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Use Caution with Fireworks for a Safer Fourth of July

Picnics, parades, family gatherings and fireworks mark many traditional Independence Day celebrations. Unfortunately, there is another all too common occurrence - injuries from fireworks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports approximately 8,500 people were injured from fireworks in the United States in 1998. Two thirds of all such injuries occur during July. Males are three times as likely to suffer injuries from fireworks than are females and more than 40 percent of those injured from fireworks are 14 years old or younger.

The pattern is similar in Texas. During the period 1996-1998 more than half of all reported fireworks related injuries occurred around the Fourth of July, according to data from the Texas Trauma Registry of the Texas Department of Health's Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Program. All but two of the patients reported to the registry were male, and 60 percent were under age 18. Most patients suffered burns to the face and hands. Not all of those injured were lighting the fireworks, some were bystanders who were too close.

Public fireworks displays run by professionals are generally safer than using fireworks yourself. However, if fireworks are legal in your area and you decide to use them follow these CPSC guidelines:

ALWAYS:

- Follow all state and local laws.
- Buy from reputable dealers. Ask to see their permit.
- Read all labels, warnings and instructions, with each firework before using.
- Supervise children ages 15 and older closely when they use fireworks.
- Use fireworks outdoors on a



flat, smooth surface away from houses, flammable materials, trees and dry grass.

- Have a bucket of water or hose close by for emergencies.
- Light only one firework at a time and keep unused fireworks away from flames.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from anything that could light them.
- Move to a safe distance after igniting a firework.
- Stay at a safe distance if you are a bystander.

NEVER:

- Light fireworks in a container.
- Relight a "dud." Douse it with water instead.
- Aim or shoot fireworks at people, buildings or cars.
- Carry fireworks in your pocket.

- Use alcohol or drugs while lighting fireworks.
- Modify fireworks or make homemade ones.
- Put any part of your body over the fireworks while lighting it.
- Allow children under age 15 to play with fireworks.

Injuries from fireworks can be painful, sometimes disfiguring and occasionally deadly. Following a few simple safety guidelines can reduce the risk of harm.

Belle of Sonora Debuts at the Caverns



The cast of Belle of Sonora

by Storie Sharp

The production of Belle of Sonora opened this weekend on the beautiful grounds surrounding the Caverns of Sonora.

The melodrama, written by Brent and Shelley Jenkins of San Angelo is a West Texas Cinderella of sorts.

The wicked stepmother wants to be sole owner of the land that was left by her departed husband to his sweet daughter. A swindling salesman and his sexy sidekick come to town and agree to help the evil woman and her daughter get rid of the sweet, unknowing heiress.

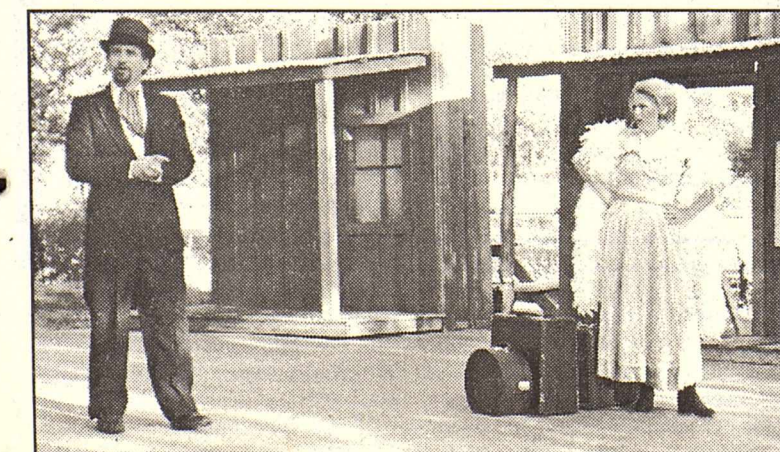
There are many twists and turns and lots of laughs at this evening of outdoor theatre.

Spectators are encouraged to boo and hiss and throw popcorn at the bad guys and cheer on the good guys. Some lucky audience members even get to participate in the actual performance.

Fun contests involving everyone in attendance are held at intermission and prizes are given by local merchants.

A great meal, provided by the Sutton County Steakhouse, is served before the show.

So if you are looking for something out of the ordinary to do on one of these summer Saturdays, drive 15 miles out to the Caverns of Sonora and enjoy an evening of fun and food.



Conniving Mortimore Sly and his accomplice Joleen Toomean discuss their plans for the unsuspecting town of Sonora.

Wool & Mohair Show and Judging Contest Has Great Results

The 63rd Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show and the 40th Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest was held in Sonora June 20 - 22. The event was sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The event brings 4-H members and their families from all over Texas, and this year as far away as Wyoming, to stay in our town. The group enjoyed tours of the caverns, a swimming party with a hamburger supper, a bar-b-que lunch and much more fun. All the coaches couldn't brag enough on what a great community we have here and how they enjoy coming to Sonora each year.

Results for the show were as follows:

Junior Division 2000 Wool Single Fleeces Twelve Months Commercial: Finewool

Class 1 - Yearling Ewe
1. Thia McKissack 2. Casey Seidensticker 3. Trey Dittmar 4. Thia McKissack 5. Casey Seidensticker
Class 2 - Aged Ewe
1. Thia McKissack, 2. Emily Earwood 3. Meredith Earwood 4. Casey Seidensticker 5. Emily Earwood 6. Meredith Earwood

7. Casey Seidensticker
Class 3 - Yearling Ram
1. Thia McKissack 2. Casey Seidensticker 3. Casey Seidensticker
Class 4 - Aged Ram
1. Thia McKissack 2. Casey Seidensticker 3. Casey Seidensticker

Champion Commercial Wool Fleece: Thia McKissack - Sutton Co. 4-H

Registered: Rambouillet

Class 5 - Yearling Ewe
1. Casey Seidensticker 2. Casey Seidensticker
Class 6 - Aged Ewe
1. Casey Seidensticker 2. Casey Seidensticker
Class 8 - Aged Ram
1. Landon Brockman 2. Landon Brockman

Registered: Delaine

Class 9 - Yearling Ewe
1. Holly Moldenhauer 2. Casey Seidensticker 3. Casey Seidensticker 4. Darcee Moldenhauer
Class 10 - Aged Ewe
1. Casey Seidensticker 2. Cody Kneupper 3. Brandi Kneupper 4. Holly Moldenhauer 5. Darcee Moldenhauer 6. Casey Seidensticker
Class 11 - Yearling Ram
1. Casey Seidensticker 2. Casey Seidensticker
Class 12 - Aged Ram
1. Darcee Moldenhauer 2. Casey Seidensticker 3. Casey Seidensticker

Champion Registered Wool Fleece: Casey Seidensticker - Kendall Co.

Grand Champion Wool Fleece:
Thia McKissack - Sutton Co.
Donor: Texas Registered Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Assn.

Mohair Single Fleeces Commercial

Class 18 - Adult Doe
1. Landon Brockman 2. Stephanie Kendrick 3. Stephanie Kendrick



The Sutton County 4-H team brought home many awards at the 63rd Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show and the 40th Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest. (L-R) Coach Preston Faris, Meredith Earwood, Laura Martin, Emily Earwood, Hunter Jennings, Cash Jennings, Steely Ingham and Coach Tom Payton. Not pictured are Colton Moore and Mandy Brister.

Class 19 - Yearling Doe
1. Stephanie Kendrick 2. Allison Benson 3. Stephanie Kendrick
Class 20 - Doe Kid
1. Landon Brockman, 2. Landon Brockman 3. Stephanie Kendrick 4. Stephanie Kendrick
Class 21 - Adult Buck
1. Stephanie Kendrick 2. Stephanie Kendrick
Class 22 - Yearling Buck
1. Stephanie Kendrick 2. Stephanie Kendrick 3. Warren Wallace
Class 23 - Buck Kid
1. Stephanie Kendrick 2. Stephanie Kendrick 3. Hunter Lawson
Champion Commercial Mohair Fleece:
Landon Brockman - Sutton Co.



**Grand Champion
Wool Fleece:**
Thia McKissack

Registered

Class 24 - Adult Doe
1. Stephanie Kendrick 2. Stephanie Kendrick 3. Emily Earwood, 4. Landon Brockman 5. Landon Brockman 6. Emily Earwood, 7. Meredith Earwood
Class 25 - Yearling Doe
1. Emily Earwood 2. Emily Earwood 3. Stephanie Kendrick 4. Landon Brockman 5. Stephanie Grafte, 6. Meredith Earwood 7. Richard Grafte
Class 26 - Doe Kid
1. Richard Grafte 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Landon Brockman 4. Meredith Earwood 5. Stephanie Kendrick 6. Stephanie Kendrick 7. Emily Earwood
Class 27 - Adult Buck
1. Landon Brockman 2. Stephanie Kendrick 3. Allison Benson 4. Emily Earwood 5. Richard Grafte 6. Stephanie Kendrick 7. Emily Earwood
Class 28 - Yearling Buck
1. Emily Earwood 2. Meredith Earwood 3. Stephanie Kendrick 4. Chance Arnke 5. Emily Earwood 6. Stephanie Kendrick 7. Meredith Earwood
Class 29 - Kid Buck
1. Emily Earwood 2. Stephanie Kendrick 3. Emily Earwood 4. Meredith Earwood

Champion Registered Fleece:
Richard Grafte - Kendall Co.

