is limited, so attendees are asked to register at <http://twon.tamu.edu/training> or by calling 830-278-6810. Lunch will be provided, and there will be no cost for lunch for the first 20 to register. One CEU in the general category will also be offered.

Those who would like to have their water sampled can pick up two sample containers from their respective AgriLife Extension office (Sutton, Crockett, or Edwards Counties). Water samples will be screened for nitrates, total dissolved solids and bacteria. Bringing water samples to the training is not required, but those wanting to have water samples analyzed

must attend. The cost is \$10 per sample and is due when samples are turned in.

More than 1 million private water wells in Texas provide water to citizens in rural areas and increasingly to those living on small acreages at the growing rural-urban interface. Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells. They are responsible for ensuring their drinking water is safe. This means they are responsible for all aspects of the water system – testing, inspecting, maintaining – and this training will help private well owners to understand and care for their wells.

Extension agents in Sutton, Crockett, and Edwards counties as well as the Sutton Underground Water District are sponsoring this program for folks who depend on household wells for their water needs, so they can learn about improving and protecting their water resources. The workshop is supported through collaboration among the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Well Owner Network, Nueces River Authority, Devils River Conservancy and Devils River Association.

Wet Weather May Trigger Parasite Problems For Sheep/Goat Flocks

SAN ANGELO – West Texas along with much of the state, has been in various stages of drought for so long that sheep and goat parasite problems may be the last thing on a producer's mind.

But with recent rains, stomach worms are likely to soon be a large problem for many flocks across the entire state, said Dr. Reid Redden, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

"Internal parasites, specifically roundworms and coccidia, can be among the most damaging problems for sheep and goats," he said. "Most flocks have some level of parasitic infection but may never show symptoms until optimum conditions occur such as those we are experiencing now."

Redden said during drought, parasites have a tough time surviving. Populations remain small and are rarely a problem. But when wet weather returns, parasites quickly get the upper hand and their populations explode.

"Stomach worms can actually stop their development inside the animal during adverse times and go dormant through a process called hypobiosis," he said. "Then, when worm

survival conditions improve during warm, wet weather or when the host animal's ability to resist parasitic infection declines, such as during lambing, the worms suddenly get going again."

Redden said the best control programs prevent parasitism prior to outbreaks. Dewormers or anthelmintics can enhance these control measures, especially when administered during hypobiosis before the eggs contaminate the pasture.

"However, misuse of anthelmintics can lead to resistant parasites. These drugs can be a powerful tool, but for long term-parasite management, dewormers cannot be the only preventative treatment," he said.

Redden said the most damaging parasitic roundworm is the Haemonchus contortus or barber pole worm. When spring arrives, they begin to lay eggs, as many as 10,000 a day, spreading them across pastures through the animal's manure.

The eggs hatch into larvae, and with the aid of wet weather, move from the manure to plant leaves where other sheep eat them, thus completing the life cycle, Redden said.

Affected sheep become anemic, lose weight, become weak

and often develop "bottle jaw," due to fluid accumulating under the jaw, Redden said. Though various levels of loss of production are the major economical losses, death of the animal from a parasite overload is not unusual.

"Genetic resistance in terms of the worm populations developing resistance to dewormers is bad; conversely, resistance to worms within sheep and goat populations is good," Redden said. "Some sheep and goat breeds are more resistant to parasites, but even within other breeds, those genetic differences can be selected for."

In general, Redden said animals most susceptible to stomach worms are new mothers with lambs during the first few weeks after birth, young growing animals and animals without prior parasite exposure.

If anthelmintics are used, he advises:

– Treat only the animals that need treatment. Routinely treating all animals can lead to populations resistant to the class of dewormer being used. Leaving some parasites in the animals and on the pasture that are susceptible to the

dewormer being used improves its effectiveness in later treatments. Treating only those animals that chronically need deworming also allows the manager to cull them in favor of more resistant individuals.

– Conduct fecal egg counts to determine if the dewormer is working. Doing so will also alert the producer that it's time to switch classes of dewormers once a dewormer drops below an effective level. However, using multiple classes of dewormers at the same time should be avoided unless advised by a veterinarian.

"Should a parasite infestation get out of hand, it's important to note that parasites cannot be spread in drylot conditions," Redden said.

"When large problems occur and dewormers aren't working, pen the animals until the problem is under control.

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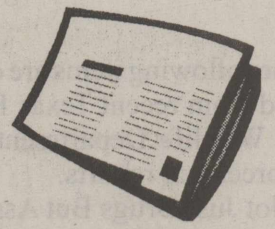
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Sonora, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

Tract 1
A tract of land containing 3.720 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 834, Sec. 66, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

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A tract of land containing 0.431 acres (0.24 and 1.91 acres) situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 315, Sec. 85, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas

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A tract of land containing 0.250 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Lomax, Sec.85, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 4
A tract of land containing 0.420 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 1186, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 5
A tract of land containing 25.305 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 1186, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 6
A tract of land containing 0.757 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 809, Sec. 54, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas

Tract 7
A tract of land containing 0.800 acres (0.56 and 0.24 acres) situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Southwest Subdivision, Lot1 and Lot 10, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 8
A tract of land containing 5.328 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 809, Sec. 54, C F Adams & Southwest Division, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 9
A tract of land containing 16.898 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Sinaloa Subdivision, Slide 9d, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 10
A tract of land containing 29.050 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Loma Alta Subdivision, Slide 27a, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Commission of the City of Sonora, Texas on the 15 day of June, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Sonora, Texas, located at 201 E. Main, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard; of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas this the 18 day of May, 2015.

