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Sutton County Junior Livestock Show Results

The 2005 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show was held January 6 - 8. Sutton County youth who are active in 4-H and FFA competed in the show, exhibiting sheep, goats, swine and cattle. All the exhibitors worked hard to prepare for and compete in the annual show, and many will continue to compete in stockshows throughout the spring.

The results for the 2005 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show are as follows:

Alderman Cave Top Hand Award - Mandy Brister

Angora Goat Division
sponsored by The Bank and Trust - Sutton County

Champion
Registered Angora Goat

Meredith Earwood

Reserve Champion

Registered Angora Goat -

Cash Jennings

Champion

Commercial Angora Goat

Laura Martin

Reserve Champion

Commercial Angora Goat

Laura Martin

B.M. Halbert Award

Grand Champion

Angora Goat

presented by Bloodworth

Family and Lee Silver Co.

Meredith Earwood

Bill & Betty Stewart

Reserve Grand Champion

Angora Goat

presented by Julie Martin

Cash Jennings

Angora Senior Showmanship

sponsored by Edward and

Carolyn Earwood

Laura Martin

Angora Junior Showmanship

sponsored by Sonora

Wool & Mohair

John Duke Hudson

Swine Division

sponsored by Top Notch

Trophies & Awards

(Reggie Williams)

Champion Swine

Sidney Dermody

Reserve Champion Swine

Colyer Dermody

Swine Senior Showmanship

sponsored by Southwest Texas

Ag Credit Association

Mandy Brister

Swine Junior Showmanship

sponsored by Southwest Texas

Ag Credit Association

John Duke Hudson

Meat Goat Division

sponsored by Sutton County

Show Goat Producers

Association

Champion Meat Goat

Steely Ingham

Reserve Champion

Meat Goat

Colton Moore

Senior Showmanship

sponsored by Cathy Ball

McKenzie Watkins

Meat Goat

Junior Showmanship

sponsored by Rocky and

Janalyn Jones

Kylie Love

Market Lamb Division

sponsored by First National

Bank

Champion Finewool Lamb

Steely Ingham

Reserve Champion

Finewool Lamb

Stella Ingham

Champion Crossbred Lamb

Brandy Neff

Reserve Champion

Crossbred Lamb

Steely Ingham

Market Lamb

Senior Showmanship

sponsored by Southwest Texas

Credit Ag Association

Craig Leonard

Market Lamb

Junior Showmanship

sponsored by Southwest Texas

Credit Ag Association

Chelsey Lou Campbell

Futurity Ewe Lamb Division

sponsored by Barbara and

Armer Earwood

Champion Pair

Bailey Joe Pennington

Reserve Champion Pair

Colton Moore

Individual Class Placings were

as follows:

Ewe Lamb Futurity

1. Bailey Joe Pennington, 2.

Colton Moore, 3. Chance

Campbell, 4/5. Mandy Brister,

4/5. Kylie Love, 6. Steely

Ingham, 7. Chelsey Lou

Campbell, 8. Gunter

Pennington, 9/10. Stella

Ingham, 9/10. Kaija Valkonen

Market Swine Division

Class 1

Light Weight

1. Joanie Casey, 2. Adriana Faz,

3. Ethan Morris, 4. Andy

Galindo, 5. Alex Galindo, 6.

Stephani Morris

Class 2

Middle Weight

1. Julia Pope, 2. Julia Pope, 3.

Ty Love, 4. Cadesman Pope, 5.

Bailey Joe Pennington, 6.