Grand Champion Mohair Fleece:
Richard Grafte - Kendall Co.
Donor: Jimmy & Sharon Holman

**Open Division 2000
Wool Single Fleeces
Commercial: Finewool**

CLASS A-1 - YEARLING EWE



**CHAMPION COMMERCIAL
MOHAIR FLEECE:**
Landon Brockman

1. Kathleen Moore 2. Hensel Mathews 3. Hensel Mathews 4. Kathleen Moore 5. Darla McKissack
CLASS A-2 - AGED EWE
1. Travis Jones 2. Travis Jones 3. Hensel Mathews 4. Hensel Mathews 5. Kathleen Moore 6. Emily & Meredith Earwood
CLASS A-3 - Yearling Ram
1. Kathleen Moore 2. Hensel Mathews 3. Bill Karnes
CLASS A-4 - Aged Ram
1. Kathleen Moore 2. Hensel Mathews 3. Dick Karnes 4. Travis Jones 5. Travis Jones 6. Hensel Mathews
CHAMPION COMMERCIAL WOOL FLEECE:

See Results page 7

School Board Awards Bids For Football Field Lights

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, June 12, 2000.

Board members that were present were: Tom Payton, President, Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, and Dr. William J. Harlan, Superintendent.

Also present at the meeting were Sandi Ainsworth, Kelley Hirt, John Berry, Diane Jacoby, Lee Bloodworth, Cynthia Keel, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Kent Niemann, Paul Chevalier, Mike Percifull, Rex Ann Friess, Mari Sanchez, Jason Herring, Mike Street, Donna Hill, Tina Weaver, and John Williams.

Cafeteria Supervisor Tina Weaver presented the May Cafeteria Report, stating that the accumulated total for the year was \$5955.74.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the collection rate stood at 92% as opposed to 98% from the same time in 1999. Mrs. Friess informed the Board that it appeared the values would be the same as the previous year, thus

making the financial picture grim. She concluded her remarks by stating that she would keep the Board informed as to the progress of collecting the insufficient check from an oil company.

The annual Band Boosters Report was given by Sandi Ainsworth who detailed the revenues and expenditures for the club.

The Superintendent recognized Elementary Facilities Committee members Paul Chevalier, Chairperson, and Bonnie Lou Campbell and stated that Mr. Chevalier had contacted Pfluger Associates requesting cost estimates for the ADA work. Mr. Kent Niemann and Mr. John Williams of Pfluger Associates were introduced and gave a lengthy presentation regarding the project which consists of both a physical needs assessment and an educational needs assessment. Following discussion, the Board authorized the Superintendent and Board President to sign an agreement with Pfluger Associates for the needs assessment not to exceed \$30,500 with expenses not to exceed \$2,000.

See School Board page 6



"El Campo de Los Vaqueros" Offers Fun For Sutton County Youth

It's Roundup Time! The Heritage Intervention Programs, Inc. (HIP), an Austin nonprofit corporation, will hold its 5th Annual "El Campo de Los Vaqueros" Cowboy Camp for Sutton County youth at Camp Sol Mayer, in West Texas. Five (5) volunteer adult mentors will accompany ten (10) youth sponsored by the Concho Valley Council of Governments and three (3) youth from St. Johns Episcopal Church to camp. The group will depart on Monday, June 26 at 7 a.m. At Camp Sol Mayer they will be joined by eighty-seven (87) Vaquero youth from other rural Texas counties for a week long heritage camp.

The statewide HIP programs are designed as yearlong prevention programs for youth ages 7 - 13. Using the discipline, pride, and perseverance of the Vaquero as a model, this program seeks to enhance personal responsibilities and self-esteem in young men through a message of anti-drug, anti-gang, stay-in-school-and-be-somebody. The program is set up to mentor participants on a weekly basis with the group attending an outing of some Vaquero significance once a month. The camp, El Campo de Los Vaqueros, offers activities such as horsemanship, horseback riding, roping, archery, canoeing, swimming, repelling, team building sports, life skills and discipline development skills.

A media Open House and Observation Day for the Vaquero Heritage Program will take place on Thursday, June 29. The media day will begin at 7 a.m. and will end at 8 p.m.

Funds for the Sutton County Vaquero Youth Program are provided by a grant from Texas Rural Communities and partnerships with the Concho Valley Council of Governments and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Please call Ben Solis at (915) 387-5431 for additional information.

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. T. Wayne Price
Pastor
404 E. Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves,
Pastor
201-N. Water
387-2466

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
Pastor
Hector A. Portillo
807 Orient Ave.
387-6065

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-3018

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER
Sonora Stock Pens
Sunday 6:00 p.m.



BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915) 387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Preston Neely announce the birth of their son, Jack Preston on June 5, 2000. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 21" long. Jack is doing great and he and his parents are at home in San Antonio. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Preston Neely of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley of Alice, Texas. Great Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Leon Neely of Lindale, Texas and Mrs. Lura Sawyer of Sonora.

City Survey

The City of Sonora will be conducting a survey in the West part of the city and in the Sinaloa and Loma Alta area that is serviced by the city water system. The information is needed to complete an application for a community development grant. The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. Your answers are very important to our community improvement effort. For further information on the 2001 Texas Community Development Program please feel free to call City Hall at (915) 387-2558.

Business Tips

Advertising is one form of promotion for your business. There are other forms such as publicity, sales promotion, and personal selling. Advertising is often confusing for small business people trying to find the best way to promote their business. Many times they feel the best way to advertise is to spread their precious dollars out to all forms of advertising media, believing they will get maximum coverage. Small businesses need to focus their limited dollars on reaching the target customers they have defined. Here are some tips to help you devise an advertising strategy. Remember you can have short-term goals and long term goals with your advertising.

Define your target market or markets. All promotion or marketing efforts should begin with a clear picture of your typical customers and their unique needs and wants. There are many ways to describe your typical customer. Demographics, such as age, income and education, are a common way of describing them. Lifestyle descriptions such as culture, social class and attitudes are another way of coming up with a description of a group or groups of customers you can be successful with by satisfying their needs and wants.

Decide what you want to accomplish. Most small businesses want to accomplish increased sales and profits with their advertising.

Increasing sales is a good short-term goal. Increasing market share, increasing awareness, and building an image for your business can be seen as long-term goals.

Design your message and choose the media. Once you have defined your target market(s) and decided on goals for your advertising, you can get your message across to your targeted customers by designing your message and choosing the media that will most effectively get your message across to them and that fits the product or service you are providing.

Newspaper, radio, television, and other forms of media along with advertising agencies all have professionals that can help you design your message and guide you in using your advertising dollars wisely. We can also provide assistance here at the Small Business Development Center.

The most difficult part of an advertising strategy is to determine the effectiveness of your advertising. It is difficult because there are so many other variables that can affect your business. Your advertising professional can help you design your advertising in a way that you can more effectively gauge its success.

Business Tips is provided by Dave Erickson, business development specialist at Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center.

Wedding



Harris - O'Rourke

Lesa Jane Harris and Micheal Sean O'Rourke were united in marriage on June 17, 2000 in a garden ceremony at the brides family home in Sonora, Texas. The Reverend Jim Stephens officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Rebecca Harris of Sonora, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Paul and Elsa O'Rourke of Brackettville, Texas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an ivory satin floor-length gown with a chapel length train. The bodice had a floral lace overlay accented with pearls and sequins with pearl straps. Her headpiece was made of satin and lace accented with pearls and sequins with an elbow length veil. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and pink lilies.

The maid of honor was Mindy Haynes of Eldorado, Texas. She wore a sleeveless tea length navy georgette dress and carried a bouquet of pink lilies and babies breath.

The flower girl was Anna Del Castillo, cousin of the bride, from Round Rock, Texas. She wore a sleeveless ivory linen dress with a lace overlay and small pink appliqued roses around the waist. She wore a headband of pink tea roses and carried an ivory basket outlined in pink tea roses.

The ringbearer was Eric Del Castillo, cousin of the bride, of Round Rock, Texas. He wore a traditional black tuxedo and black bow tie with a pink boutonniere.

The best man was Brad Harman of Beeville, Texas, T.J. Harris, brother of the bride, was the usher. Both wore a traditional black tuxedo and black tie with a pink rose boutonniere.

The couple was married in front of a rustic arbor with dark pink and white roses set under oak trees, with two large rock flowerbeds filled with mounds of dark pink and white impatiens on each side of the arbor. The trees had large baskets of mixed flowers and bougainvilleas hanging from them. A reception was held following the ceremony under the patio.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and attended ASU. She will be a junior at the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of ASU and is teaching school. The couple will make their home in Boerne, Texas.

Card of Thanks

I want to "Thank" the Daddy Olympic Team and Dairy Queen for giving my Daddy and I such a special day together, Saturday, June 17. My Daddy, a U.S. Marine, left Monday, June 19, for tour duty in Japan for a year, so this was truly a special day for us. Also to see my Grandpa in the Olympics was something else, especially in Hopscotch, my Uncle Joe eating an ice-cream cup in 1-minute. My cousins and I could not believe how well they did in all these events. I'm only 15 months old, but I'm getting ready for next year. Even if Daddy is still in Japan, Grandpa will be there. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God Bless You,
Brittany Michelle Covarrubiaz

Obituaries

David Zimmerman

David Lee Zimmerman, 68, died Saturday, June 24, 2000, in Menard.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church with burial in Rest Haven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home.