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Employment

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a part time position in the Road & Bridge Department. Experience in Road & Bridge maintenance and equipment operation is preferred. Applicant must have a valid Texas CDL license. Duties include labor connected with general maintenance including paving of roads.

Each applicant is required to submit an application for employment with pertinent information regarding training and experience. Sutton County EEO.

Applications can be obtained at auditor's office. Completed application must be returned to Auditor's office by April 10, 2015.

Employment

The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for summer help. Applicants must be at least 16 years and have a valid driver's license. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 by May 29, 2015. Additional

Employment

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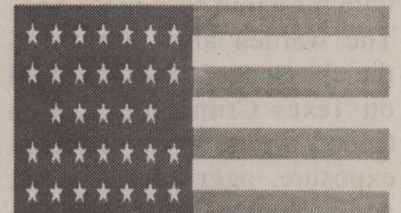
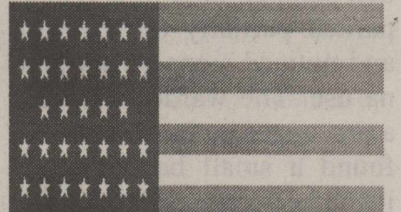
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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Not Just Drugs But Assault Too

After seeing two individuals in the woods on the roadside, an Ellis County game warden stopped next to a vehicle parked partially on the road and noticed signs of marijuana use. The warden searched a passenger in the vehicle and found a small bag of marijuana in his sock. The warden also searched the vehicle and found a small bag of cocaine and other paraphernalia in a cigarette box. The passenger admitted the box was his after the warden found a bank card with his name on it in the box. The warden also discovered the passenger was wanted on Texas Crime Information Center warrants for indecent exposure, aggravated assault and probation violations. The individual was arrested and multiple charges are pending. Drowning on Lake Bob Sandlin

A Titus County game warden responded to a drowning on Lake Bob Sandlin after an 18-year-old male and his friend jumped from the bridge at Barefoot Bay Marina. The 18-year-old surfaced, but immediately went back under water and never resurfaced. His friend made it safely to shore and called for help. The warden and Titus County lake patrol officers recovered the body.

Not Gone Fishing

A Titus County game warden issued a citation for no Commercial Finfish License to an individual who sold four red snapper and 60 tilapia from his home using an online garage sale site. The case is pending.

Door Ajar

When a Titus County game warden pulled over a moving vehicle after noticing the passenger door was open, he witnessed a female passenger throw coffee on the driver and slap him. After separating the two, the warden discovered the woman was intoxicated and had just come from her great grandmother's funeral. Her car door was open because she was attempting to jump out of the moving vehicle, having already done so once. Three Mount Pleasant police officers responded to the scene after the warden called them and told the woman they would give her a ride to the police lobby and find another driver to transport her. At this point, the woman tried to kick the officers and the police car window out with her high heels. The officers finally restrained her to an ambulance stretcher after she repeatedly

hit her head against the police car window.

A Truck Goes Down with Its Boat

A Titus County game warden responded to the Lake Monticello boat ramp after a truck and boat sank in the lake. A man trying to put his boat on his trailer allowed his grandchild to drive his truck, but the child accidentally put the vehicle in reverse. Both the truck and trailer went into the lake. A second child in the back seat was safely removed from the truck before it sank. "We thought you had left..."

As he was patrolling the border between Uvalde and Real counties, a Real County game warden approached three individuals who were about to launch a 12-foot aluminum boat to go fishing. The warden, who checked for lifejackets and did not find any, explained the men needed lifejackets if they were planning to put the boat in the water. The men said they would check the nearby store for lifejackets, and the warden left the scene to continue his patrol. However, as the warden was driving across the nearby bridge, he saw the individuals launch the boat and paddle downstream. The warden turned around and contacted with the individuals again. The boat owner said, "We thought you had left, so we decided to launch the boat anyway, even though you told us to get lifejackets." The warden issued the boat owner a citation for insufficient number of personal flotation devices.

Underage Drinking and Other Activities

While on patrol at Canyon Lake, a Bexar County game

warden and Comal County game warden found four minors drinking alcohol. The wardens also found a backpack at the scene with a bag of marijuana, a bag of a white powdery substance—which later tested positive for cocaine—and several other small bags of both substances. After sorting through the evidence, the wardens found the backpack owner had a total of 22 grams of marijuana and 13 grams of cocaine. The owner was charged with the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance and with the delivery of marijuana, a state jail felony.

Hide and Go Truck

An Atascosa County game warden was patrolling the south end of the county when he heard a McMullen County deputy sheriff had engaged in a high speed pursuit with a truck nearby. The truck allegedly held eight undocumented aliens and was fleeing from the deputy. The warden joined the pursuit. After the truck intentionally drove through a high fence onto a 30,000-acre ranch, several agencies responded to help search the area. The warden found the truck hidden in a large open barn and discovered that it wasn't stolen; it was a rental truck from Dallas with an amber light on the roof, similar to those on oilfield workers' trucks. Another game warden and U.S. Border Patrol agents arrived to help track the undocumented aliens for about half a mile in the brush. The agents apprehended six of the eight undocumented aliens. The truck and all other information were turned over to the Border Prosecution Unit for follow up on human smuggling.

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