Cadesman Pope, 7. Gunter

Pennington, 8. Tanner Esparza,

9. Madeline Higdon

Class 3

Light Heavy Weight

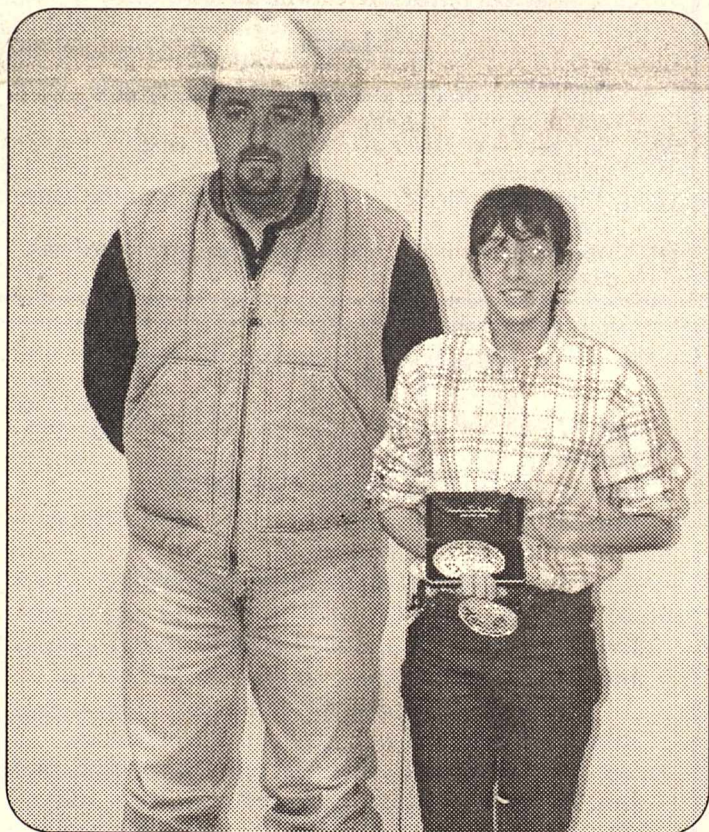
1. Macie Friess, 2. Mandy

Brister, 3. Kaija Valkonen, 4.

Allison Higdon, 5. Kylie Love,

6. Blake Esparza, 7. Aaron

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Michael Thornton awarded Mandy Brister the first annual Alderman Cave "Top Hand Award" for overall excellence.

January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2005 as School Board Recognition Month and Sonora ISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our communities and schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. The public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Dr. Brant Myers, Sonora ISD Superintendent.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Myers said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part."

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student



Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees: Back row - Tom Payton and Scott Jacoby. Front row- Tryon Fields and Tammy Favila. Not pictured: Barbara Jennings and Dean Dermody.

achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Myers. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing

Council gives sixty days to change water meters free of charge

by Storie Sharp

The questions started in November, when residents with 1" meters, or larger, found that their water bills had doubled or tripled in some cases. Disgruntled customers were not happy to find that the only way to lower their bill was pay a \$450 fee to change the meter to a smaller size. The customers demanded answers from the council as to why they were being charged on meter size instead of consumption. The December meeting informed us that the water and waste water plants were steadily losing money and something drastic had to be done to try and compensate for these losses. Residents were not happy with the answers they were given at that meeting, so a special meet-

ing was called.

Upset utility customers who filled the room at the December City Council meeting met again on Monday, January 10, 2005. The meeting of was called to order at 5:30 p.m., at which time Mayor Gloria Lopez called for the council to make a proposal on resolving the problem regarding the water rates. Councilman Virgil Poloczek proposed that the city waive the \$450 change fee to downsize residential meters to the 3/4" size and reimburse the customers who had already paid the fee. He also proposed that the rates remain as set November 1, 2004.

Concerned citizens immediately began fielding questions

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New Law Encourages Tsunami Relief Contributions

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service alerted taxpayers who itemize deductions that they may claim on their 2004 tax returns charitable donations made during Jan. 2005 for relief of the victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

The new law enacted on Jan. 7 allows these donations to be deducted as if they were made on Dec. 31, 2004.

"There are no extra forms to fill out or any additional burdens for taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "As long as you send your check by the end of the month, the donation will be treated just like it was still 2004."