He was born March 19, 1932, in Mount Sterling, KY. He was a nitrogen service operator in the oil field

and was a member of the United Methodist Church, the City Council and Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Zimmerman of Menard; two sons, Eric Zimmerman of College Station and David Zimmerman of Cypress, a sister Mildred Nance of Sonora; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calvin Arthur Drake

Calvin Arthur Drake, 63, of Wink and formerly of Monahans, died Tuesday, June 20, 2000, in Pyote.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in Harkey Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Monahans Memorial Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Overton. He was a Marine veteran and worked as a truck driver and in the oilfield. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Stephen Drake and Harold Rose, both of Monahans, and George Drake of Corsicana; four daughters, Rose Carter of Monahans, Lileus Scott of Lockney, Linda Farmer of Graham and Pamela Drake of Corsicana; two sisters, Dorothy Drake and Helen Drake, both of Sonora; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dining Out Directory

El Torito #2
1005 N. Crockett
387-9525

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

June 29 - Birthday Party for June Babies! Noon.

July 1 - Don't forget Safety Meeting at City Hall 7:00 a.m. Staff

July 3 - AAA Reports due. Bingo!

July 4 - Center will be closed for the 4th of July Holiday!

July 5 - Volunteer to deliver meals! Call 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Senior Menu

June 29 - Soft taco with meat, cheese, pinto beans, flour tortillas, chopped lettuce, tomato, peppers, mixed fruit with cantaloupe.

June 30 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat bread, 1/2 orange, lemon square.

July 3 - BBQ sandwich on a bun, baked French fries, baby carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping.

July 4 - Center Closed! Happy 4th of July!

July 5 - Chicken fajitas with bell peppers, onions, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, jello with fruit.

July 6 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed veggies, tossed salad, roll, banana pudding.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.

\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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Community

June 24 - August 5

Covered Wagon Dinner Theater
Saturday Nights Only 6:30 p.m.

June 29

4-H Playday
Rodeo Arena 6:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar

SUTTON COUNTY
THE BANK & TRUST S.B. MEMBER FDIC
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Calendar

July 6

Town/County Meeting on Nursing Home
Sonora Civic Center
7:00 p.m.

is made possible by:

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a concerned citizen of Sutton County, I attended the June 12, 2000 Hospital Board Meeting. The annual audit report for the Hospital and Nursing Home was presented. It contained praise for the smaller deficit incurred for the Hospital and Nursing Home in 1999. Through letters published in this newspaper, we have been told only of the down side of this report. I believe that the public needs an accounting of this. In visiting with one of the board members, I was told that the Nursing Home was losing so much money as it was not filled to capacity. Why???? Are new residents being turned down? If the Nursing Home is losing so much money, why was it completely remodeled in 1999? Could this be part of the increased loss in 1999? If a public meeting is called, does the board not intend to listen to the public, as one of the board members has already informed the nurses and aids that they should be looking for another job. Many Nursing Homes have been turned into a break-even, or even a profit making enterprise. I know that the employees of the Nursing Home have pride in what they do, and are an asset to this community. If the Nursing Home is closed, they will leave. Can we afford that? We need this facility if we expect to attract new industry to Sonora. There must be a way to keep the Nursing Home open. I know that the federal government has passed down Medicaid to the State, and Texas does not pay well. Contact your State Representative and talk to him about that. This issue should come up this year, and if you do not let him know your feelings, he will not vote for any increase. He may not anyway, but you will have voiced your concern. Citizens, won't you consider all of the consequences, and let's keep our Nursing Home open. How many tax dollars would you be willing to pay to keep one of your loved ones in a clean, caring home away from home?

Mary Rowland

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate the public for their support of the Nursing Home effort to remain a functioning part of this community. During my seven years as a long-term care social worker, I have seen many nursing homes across the state of Texas and observed many differences among them. The most significant is the difference between For-Profit homes and Not-For-Profit homes. Not-For-Profit homes, like Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home, focus on doing whatever it takes to care for the elderly in a manner which they deserve rather than on making a profit for the owner. More and more the focus is on financial gain rather than the valuable service provided and I am glad to see that Sonora citizens appreciate the local quality of care provided by their nursing home. As the age old saying goes, "You don't know what you got until it's gone".

Thanks,
Sherri Munsey, BA SWA

Guest Editorial

by Carol Evans

"Don't go home and cry for us tonight." An elderly resident made this statement as I left work at the end of the day Saturday.

All across Texas, nursing homes are closing, mostly for-profit facilities, but we are faced with this crisis in our community, today, and as a result of low Medicaid reimbursements and the high cost of staffing to ensue quality care.

Has our society come to this? Have our elderly members become expendable because they are no longer productive members of our community? Because they are elderly, debilitated, or unable to care for themselves?

In Boston, the governor has instructed the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy to add \$20 million to the state's fiscal year 2000 Medicaid rate proposal, demonstrating his commitment to quality long term care for the elderly of that state.

In Michigan, a survey was conducted which showed that over 50% of the general public was willing to pay higher taxes in order to help support the need for quality care and continuity of care by regular staff members in nursing homes.

Texas is rated number 45 on the ladder of 50 states in Medicaid reimbursement. Is our society so uncaring that we are ready to "throw away" our elderly? If our communities no longer are able to support them, where are they going to go? They can't go home, because they no longer have a home other than a nursing home, and even if they did, they would be unable to care for themselves. What are they supposed to do? What are their families supposed to do? They can't receive indefinite home health care for their needs, because Medicare only allows so much per person per year, and then they are cut off for the remainder of the year.

This is really a sad situation we are facing today. Members of our society, who supported our community before we were born and while we were growing up, are no longer going to be allowed to remain in our community because of the lack of support of the current community members who now have the voting ability, and the public voice to change our taxes and the way our society feels about our frail elderly.

WAKE UP TEXAS! You may be in the same situation sooner than you think! If you happen to have an accident that leaves you debilitated and unable to care for yourself, unable to feed yourself, much less bathe or clothe yourself and there is no long term care facility in your community, no family member to care for you, and no Home Health available for long term care, what will you do? Will you be forced to leave the community you have spent a lifetime in, and where your friends and family reside? Now is the time to ask these questions of yourself, because if you put it off, it may be too late to do anything about it.

Help Fight Medicare and Medicaid Waste, Fraud and Abuse

In society today, most retired persons take comfort in knowing that medical services will be there when needed, thanks to Medicare and Medicaid. It should concern all of us that, due to unscrupulous practices of a small proportion of health care providers, Medicare and Medicaid are being drained of valuable resources.

In 1998 alone, Medicare lost nearly \$13 billion to fraudulent or unnecessary claims. This problem affects all Americans. It affects those who depend on Medicare and Medicaid by diminishing the quality of the treatment they receive. It affects caregivers by decreasing the funding available for important programs. And it affects everyone who pays taxes by wasting billions of tax dollars.

Most health care professionals are honest, trustworthy and responsible. However, fraud occurs when an individual or organization deliberately deceives others in order to gain some sort of unauthorized benefit. Fraud generally involves billing for services that were never rendered or billing for a service at a

higher rate than is actually justified. Health care waste and abuse occurs when providers supply services or products that are medically unnecessary or that do not meet professional standards.

What can you do to combat waste, fraud and abuse? First, treat your Medicare number as you would your credit card number. Handle it with care. Second, read your explanation of benefits statements carefully. Call your provider or Medicare insurance company for an explanation or clarification of unusual or questionable Medicare charges. Finally, if you have called your provider and your Medicare insurance carrier and continue to have questions, call the Medicare Fraud Hotline at 1-800-447-8477.

Together, we can reduce Medicare and Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse and keep these valuable programs financially stable.

For more information about Medicare fraud, or about the Medicare program itself, call 1-800-633-4227, or visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov.

Ombudsman Are Here to Help

The Texas Ombudsman Program is there for you! Helping residents, family and staff achieve the best possible quality of life in Texas long-term care facilities.

What is an Ombudsman? An ombudsman is a specially trained and certified volunteer who advocates for quality care in Texas nursing facilities.

Volunteers are supervised by professional staff ombudsmen who are part of the regional aging services network supported by the Texas Department on Aging.

An ombudsman provides information to residents and family about rights and procedures and helps identify additional resources in or out of the facility.

An ombudsman identifies, investigates and resolves complaints by or on behalf of nursing facility residents and works with the residents, families, friends and facility staff to resolve complaints and difficulties.

An ombudsman has the resources of the Texas Department on Aging and various other state and local regulatory agencies available to help resolve complaints and concerns.

The ombudsman program is authorized by state and federal laws.

Residents and family should try to resolve problems and differences with the facility staff whenever possible.

When this is not possible, or when the resident or family is unsure, a local ombudsman should be called at (915) 944-9666.

The ombudsman volunteer or regional staff ombudsman will assess the concerns and recommend possible courses of action.

Often, the ombudsman can resolve the problem without involving other groups or agencies. Sometimes, the resident council or family support group is involved in the resolution.

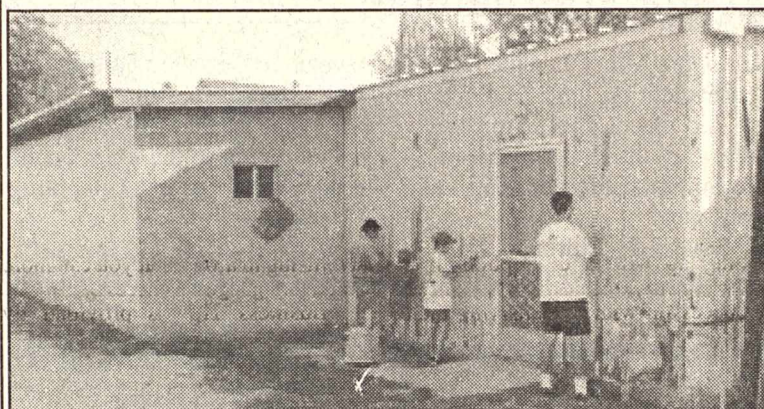
The ombudsman program is also a good source of information

about selecting a long-term care facility, eligibility criteria, residents' rights and other services for the elderly.

Residents have the right to:

- Not be transferred or discharged without cause or notice, including change in room or roommate;
- Be treated without discrimination regardless of source of payment
- Make complaints and express grievances without fear of discrimination or reprisal;
- Be treated with respect, dignity and consideration;
- Exercise rights as a resident of Texas and the United States, and civil and religious liberties;
- Confidentiality of personal and clinical records, and access to those records upon request;
- Be informed of their medical condition and participate in treatment planning;
- Choose their own attending physician and the source of pharmacy service;
- Freedom from mental, physical and verbal abuse, and chemical or physical restraints;
- Freedom of association and communication in privacy, including visits with anyone of their choice in or outside of the facility, mail and telephone services, participation in resident council activities and access to records and state inspection reports;
- Be told of services, costs and items not paid for by Medicaid or Medicare;
- Manage personal and financial affairs and make choices and independent decisions;
- Issue directives and durable powers of attorney for health care;
- Keep and use personal possessions, including furnishings as space permits;
- Refuse treatment;
- Be fully informed in a language they can understand of their health status.

Scouts Give Parish Hall a Facelift



Pictured from left to right are Frank David Gallegos, Coy Talley, Tyler Talley, and Joseph Ainsworth. They are preparing the St. Ann's Catholic Parish Hall for a fresh coat of paint. This is Joseph Ainsworth's Service Project, his last requirement before attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Camillia Ann Guerra bride elect of Robert Dominguez
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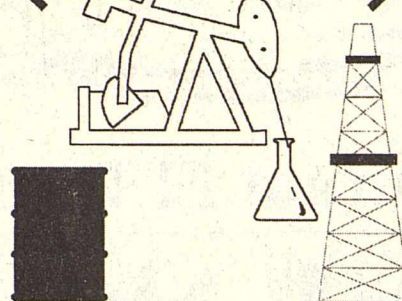
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TOWN/COUNTY MEETING

Sonora Civic Center
Thursday
July 6, 2000
7:00 p.m.

To discuss the
potential closing
of
Lillian M. Hudspeth
Nursing Home
for financial reasons.

F.Y.I.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Texas, of the Concho Valley will sponsor the Visions of Tomorrow Education Course. The series of workshops will start in Sonora sometime in early or mid-July (exact dates and times will be announced later). The co-teachers for the Sonora area will be Nellie Adkins, Kim Cole and Terri Johnson.

Sonora Family Faith Center, formerly the Cowboy Church of the American West, meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonora Livestock Auction. There will be a guest speaker every Sunday. **Ron Ross of San Angelo will speak on July 2.** Nursery is provided for 1st grade and under and a potluck supper will be held every Sunday after services.

The "Veterans From All Wars" Exhibit will be open the month of June, Mon. - Fri. from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It's summer time again! If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Swimming Lessons or any other event, please make reservations by calling Thunderbird Transit 387-2509.

"Million Mom" Organizer Not Ordinary "Mom"

Submitted

The following article is a reprint from the May/June 2000 issue of TSRA Sportsman.

Million Mom March organizer Donna Dees-Thomases, who was described by Time magazine as "a typical housewife and mother of two" actually was a professional publicist and the sister-in-law of Hillary Clinton's political strategist.

In several media interviews, Dees-Thomases stated that she attributed her crusade to watching footage of the children being led out of the California Jewish community center after a lone criminal gunman opened fire in the lobby.

However, Dees-Thomases is currently on leave from CBS, where she works for David Letterman and previously worked for Dan Rather, which explains her media savvy and contacts.

Lisa Schiffren, a member of the board of the Independent Women's Forum and full-time mother, stated that the Million Mom March had "all of the hallmarks" of a classic Clinton campaign.

"As with health care in 1992, they are manufacturing a crisis where there is none," Schiffren said.

Schiffren called the march a "White House put-up job" and noted that it would be very unlikely a novice could organize a major media event of this magnitude.

"When you promote an issue that the Clinton administration, senatorial candidate Hillary Clinton, and presidential candidate Al Gore wish to raise during the election, the public should be made aware that the organizer has close ties with the White House and the media," she said.

Minor League All-Stars Attend Ozona Tournament

The Sonora Minor League All-Stars traveled to Ozona to compete in a tournament on June 23rd and 24th. The team played very well and took 2nd place. The team received individual trophies, a 2nd place trophy and the Sportsmanship trophy. Competing in the tournament were Sonora, Eldorado, Big Lake, Ozona, and McCamey. Congratulations guys.

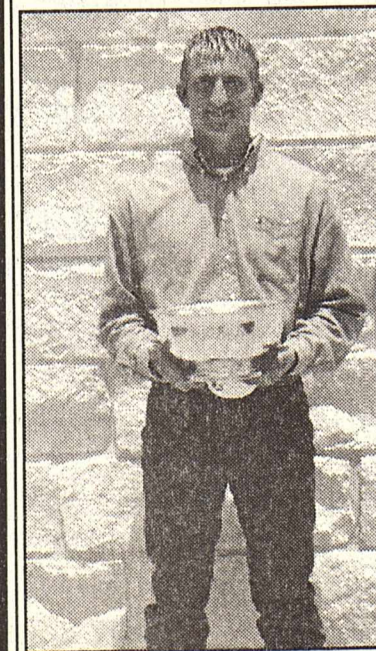
6/23 Sonora 5 - Eldorado 2.

6/24 Sonora 7 - McCamey 9, Sonora 6 - Eldorado 4, Sonora 4 - McCamey 13

Memorial Award Winners



Stephanie Kendrick (above) from the Medina FFA was the Premier Jr. Mohair Exhibitor and the recipient of the Fred T. Earwood Memorial Trophy, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood. Casey Seidensticker (below) of Kendall Co. 4-H was the Premier Jr. Wool Exhibitor and the recipient of the Joe and W. F. Berger Memorial Trophy, presented by Mr. L.P. Bloodworth, Chris and Larry Berger.



Happy Birthday

June 29

Tommy Gutierrez, Floyd Kreitz, Pablo Salinas, Angie Torres, Pedro Virgen

June 30

Riley Crain, Ronald E. Daniels, Sr., Kristal Castro, Maribel De Luna, Frank Gallegos, Frankie Gandar, Wayne Legan

July 1

Kenny Arnwine, Juanita Buntyn, Javier Gayton

July 2

Mary Beth Morgan, Santiago Gonzales, David Benson, John Creek, Ben Garcia, Daniel Quade Nicar, Eddie Smith

July 3

Johnny Jones, Cindy Chavez, Serena Duran, Eva Esquivel, Jamel Gully, Harvey Santana, Scott Vigil, Shawn Vigil

July 4

Lee Aguero, Alfredo Coronado, Danielle Matthews

July 5

Keanu Gamez, Jerry Johnson, Janice Caruthers, John Lopez, Jr., Steve McCann

Police Reports

6-19-00 Aggravated Sexual Assault - A report of an Aggravated Sexual Assault was reported to the Sonora Police Dept. that involved juveniles. The case was forwarded to the County Attorney's office.

of Harris County, for Forgery Commercial Instrument. L&W State Trooper and Chief of Police assisted officer.

6-22-00 Arrest Warrant - Officer arrested Rita Joyce Alewine on an outstanding Capias Pro Fine Warrant for Disorderly Conduct out of City of Sonora. Alewine was transported to the Sutton County Jail.

6-23-00 Accident - Officer was dispatched to Menard and W. 2nd in reference to a minor accident. Upon arrival officer contacted subjects and no injuries were reported.

6-23-00 Fugitive from Justice - An anonymous call led to the arrest of Arnold Leonard Mattson of Naples, Florida, a fugitive from justice out

6-25-00 Attempted Suicide - Officer was dispatched to the Landmark Apartments in reference to a suicide attempt. Upon arrival officer contacted subjects involved. Subject was transported to Hudspeth Hospital for medical treatment.

Where Did They Go?

With the Fourth of July just around the corner we found the following email might be of interest to our readers.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move His family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

How we can reduce the cancer burden in local communities

Our ability to control cancer and reduce the cancer burden depends on efforts in five critical areas:

* **Prevention:** Nearly two-thirds of all cancers are related to unhealthy lifestyle habits, such as tobacco and alcohol use, poor nutrition and lack of physical exercise.

* **Early Detection:** When American Cancer Society screening guidelines are followed, cancers of the breast, cervix, prostate, and colon are all easily detected early when chances of cure are the greatest. Fear and anxiety about early detection tests such as mammography and colonoscopy continue to be a significant obstacle to cancer control.

* **Effective Treatment:** Accessing effective treatment depends on the patient and families being well-informed about treatment options, and physicians who are knowledgeable about the state-of-the-art treatment advances.

* **Support Services:** Some patients do not have access to care due to their financial situations or lack of transportation. This isolation drastically reduces their chance of recovery and quality of life.