The new law only allows for cash contributions. The contributions must be made specifically for the relief of victims in areas affected by the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The new law gives taxpayers the option of deducting the contributions on either their 2004 or 2005 returns, but not both.

The IRS advises taxpayers to be sure their contributions go to qualified charities. Taxpayers

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Academic All-State Football

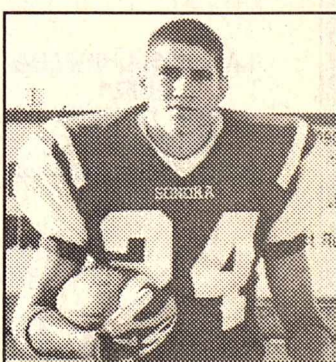


Dustin Creek



Laramie Hall

All-West Texas Football Team Class AA



Steven Duhon
Linebacker

All-West Texas Football Team Class AA & All-West Texas Football Super Team



Anthony Longoria
Wide Receiver

SIDC seeking airport survey returns, information vital for future improvements

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors met on Monday, January 10, 2005. Following an invocation to open the meeting, the minutes from the December 6, 2004, meeting were approved as presented. The monthly bills and financial statements were also approved.

The Sonora Municipal Airport Sub-Committee reported a low return on the Assessment Surveys that were passed out to potential airport users last month. The committee stressed that it is very important that these surveys be returned because the information is VITAL to any future improvements or reconstruction of the Sonora Municipal Airport. Glasscock reported that she had obtained some contacts at surrounding airstrips that were going to help get more surveys completed and returned. If you or your company has received a survey and has not returned it to the SIDC office yet, you have until the end of January to do so, and your support is necessary to continue the airport growth project. If you did not receive a survey, but are interested in showing support for improve-

ments at the municipal airport, contact the SIDC office at 325-387-6280.

In other business, a proposed contract between the SIDC and Multi-Chem, LLC for monies to be used toward the building of a new training center was discussed. SIDC office manager, Nancy Glasscock, reported that the original contract from the SIDC had been presented to Multi-Chem and their lawyers had suggested several changes. After much discussion on the pros and cons of making said changes, the board chose to leave the contract as originally presented, so as to have a formatted contract for all projects. A concern regarding board member Max Howorth handling the contract because of relations to the property owner that Multi-Chem is leasing from was put to rest by SIDC lawyer, Beth Wallace. Wallace reiterated that a "conflict of interest" does not apply in this matter. It was reported that Howorth handled such contracts in the past and was asked to write a general contract to be used in all projects, not just the one in question. Howorth reminded the board that the contract in use was obtained

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Lighthouse Community Church

**A Love Relationship
that is real, personal and practical**
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett



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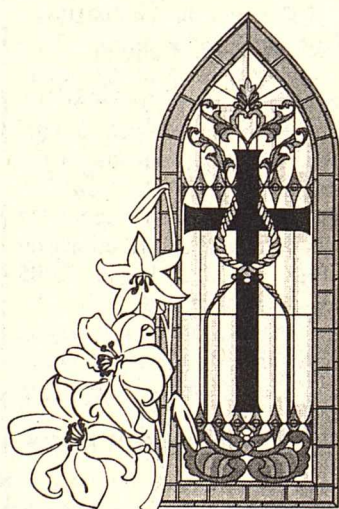
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Obituaries

Adriana and Melanie Ramos

Adriana and Melaine Ramos, infant twin daughters of Melissa Pena and Uvaldo Ramos, Jr., died Saturday, January 8, 2005, in a San Angelo hospital. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include their

parents; sisters, Katrina Ramos and Chelby Ramos, both of Sonora, and Amber Ramos of Menard; brother, Uvaldo Ramos III of Sonora; and grandparents, Lourdes Pena of Acuna, Mexico, and Uvaldo Ramos, Sr. and Olga Menchaca, both of San Angelo.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who sent flowers, cards, called on the phone, came to visit and for all those prayers while I was in the hospital.