* **Quality of Life:** Cancer patients and their families depend on social and emotional support to better handle the effects of cancer, including pain and other survivorship issues.

Perhaps the most important battlefield in the fight against cancer is our own backyard. Across Texas, your American Cancer Society volunteers and staff work with legislators, business leaders, community organizations, public health officials,

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more.

Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free! It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.

Colonel (Dr) Jim Hayes, USAF Ret

Ret

hospitals and schools to find answers and address cancer problems specific to local communities. Whether it's improving access to mammography to increase breast cancer detection, encouraging individuals to follow the screening guidelines for colorectal cancer to detect it at its earliest stage when survival rates are more than 90%, or getting the word out about sun protection to lower skin cancer rates or protecting children from tobacco advertising to curb teen smoking, your American Cancer Society works toward concrete, measurable goals.

American Cancer Society volunteers are working to diminish the threat posed by cancer. Through programs such as the Great American Smoke-out, Tell-A-Friend, Reach to Recovery and Road to Recovery, community leaders dedicate their time, knowledge and compassion toward prevention, early detection and increased quality of life for people facing cancer.

Staffed by trained cancer information specialists, the American Cancer Society's National Cancer Information Center provides answers 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-ACS-2345. The call center offers reliable information and comfort to those who find themselves in a frightening new realm of complex medical terms and life-threatening decisions. **Texas Facts and Figures** now provides an additional resource to help individuals learn more about the impact of cancer on Texas, and communities plan more effective, focused cancer control programs.

News from the Neighbors

Junction Offers Food and Fireworks for the Fourth

If you're looking for something to do over the Fourth of July weekend, you may want to travel over to our neighbors to the east, Junction. The 5th Annual Come-N-Git-It Restaurant & Store Bar-B-Que Brisket Cook-off will be held July 1 - 4. Come-N-Git-It is located at 2341 North Main in Junction Texas, just off Exit 456. There will be Brisket, Ribs and Chicken categories and judging will begin Monday, July 3rd. Entry Fees for Brisket are \$50, Ribs \$10.00, and Chicken \$5.00. A \$2,000 Grand prize will be given for best Brisket. There will be a \$55.00 fee for entries received after June 28th. For more information on the cook-off contact Ray Karsten at 1-800-397-3916 or Mary Beth at (915)446-4357.

In addition to the cook-off, there will be live music, a street dance, games and more.

On Tuesday, July 4th there will be a public fireworks display at the Park in Junction (located under the second bridge after exiting off of I-10).

So, if fireworks, food and fun are what you had in mind for the Fourth of July, head to Junction.

Levis & Lace Say Thank You Sutton County

Levis & Lace Square, Dance Club of Ozona would like to announce the winners of the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dance Festival prizes for year 2000, which was held June 10th in Lubbock.

First prize of a \$28,000 gift certificate for a new vehicle, went to Les Bryant of Dickinson.

Second prize, a \$3,000 shopping spree at WalMart/Sams, went to Pam Lawson of Levelland.

Third prize, a \$1,000 shopping spree at Lowes/Home Depot, went to Debra Moore of Seabrook.

Levis & Lace Club would like to thank Jerry, the manager at T&C Village Market, for allowing us to sell tickets in the store. We would also like to thank Broncho Ford for supplying a Ford truck for display,

Robert Duran for helping secure the vehicle for display at the ticket sales, CR & Stacy Otwell, Melissa Velez and Sylvia at the Hair Studio and Victoriano Chavez for their help in selling tickets. The donations from Sonora and Sutton County residents were greatly appreciated.

The raffle ticket sales helped raise money for scholarships. Six \$1,200 scholarships were awarded to teen square dancers for college. Recipients for this year were Hall from San Antonio, Swillinger from the San Antonio area, Rinehart from the Austin area, Stanhill from Plainview, Gentry from North Texas and Johnson from Mesquite. Thanks again to everyone.

Carol & Leroy Adcock
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Alamo Village Gunfighter Competition and Art Show

Start Making plans to attend Alamo Village Movie Location's First Annual Gunfighter Competition and Open Air Multi-Media Art Show and Sale to be held July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gunfighter teams from throughout Texas will be competing in the Competition and numerous awards will be given out including ones for Best Overall Show, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Authentic Costume. The James T. "Happy" Shahan trophy will also be awarded to the gunfighter Team that best embodies the Old West.

The Art Show and Sale is open to all varieties of paintings (oils, acrylics, pastels, water colors, sculptures, airbrush, and bronzes), said event organizer Tulisha Wardlaw.

Other events include a variety of children's games, live music provided by Keith Magel of Pleasanton, Texas. Performances by 12 year old singing sensation Jacqueline Conoly, book signing by Frances McMasters, author of "Death Plays the Lead", and a variety of food and beverages. "We hope to have something to please all ages," said Alamo Village owner/operator Virginia Shahan.

The world famous movie set was originally constructed over a two-year period from 1957-59 for

John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo" and since that time more than 200 major feature films, TV Movies, Mini-Series, Documentaries, Commercials and Music Videos have been shot there. Located seven miles north of Brackettville on FM Road 674, some of the more recent projects shot at the Village include the feature film "The Bullfighter," starring Willem Dafoe, Michael Parks and Michelle Forbes and the family Western "Jericho" starring soap opera hunk Mark Valley, World Champion Rodeo Clown Leon Coffee, Buck Taylor (Newly on "Gunsmoke") award winning actor R. Lee Erney.

While at the Village, visitors can tour any one of the 18 walk-in displays including an Old West Jail, Bank, Church, Parson's House, Livery Stable and more than two dozen other adobe and Board and batten buildings. There's also a Wagon Museum, John Wayne and Old West Museum, three gift shops and a full - service restaurant among many other points of interest.

For more information call Alamo Village at (830)563-2580 or write to P.O. Box 528, Brackettville, TX 78832. Visit us at our website at www.alamovillage.com or e-mail us at happy@hilconet.com.

Shell Offers July 4th Safety Tips To Help Drivers Declare Their Independence From Holiday Mishaps

Prepare for highway travel; know what to do if accidents occur. As millions of Americans take to the roads this July 4th weekend, the Shell Oil Company has some advice for drivers looking for another kind of freedom.

By properly getting ready for that holiday road trip, and then knowing what to do if a problem occurs, motorists can go along way toward minimizing the kinds of mishaps that are all too common on crowded thoroughfares. That's why Shell has put together a Top 10 list of July 4th safety tips, based on information from Shell's driving safety booklets.

1. Before you leave home, make sure your vehicle is up for the task. Check tires for proper inflation. Make sure the windshield, headlights and taillights are clean. Checks all fluid levels, belts, hoses and clamps, and refill or replace as necessary.

2. Make sure your trunk is properly stocked with items that will come in handy in the event of an accident. These include a fire extinguisher that's un-expired and securely stored; flares or reflective devices; jack and lug wrench; properly inflated spare tire; flashlight with extra batteries; jumper cables, empty, approved gasoline container; blankets, and umbrella, poncho or raincoats.

3. If your battery goes dead, know how to jumpstart it safely;

* Position vehicles so jumper cables can reach, but vehicles aren't touching.

* Connect one end of the Red cable to the Positive terminal of the dead battery, and the other to the Positive terminal of the good battery.

* Connect one end of the Black cable to the Negative terminal of the good battery and the other to an engine bolt head or other piece of non-moving metal.

* Make sure the jumper cables are away from moving engine parts.

* Start the engine with the good battery and run it at a moderate speed.

* Start the engine of the vehicle with the dead battery according to your owner's manual. Once it starts, reduce the engine speed to idle.

* Remove the jumper cables in reverse order, starting with the Black cable from the engine bolt or metal connection on the car with the dead battery.

* The engine needs to run for 20 minutes - which can include driving time - to start recharging the battery.

4. Get out of a skid by taking your foot off the gas, and then turning the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the car to go. This not only helps straighten the car out, but also can help regain traction.

5. In case of a blow-out, know what to expect. If the front tire blows, the vehicle will pull hard to the side of the blow-out. Don't hit the brakes. Hang on to the wheel tightly with your hands in the 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock position, take your foot off the gas and concentrate on staying in your lane. Then

slow down and pull off the road to a safe location. If the back tire blows, the rear of the car will weave back and forth. But you should handle it the same way.

6. If you see an accident and want to stop to help, pass well beyond the wreck before signaling and pulling off the road. This keeps you from blocking the view of emergency vehicles and gives emergency crews room to work. Also, turn on your emergency flashers and raise your hood to call attention to yourself.

7. When traveling with children, keep in mind that the safest place for them is the back seat. This keeps them far from the impact in a head-on collision and away from the passenger-side air bag. And always use seatbelts.

8. Remember the 8-80 rule for kids: Children are usually big enough for seat belts when they are 8 years old and weigh 80 pounds. Otherwise use child-safety seats.

9. Trucks need room to maneuver, so give them some space. Don't pass on the right or cut in front of trucks, and stay out of their blind spots. If you can't see the truck driver's face in the side mirrors, the truck driver can't see you.

10. If you're changing lanes, don't rely solely on your rear- and side-view mirrors. There are probably blind spots in your own car, so it's a good idea to quickly turn and visually check for other vehicles next to you before pulling over.

The Count On Shell series of safety booklets address six specific driving issues; hazards on the road; driving with children; how to handle an accident; keeping safe while driving alone; keeping safe during roadside emergencies, and how to safely share the road with trucks, trains and motorcycles. The booklets are available at more than 9,000 Shell stations in 39 states, or can be obtained by calling 1-800-376-0200 or by visiting Shell's web site: www.countonshell.com.