God bless,
Jimmie Sue Griffith

To the citizens of Sonora, Texas,
The family of Mary Gayle Davis Jordan would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the friends and family of our beloved mother and sister whom we lost earlier this Fall.

We especially thank all the ladies of St. John's Episcopal Church for hosting a wonderful reception in honor of Mary Gayle, and Irene Friess for handling the flowers and distributing them to different places in Sonora. Thanks to everyone for caring.

Guy Wyatt Askew, Gabriel L. Davis,
Stuart A. Jordan and Thomas Wyatt Jordan

We would like to thank everyone who sent food, flowers, prayers, to everyone who visited us and for being with us during the loss of our beloved mother, Alicia Noriega.

We will be forever grateful to each and every one of you who took the time to comfort us. Thanks to the ladies who served the meal after the funeral and a special "thanks" to Annette Castro, to Chapo Samaniego for praying the rosary, and to the everyone who sang for her.

The Family of Jesus "Quate" Noriega, Jr., Sam and Janie Noriega and family, Armando and Rosa Noriega and family, Aneida Castillo and Family, Eddie and Amelia Noriega and family, Eugenio and Sandra Zapata and family and David Noriega.

Thanks so much for being with us as we celebrated our 40th Anniversary. It meant so much to us; we appreciate your support and friendship. Thanks for all the gifts, cards and especially for being with us on our special day. It was fun, hope to do it again on our 50th. God Bless!

Juanita and Modesto Mesa

School Lunch Menu • January 17 - 21, 2005

Breakfast

Mon. - Student Holiday. Staff Development Day.
Tues. - Hot oatmeal, toast, apple juice.
Wed. - Breakfast pizza, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Waffles, syrup, orange juice.
Fri. - Ham & egg burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Student Holiday. Staff Development Day.
Tues. - Baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, English peas, hot roll, vanilla pudding.
Wed. - Soft beef taco, ranch style beans, tossed salad, sugar cookie.
Thurs. - Spaghetti with meat, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, hot roll.
Fri. - Breaded chicken, bun, lettuce, tomatoes, oven baked tots, mixed fruit.

Senior Center News

Jan. 17 - Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (obs.)
Jan. 18 - City Council. 2:00 p.m. City Hall.
Jan. 19 - Van to San Angelo. Call 387-3941.
Jan. 21 - Birthday parties for January babies. Noon.

Senior Center Menu

Jan. 17 - Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day (obs.)
Jan. 18 - Salisbury steak with gravy, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches, milk.
Jan. 19 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, carrot cake, milk.
Jan. 20 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, rolls, pears with pineapple, chocolate chip cookie, milk.
Jan. 21 - Fried fish with tartar sauce, hominy, broccoli, corn muffin, bread pudding with raisins, milk.

NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.
Menu is subject to change.

Community Calendar

Jan. 13

Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Noon • Chamber Office

Al-Anon Family Meetings

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room
Call 387-2521 ext. 170

The Community Calendar



P.O. BOX 756 • SONORA, TEXAS 76950
(915) 387-0861
Member FDIC

Jan. 18

City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

Jan. 24

Commissioners Court
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Alicia A. Noriega

Born: 6/18/1926

Died: 12/29/2004

ORACION

Para los que amé y me amaron
Cuando me vaya déjenme ir...
Tengo muchas cosas que hacer
y ver. No se aten a mí con sus
lágrimas. Por los hermosos
años demos gracias. Yo les di
mi amor. Ustedes pensarán en
la alegría que me
manifestaron. Les doy gracias
a cada uno de ustedes por el
amor que me brindaron pero
ahora tengo que viajar sola. Si
quieren expresar su dolor,
lloren un momento dejen que
su fé en Dios conforte su
pena.

Solo nos separaremos por un
tiempo, mantengan los
recuerdos en sus corazones. La
vida sigue adelante, no estaré
lejos, si me necesitan, piensen
en mí y estaré entre ustedes.
Aunque no me miren ni me
puedan tocar, yo estaré cerca.
Sentirán el calor de mi amor
en sus corazones y cuando
ustedes tengan que viajar por
este camino, y los recibiré con
una sonrisa y les dire: sean
bienvenidos, nunca más nos
separaremos.

Las Familias: Arredondo y
Noriega, agradecen a usted(s)
su asistencia a dicho acto
religioso, rogándoles eleven
una oración por el eterno
descanso de su alma.

Tsunami donations from page 1

who have a specific charity in
mind can make sure that it is a
qualified charity by doing a
search on IRS.gov. Some
organizations, such as churches
or governments, may be qual-
ified even though they are not
listed on IRS.gov. For informa-
tion on groups involved in
tsunami relief, donors can also
look to the USAID site at:
http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html
or USA Freedom Corps at
<http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov>.

The IRS reminds donors
that contributions to foreign
organizations generally are not
deductible.

IRS Publication 526,
Charitable Contributions, pro-
vides information on making
contributions to charities.
Publication 3833, Disaster
Relief: Providing Assistance
through Charitable
Organizations, explains how
the public can use charitable
organizations to help victims of
disasters, and how new organi-
zations can obtain tax-exempt
status. Both publications are
available on IRS.gov.

When donors make contri-
butions to assist the victims of
the tsunami, they should notate
their records to that effect.
Donors may want to notate the
memo field of checks they send
that it is a contribution to help
tsunami victims.

Texas Tales Told By Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

Kerry Birdwell didn't know that
prisoners had schools until he
was asked to teach in one. "Now prob-
ably 90 or 95 prisons in the
state have schools in them,"
says Kerry, who is now assis-
tant principal of the middle
school in Sweetwater.

He spent ten years teaching
inmates at several prisons in the
state. "The prison system was
pretty interesting, I'll say that,"
says Kerry. "The majority of
what they do is GED prep.
They also have a lot of voca-
tional programs and life skills
classes."

Twice a year the prison system
has graduation ceremonies.
"Different speakers come in
and they do the prison school
graduation just like a high
school graduation ceremony."

I asked Kerry if the inmates
seemed to be proud of their
accomplishments. "Very much
so. That was one thing that was
very fulfilling working in the
prison system. A lot of them
would come right out and tell
you. They'd be 35 years old and
they'd get their GED and they
would tell me it was the first
thing they had really stuck with
and accomplished in their entire
life. It meant a lot to them.
Their families would come to
the graduation. It was a neat
experience." Education is con-
sidered part of rehabilitation.

"The school has very strict
guidelines to get in. They have
to do with the time you're going
to be released and how you've
acted since you've been in
prison. If you've had lots of
problems, you're not going to
be allowed in school. And once
you get in, the school is very
strict on what it will tolerate
and what it won't. The schools
I was involved with tolerated
very little because we had a
waiting list of people who
wanted to get in. If you didn't
want to be there they would
simply remove you from the
class and put someone else in
who wanted to be there."

Kerry says the school's class-
rooms are air-conditioned. The
prisoners' living conditions are
not. "That makes school a big
incentive."

Some of the prisoners have no
education at all. "There was a
lot of them who came in there
and did not know the alphabet,
didn't know how to read, didn't
recognize many of the numbers.
And believe it or not, I saw peo-
ple who came into prison like
that and go ahead and get their
GED. That's what it's all
about."

The student prisoners have no
homework. "For security pur-
poses, the prison administration
did not want them transporting
anything from school back to
their cells. That would be an
excellent chance for them to
move things they're not sup-
posed to have. The school had
everything right there for
them."

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Historical Society

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

Generous donations were received from Lawrence and Jodie Finklea in memory of Allie Askew, Pauline Skains and Charles Andrews. Donations were also made from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart in memory of Allie Askew and Eugene Benson.