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Happy 4th

Every year the Fourth of July serves to remind us of the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans, as well as the opportunities — the opportunity to educate our children, create small businesses, control our own futures.

May you and your family
enjoy a safe and happy
Fourth of July.

Your Congressman,

Henry Bonilla

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Harrell Takes Championship at Ozona Goat Roping

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Winner of the 2000 World Championship Goat Roping, Kinney Harrell, and 18-year-old from Brady, took home \$1,983.38 for his efforts in Ozona last weekend. He was also the recipient of a saddle donated by Ozona National Bank and the Karl Kothman memorial trophy awarded annually since 1986 as a tribute to his late uncle. Kothman was the winner of the first World Championship Goat Roping, which was held in San Angelo in 1985.

Litane Kothman, mother of Karl Kothman and grandmother of Kinney Harrell, said the original plan had been to retire the revolving trophy after 10 years, "but they all really seem to enjoy winning it." She was especially happy to see her grandson receive the award this year. "I was so happy I cried," said Mrs. Kothman. Kinney has competed in goat ropings since he was five.

Harrell won the average with 82.53, took first in the second and third go, was second in the fourth and third in the fifth go of the open competition.

Frank Gutierrez of Del Rio was second in the average with 95.35 and earning \$932.28 total.

Finishing out the six places in the open average were: 3. Reagan Bounds of Chistoval, 95.38; 4. Glyn Hutto of Eldorado, 95.52; 5. Hayse Worthington of Ozona, 99.67; and 6. Shane Cooper of Ozona, 101.88. There were 46 entries in the open.

Gary Vannoy of Ozona was winner of the average in the senior division in 105.34, earning a total of \$522.50 in prize money. Vannoy also received a saddle given by Fort Dodge Pharmaceutical. He was first in the first go, and second in the fifth and sixth gos.

Second place went to Cecil Keith of Wimberly with 154.22.

Hymie Gilstrap of Eldorado was third in the average with 181.91.

The senior division had 10 entries.

Blane Cordes of Menard was winner of the average in the C-roping (novice) with 67.59 to take home \$643.90. Cordes also received the Ruben Whitehead memorial buckle. he was second in the first, third and fourth gos.

Ryder Hohman of Rocksprings averaged 71.13 for \$408.90 with Will Burrus of Stephenville third, with a time of 76.58. Fourth place went to Ryan Bean of Ozona with 82.41.

There were 27 entries in the C-

roping.

Winning the women's division was Tanna Gutierrez of Del Rio with 63.08 and \$664.02. Tanna took the top spot in the first, third and fourth gos and was second in the second go.

Second place went to Cheryl Audas of San Angelo with 74.24 and \$419.43. Third was Mecca McMullan of Iraan with an average of 105.40.

In the women's division there were 12 entries.

Will Burrus of Stephenville was first in the junior division, on seven head with a total time of 133.47, for a total of \$678.75. He was awarded the Shawn McMullan Memorial saddle. Second place Winner Clay Hale of Ozona averaged 189.80. Hayse Worthington of Ozona was third with a 130.66 on six head. The junior division had nine entries.

Big Bad Billy Goat Bustin' winners were Will M. Black and Ed Hale. The each received a cash prize of \$500.00.

This year's World Championship goat Roping was presented by the Crockett County Roping Association, Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Texas Goat Roping Association.

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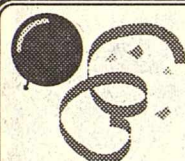
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But sometimes she whimpers and goes out like a log

She and her other daughter, Lee Ann,
Like to eat out whenever they can.
And the greeter at Wal-Mart thinks she's cute
And looks like Tammy Fay to boot.

But, she still can snap those brown eyes at you
And grab a bunko while you don't have a clue.
She's walked from here to kingdom come
And though she's blond she isn't dumb.

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And she can find something to make her glad,
Like friends and family and other good things
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Left: Jimmy Cahill was one of the lucky contestants chosen to participate in the "West Texas Cowboy Walk" contest held during intermission at the Belle of Sonora performance. Below: The crowd boos as Tom Trueheart is deceived by Ms. Joleen Toomean!



School Board from page 1



Young members of the audience pelt the evil "Shady Sadie Sutton" with popcorn as she steps off the stage.

A motion carried unanimously.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 15 and May 30, 2000.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved current bills in the amount of \$147,323.58.

Business Manager Diane Jacoby reviewed a budget amendment in the area of Co-curricular. A Motion was made to approve the budget amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Business Manager gave the Quarterly Investment Report.

A Motion was made to award Borden Company the bid for milk and milk products for 2000-2001. The motion carried unanimously.

The Business Manager, outgoing Booster Club President Lee Bloodworth, and club member Mike Percifull reviewed the bid for football field lights. Mr. Bloodworth stated that he had a full group ready to perform all necessary labor if the school district would agree to fund the cost of the lights.

A lengthy discussion was held with member Tammy Favila suggesting that honorary bricks inscribed with the names of past and present football players and/or Bronco fans be sold and placed in the walkways into the stadium. Mrs. Favila suggested that the profit from such a fundraiser could be used to offset the cost of the lights.

Member Jesse Bustamante expressed his concerns at the expense, stating that he was thinking of the taxpayers and that money needed to be spent on the education of students.

Member Fields commented that he agreed with Mr. Bustamante's remarks but that he had a problem with liability, since the condition of the lights were posing a serious danger. He also stated that, in the future, the district might not have the resource of free labor provided, which it did have at this time. Member Scott Jacoby agreed. Member Sam David Hernandez stated that the district would be spending over \$30,000 for the ADA

study and over \$26,000 for the lights but that he remembered when the district had come up with over \$100,000 when needed and that they could again if they looked hard enough.

A motion was made to award the bid of \$26,700 for the football field lights to Techline Sports Lighting. Voting aye were Dayton Armke, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton. Voting no was Jesse Bustamante. The motion carried.

Athletic Director Jason Herring gave detailed information regarding the addition of Girls Softball. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to initiate the addition of Girls Softball for the inaugural season of 2002 (spring). Voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton. Voting no was Dayton Armke. The motion carried.

The Business Manager conducted a preliminary budget review. Additionally, retiring Middle School Principal Donna Hill approached the Board about considering an additional position in the area of 7th grade language arts because of the increased number of incoming 7th graders.

Intermediate School Principal Kelley Hirt reviewed the changes and additions to the Primary and Intermediate Handbook. A Motion carried to accept the amended handbook.

The Superintendent stated that Mr. Efrain Murillo Carrillo had paid \$500 for the old school bus and \$500 for the outdated equipment. Additionally, the Superintendent commended the Board for their willingness to help less fortunate children.

There were no visitor or board member comments.

President Payton announced that the Board was taking a short recess, after which they would enter into closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.072 and 551.074. He announced that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:43 P.M. and upon unanimous agreement a motion carried to accept the salary recommendations as presented by the Administration for Louise Dermody, Alice Cox, and Cody Eoff.

The Board unanimously accepted the Athletic Director's recommendation to use West Texas Sports Medicine (Mark Duncan) for trainer responsibilities.

A motion was made to implement a training stipend for a non-certified athletic trainer as recommended by the Athletic Director. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to place the Cafeteria Supervisor on the pay scale for administrative secretaries. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adopt the new rental agreement which will be retroactive with the exception of item 3 (security deposit) which will be waived to all present renters carried unanimously.

The Board unanimously accepted the proposed rental rates for 2000-2001 with an effective date of 9/1/2000.

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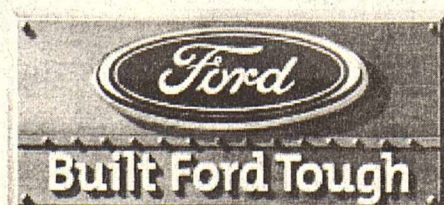
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The fighting in Korea lasted three years, beginning in 1950. Many of the same men who had crossed the beaches of Normandy were now fighting in this war as well. The victorious days of 1945 brought parades, speeches, and a national outpouring of patriotism and pride, the end of this war was inconclusive and brought little more than a ticket home.

Officially the Korean War is not over. The fighting ended with a cease-fire in 1953, and a permanent standoff between the North and South. In fact, the Korean War was never officially recognized as a war: President Harry Truman called it "a police action."

But the war that was not a war that never ended claimed its share of America's sons and daughters. More than 33,000 Americans died in combat during the Korean War. You might think a war with such tragic consequences for so many families, and which kept the communist from totally controlling

Korea would be well-documented in the history books, and in the media. But a search of a popular web site offering a huge variety of books for sale, reveals that while there are 1800 books available on the Vietnam War, nearly 800 on the Persian Gulf War there are only 533 on the Korean War. The good news is that may be changing.

In recent years efforts by public and private organizations fueled by everyday citizens are highlighting the need to pay proper respect to the veterans of the Korean War. In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was finally completed in Washington, D.C.. Now veterans of the Korean War can be honored by visitors to our nation's Capital. State and local governments have also created their own memorials, and web sites on the Internet that link veterans to their long lost building as well as to the families of veterans who never came home.