Rentals of the Old Depot, now called the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust Building, have been very steady for the past few months. We have had to turn many people down because they have waited until the last moment to try to rent the building and found it was already rented. We do not do back-to-back rentals. We always keep one free day between rentals to make certain the building is clean and in good repair before the next rental. Many of our rentals are made months ahead of time. If you know you want to rent the building on a certain date make your reservation early. Rental Deposits, due to increased costs of cleaning, etc., have gone up to \$65, which you get back if the building is returned to us cleaned and ready for the next rental. We have kept rental fees the same; a party for under 50 people is still only \$65 a day plus your deposit fee. We charge by the approximate number of people you will have at your function. The more people, the more it costs us for water, supplies for the bathrooms, utilities, etc. When you rent the building, the grounds and back bathrooms and amphitheater are included in the rental.

Another good reason to rent ahead is that we need time to do yard work, clean the outside bathrooms and stock all the bathrooms with paper products. We cannot mow the lawn, rake leaves and do all the cleaning needed with a 24-hour notice. So please call 30 days ahead to book your function so that we can book yard work etc. around your rental date.

Q. Are the following people buried in the Sonora Cemetery and do you have any information on them: William F. Luckie, Eppie Luckie and William Max Luckie?

A. William McWirtter "Max" Luckie was born on January 1, 1882 and died on March 30, 1926. His obituary is in "The Devil's River News" of April 3, 1926. He was married to Jessie M. Mitchell (Feb. 26,

1884 - February 10, 1905) on June 22, 1904. His second marriage was to Mattie Ogle and they had 2 boys and 2 girls. We have no record of Mattie's date of birth or death. She left town after her husband's death, leaving her children with relatives and no one knows for sure what happened to her. William McWirtter "Max" Luckie was the son of W. F. Luckie and Eppie E. Fleming.

"The Devil's River News of August 8, 1947, states that Eppie E. Fleming Luckie died on August 3, 1947 and that she was born in February of 1860 at San Saba and her father was John M. Fleming who was born in Alabama in 1833 and moved to Texas when a young man. He had been a member of Captain John Forks frontier State Rangers during the time of Indian depredation. He married Margaret Woods from Gonzales Co. who died in 1914. John Fleming died on February 11, 1921 in Kimble County. Eppie was one of ten children. Eppie married W. F. Luckie, son of W. P. and Sarah Smith Luckie, at Richland Springs in San Saba, County. W. F. was born November 12, 1856, in Burnet County and died in 1941 at Granbury. Eppie and W. F. had 6 children: 2 sons, Haynes and Max and 4 daughters, Mrs. M.C. Alley, Mrs. W. J. Ford, Mrs. Frank Russell, Eva Norine Luckie (1895-1944) and Mrs. Howard (Alma) Johnson (1870-1920). We have a huge file on the Luckie family and relatives are welcome to come in and go through it or the old newspapers and obituaries any time the office is open.

Q. Did cattle drives really come right through Sonora?

A. Yes they did and the picture with this article proves it. The picture shows a drive rounding the corner from Water Street to Prospect Street on their way north to a rail head. The Courthouse Square was at the same level as the streets in those days and certainly didn't have the well kept landscape it does today. On the right you can see the house that Kent Kepler now owns that is listed for sale in the papers. At that time it was a wood frame building with porches. In the 1930's it was bricked and between those years had many additions made to it. The next building is where the first county meetings were held and the steeple of St. John's Church can be seen at the left of the picture. The cattle were usually brought to the edge of town, watered and bedded down for the night, then brought right up



A cattle drive to Brady, up Main Street of Sonora - 1914-1915.

through town and headed north to rail heads or markets. The night the herds came to town was usually a busy one for the local bartenders. Part of the hands were allowed a night off and came in and got a bath and shave and clean clothes then usually headed straight to the bars on Main Street or other entertainment with the "soiled doves" further south in town. It was usually a very busy night for the sheriff and his deputies. Sonora was part of the cattleman's paradise and pretty wild in the early days.