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Sutton County

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Results from page 1

Kathleen Moore-Sutton County

REGISTERED: RAMBOUILLET

CLASS A-6 - AGED EWE
1. Sheryl Strauch 2. Patti Strauch 3. Patti Strauch 4. John Strauch
CLASS A-8 - AGED RAM
1. Vestel Askew 2. Sheryl Strauch 3. John Strauch

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CLASS A-20 - KID DOE
1. Landon Brockman
CLASS A-21 - ADULT BUCK
1. Sheryl Strauch

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REGISTERED
CLASS A-24 - ADULT DOE
1. Landon Brockman 2. Landon Brockman 3. Emily Earwood 4. Emily Earwood 5. Meredith Earwood 6. Meredith Earwood
CLASS A-25 - YEARLING DOE
1. Emily Earwood 2. Meredith Earwood 3. Emily Earwood 4. Emily & Meredith Earwood 5. Meredith Earwood 6. Emily & Meredith Earwood
CLASS A-26 - DOE KID
1. Hunter Jennings 2. Emily Earwood 3. Meredith Earwood 4. Emily Earwood 5. Emily & Meredith Earwood 6. Emily & Meredith Earwood 7. Meredith Earwood
CLASS A-29 - KID BUCK
1. Hunter Jennings

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Junior Division Judging Contest-2000 - Livestock

High Novice Individuals
1 Tye Siegenthler(342)Kerr
2 Craig Leonard(315)Val Verde
3 Meredith Black(295) Val Verde
4 Colton Moore (293) Sutton

High Novice Teams
1st Kerr Co. 4-H (918)
2nd Val Verde Co. 4-H (886)
3rd Kendall Co. 4-H (864)
4th Sutton Co. 4-H (863)
Colton Moore
Cash Jennings
Meredith Earwood
Emily Earwood, alt.
COACH:
Preston Faris

High Junior Individuals
1 Kimberly Haile (335) Kendall
2 Katy Boyd (323) Kerr
3 Cody Kneupper (321) Kendall
4 Abby Hodges (316) Brazos

High Junior Teams
1st Kendall Co. 4-H (969)
2nd Brazos Co. 4-H (897)
3rd Val Verde Co. 4-H (864)

High Senior Individuals
1 Trey Dittmar(350) Kerr
2 Philip Anthony (346) Brazos
3 Jack Rose (338) Kendall
4 Brandi Kneupper (336) Kendall

High Senior Teams
1st Kendall Co. 4-H (1004)
2nd Kerr Co. 4-H (989)
3rd Brazos Co. 4-H (973)

Range
High Novice Individuals
1 Crystal Romas(248) Kendall
2 Beth McMahon (211) Kendall
3 Holly Moldenhauer(202) Kendall
4 Laura Martin (179) Sutton

High Novice Teams
1st Kendall Co. 4-H (661)
2nd Sutton Co. 4-H (426)
Laura Martin
Steely Ingham
Emily Earwood
Colton Moore,alt.
COACHES:
Preston Faris
Tom Payton
3rd Kimble Co. 4-H (411)
4th Val Verde Co. 4-H (327)

High Junior Individuals
1 Kelly Haile (354) Kendall
2 Grant Giles (333) Kendall
3 Kimberly Haile (313) Kendall
4 Cody Kneupper (265) Kendall

High Junior Teams
1st Kendall Co. 4-H (1000)
2nd Val Verde Co. 4-H (357)

High Senior Individuals
1 Jack Rose (309) Kendall
2 Brandi Kneupper(279) Kendall
3 Lauren Miller (259) Kendall
4 Amanda Rusch (251) Kendall
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Wool
High Novice Individuals

1 Carl Whitworth (325) Kimble
2 Craig Leonard (323) Val Verde
3 Kelly Hurley (304) Val Verde
4 Dustin James (302) Kerr

High Novice Teams
1st Val Verde Co. 4-H (912)
2nd Kimble Co. 4-H (893)
3rd Sutton Co. 4-H (869)
Steely Ingham
Laura Martin
Emily Earwood
Colton Moore, alt.
COACH:
Preston Faris
4th Kerr Co. 4-H (868)

High Junior Individuals
1 Katy Boyd (331) Kerr
2 Jesse Steen (326) Tom Green
3 Taylor Oglesby (318) Crockett
4 Jess Yeaman (318) Edwards

High Junior Teams
1st Val Verde Co. 4-H (911)
2nd Brazos Co. 4-H (908)
3rd Kendall Co. 4-H (905)
4th Tom Green Co. 4-H (904)

High Senior Individuals
1 Blake Cammack (339) Brazos
2 Cassie Allen (336) Val Verde
3 Jack Rose (333) Kendall
3 Katie Parker (329) Crockett

High Senior Teams
1st Brazos Co. 4-H (966)
2nd Kendall Co. 4-H (940)
3rd Tom Green Co. 4-H (935)
4th Kerr Co. 4-H (922)

Mohair
High Novice Individuals
1 Colt Brandenberger (358)Kimble
2 Craig Leonard(358) Val Verde
3 Callie Whitworth (354) Kimble
4 Bill Allen (352) Kimble

High Novice Teams
1st Kimble Co. 4-H (1064)
2nd Val Verde Co. 4-H (1032)
3rd Kerr Co. 4-H (974)
4th Sutton Co. 4-H (960)
Emily Earwood
Laura Martin
Colton Moore
Steely Ingham, alt.
COACH:
Preston Faris

High Junior Individuals
1 Laura Allen (391) Val Verde
2 Kimberly Haile (388) Kendall
3 Quisto Settle (376) Val Verde
4 Katy Boyd (367) Kerr

High Junior Teams
1st Kendall Co. 4-H (1074)
2nd Val Verde Co. 4-H (1060)
3rd Brazos Co. 4-H (1043)
4th Tom Green Co. 4-H (977)

High Senior Individuals
1 Wade Schovajsa (383) Tom Green
2 Casey Herman (382) Tom Green
3 Philip Anthony (380) Brazos
4 Trey Dittmar (376) Kerr

High Senior Teams
1st Tom Green Co. 4-H (1128)
2nd Kerr Co. 4-H (1112)
3rd Brazos Co. 4-H (1106)
4th Kendall Co. 4-H (1011)

Over -All High Novice Individuals
1st Craig Leonard 1105
Val Verde Co. 4-H
2nd Carl Whitworth 1102
Kimble Co. 4-H
3rd Crystal Romas 1099
Kendall Co. 4-H
4th Colt Brandenberger 1073
Kimble Co. 4-H
5th Laura Martin 1052
Sutton Co. 4-H
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Over-All High Junior Individuals
1st Kimberly Haile 1324
Kendall Co. 4-H
2nd Kelly Haile 1321
Kendall Co. 4-H
3rd Grant Giles 1269
Kendall Co. 4-H
4th Cody Kneupper 1176
Kendall Co. 4-H
5th Laura Allen 1149
Val Verde Co. 4-H
DONOR: First National Bank, Sonora, Texas

Over-All High Senior Individuals
1st Jack Rose 1322
Kendall Co. 4-H
2nd Lauren Miller 1229
Kendall Co. 4-H
3rd Amanda Rusch 1203
Kendall Co. 4-H
4th Brandi Kneupper 1156
Kendall Co. 4-H
5th Philip Anthony 1040
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Coaches: Preston Faris and Tom Payton
3rd Brazos County 4-H (3376)
Coaches: Eric Zimmerman and Trey Speck
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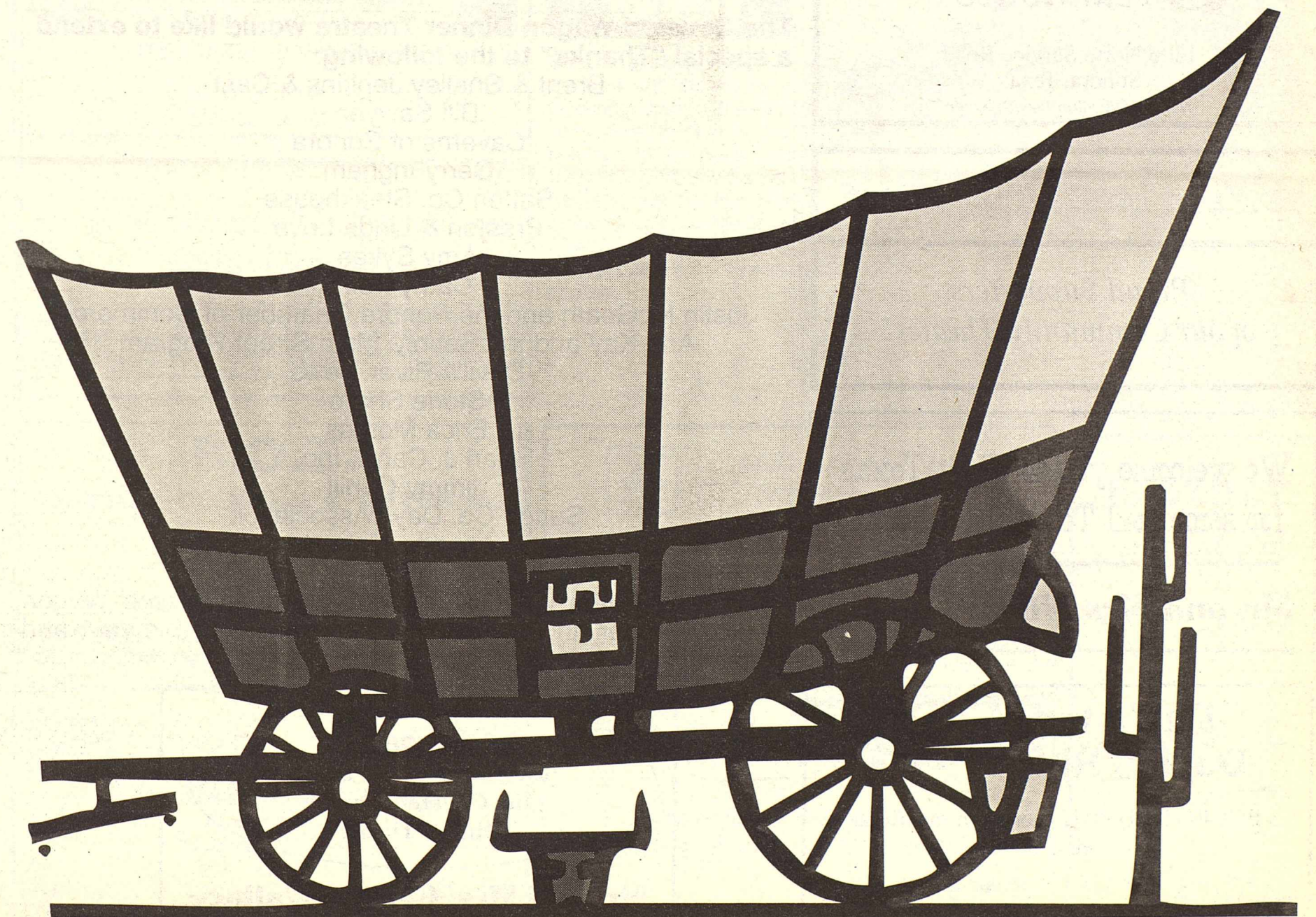
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Each performance is preceded by a meal with a delicious menu that changes from week to week, provided by the Sutton County Steakhouse. The Dinner starts at 6:30 every Saturday from June 24 through August 5.

Cost for the evening of entertainment is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 8 years and younger. If you have questions or would like more information you can contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at (915) 387-2880.

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January:

14-15 Sutton County Stock Show

February:

11-12 54th Annual Sonora Speech & Academic Meet

March:

13-17 School Spring Break

14 Lions Club Broom Sale

16 Ram Test Field Day/Sale (FMI call TX A&M Experiment Station 915-387-3168)

17 Hospital Auxiliary Game Night (FMI call Gail Cade 915-387-2219)

April:

13 Chamber of Commerce Banquet

22 Community Easter Egg Hunt

21-24 School Easter Break

May:

5-6 Relay For Life 6 PM to 9 AM (FMI call Shanna Petty at (915) 387-3378)

26 High School Graduation

June:

3 Goat Cook-Off and Team Roping

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20 - 22 Wool Show and National Judging (FMI call TX Agriculture Extension Office 915-387-3101)

July:

TBA Angora Goat Show & Sale (FMI call TX A&M Experiment Station 915-387-3168)

August:

5 & 6 Sonora Showdown - 2nd Annual Meat Goat Show (FMI call the Texas Agriculture Extension Office 915-387-3101)

16-20 26th Annual Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo - Bar-B-Que Friday afternoon. Rodeo and dance Friday and Saturday nights. All day Saturday and Sunday activities include: parade, arts and crafts, food booths, entertainment, fiddlers contest. Events occur on the courthouse lawn and arena area.

September:

2-4 Labor Day Weekend Boer Goat Sales

16 Diez Y Seis De Septiembre Celebration

19 Annual Lions Club Auction

22 & 23 Homecoming

October:

TBA Fall Festival (FMI call Main Street Program 915-387-2248)

TBA Health Fair

TBA Sutton County 4-H Banquet (FMI call the Texas Agriculture Extension Office 915-387-3101)

November:

11 32nd Annual Sutton County Game Dinner

TBA Sutton County 4-H Food Show (FMI call the Texas Agriculture Extension Office 915-387-3101)

22-24 School Thanksgiving Holiday

December:

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TOM TRUEHEART

Christopher J. Looney is an urban planner for the City of San Angelo, a job he obtained after graduating from Southwest Texas State University with a degree in Geography and Planning. Chris, an Eagle Scout, was involved in community theatre in his hometown of Uvalde and continues to act in productions in San Angelo. Some of his favorite performances include Jimmy in *The Rainmaker*, Bill Sikes in *Oliver!*, and Glenn Cooper in *Rumors*. Chris enjoys singing in his hometown Catholic Church and with San Angelo's Twin Mountain Tonesmen. He loves working with his wonderful theatre friends.



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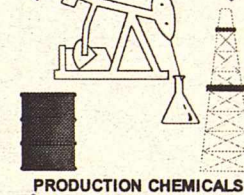
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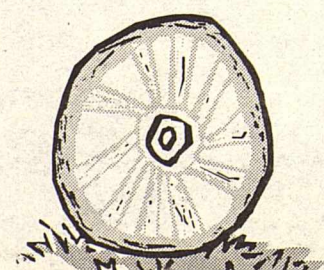


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SWEET SALLY SUTTON

Kat Hutton is a Senior at Central High School in San Angelo. She has been in and worked on numerous shows at Angelo Civic Theatre. Many of the ACT productions have been with her mother Leslie Mayrand. Some of the shows that Kat lists having worked on are *Annie*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *The King and I*, *Quilters*, and *Legends and Lies of Sutton County*. At school Kat participates in Speech, Dance and Fine Arts activities. She is also on the Board of the Central Thespian Society. When asked about future plans, Kat says that she would like to pursue a career in theatre.

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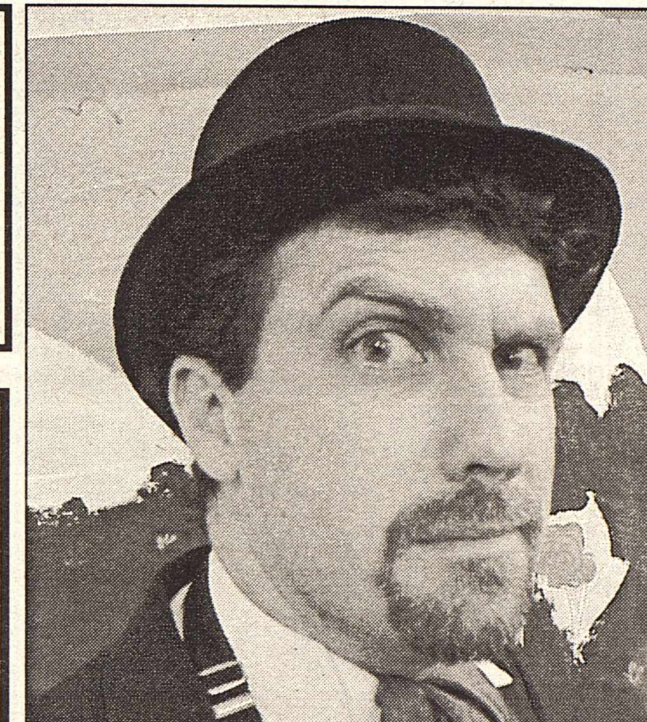
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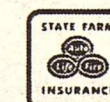


MORTIMORE SLY

Brent Jenkins has been doing theatre in San Angelo for many years. He has appeared in *The Nerd*, *The Foreigner* and *The Boys Next Door*. He and his wife's theatre production company, "Why Don't We..." Productions' efforts include *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *Same Time Next Year* and *MacBeth*. Brent's playwriting efforts include the musicals, *Once Upon a Hardwood Floor* and *Yankee Eulogy*. He wrote last year's melodrama *Legends and Lies of Sutton County* as well as *Belle of Sonora*.

**Ms JOLEEN
TOOMEAN**

Shelley Jenkins has been involved with theatre for a looonngg time. She was seen here in Sonora last summer in *Legends and Lies of Sutton County*. Some of her favorite roles include Meg in *Crimes of the Heart* and Lady MacBeth in Shakespeare's classic tragedy.



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SAMANTEA

Aubrey Ward appeared in last summer's production of *Legends and Lies of Sutton County* and is coming back to have a fun filled summer at Sonora in this production along with her mother, Shelley Jenkins. At Angelo Civic Theatre she was in *Dirty Works at the Crossroads*. She enjoys camping, swimming and seeing the caverns here and everywhere.

Kathleen Jenkins has been raised near theatre all her life, all 8 years of it. Her first play, at the age of 2 was in *Lettus and Loveage* and last year's melodrama *Legends and Lies of Sutton County*. She likes being out of school so that she can swim, play with her new puppy and be in her dad's play.

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SADIE SUTTON

Leslie Mayrand is returning to Sonora after being showered with popcorn last summer in *Legends and Lies of Sutton County*. A professor of nursing at Angelo State University, Leslie enjoys "acting" as her hobby. Some of her favorite performances were in *Crimes of the Heart*, *Social Security* and last year's *Amorous Ambassador*. She is enjoying sharing the stage once again this year with her daughter Kat Hutton.



SULTRY
CINDY SUTTON

Carah Marie Dunagan is a graduate from Wall High School. She participated in many U.I.L. events throughout her high school career. Recently, Carah played the part of Mina in the musical comedy *Dracula*, along with Brent, Leslie and Chris at the Angelo Civic Theatre.



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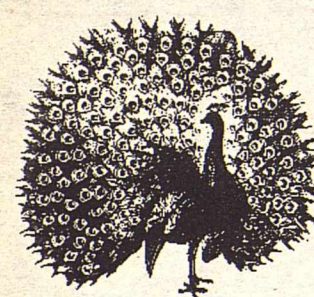
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