Q. Who donated the money to start a hospital in Sonora?

A. James Royal "Roy" Hudspeth made a donation of \$50,000 to build a hospital in Sonora after the death of his wife, Lillian Maddox Hudspeth. The citizens of Sutton County matched his donation with over \$50,000 and, a few days before his death, it was stated that Mr. Hudspeth's donation had been matched with and exceeded by donations amounting to \$50,800. He had been suffering with a severe heart ailment for several weeks but died peacefully knowing his dream of a hospital for Sonora would finally be realized. Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth had given generously during their lives to the betterment of school systems in Crockett, Sutton and Val Verde Counties. They owned property in Brewster, Crockett and Sutton Counties and a farm near Miles. He was known for stocking his ranches with the best breeding cattle he could find. He raised mostly Rambouillet sheep and whiteface cattle. He had 80 purebred cattle, 8,000 sheep and 1,000 goats on his Crockett/Sutton County ranch

and had sold his Brewster Co. property a few months before his death for over \$250,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth had homes in Del Rio and Sonora until they moved to San Angelo in the late 1920's to live in the Hilton Hotel, later called the Cactus Hotel but were buried in Sonora, the town they both loved. The only restriction Mr. Hudspeth made on his donation was that the hospital be named after his late wife, and so today we have the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. When he died, a special fund was set up for the hospital, giving proceeds from one of his ranches to help with upkeep of the facility. In later years a special tax was levied to help support the hospital. So while Mr. Hudspeth was the catalyst for the building of the hospital and provided a fund to help with expenses, it has been the people of Sutton County who have generously given of themselves with donations and taxes through the years to make it grow into the fine institution it is today.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or call me at the office at 307 Oak Street on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings at 387-5084. We will be closed on Friday the 14th but will be open on Martin Luther King Day. We are always happy to help people working on their family trees, looking up information on Sutton County, or taking people on tours of the office and the Miers Home Museum. For rental information call me at the same number or at home the rest of the week at 387-2855.

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Lawmakers eye non-property tax hikes to aid school finance

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - With the 79th Legislature getting under way in Austin this week, lawmakers are putting the final touches on a plan that will erase the chalkboard on how Texas handles public school funding and put up a whole new set of numbers.

Key lawmakers have been saying for months that the plan likely will cut property taxes by a third while raising badly needed revenue for schools from other sources.

The buzz is that legislators will seek to come up with "new" money by changing how the franchise tax works, increasing the sales tax by half a penny, increasing the motor vehicle tax, raising the cigarette tax by 50 cents and implementing various other adjustments to existing taxes.

The possibility of a new form of business tax has been bandied about, but whether enough support to pass it can be developed remains to be seen. Bottom line, it's all preliminary - no bills have been filed - but the way the state finances public schools could change.

More money for CPS...

The money the Legislature earmarks for schools will be in the billions of dollars, but lawmakers also will be considering a \$329 million plan to overhaul the Child Protective Services component of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Gov. Rick Perry said last week that he will be asking lawmakers to fund the hiring of more than 800 new caseworkers and hundreds of support staffers for what a press release from his office termed a "beleaguered agency."

For those still on the

agency's payroll, the governor asked for a 5 percent across-the-board pay raise and \$5,000 retention bonuses for current CPS investigators.

Reacting to the announcement, Center for Public Policy Priorities executive director Scott McCown said the plan only amounted to a starting point. He said the governor's plan would reduce agency caseloads to 45 per investigator even though national accreditation standards call for a caseload of only 12 to 15.

Who could have guessed?

Gov. Perry's campaign apparatus, Texans for Rick Perry, put out a press release last week saying that seven statewide elected officials support his reelection in 2006.

The list includes the lieutenant governor, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, General Land Office commissioner and the three members of the Railroad Commission.

One state official absent from the list was Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who was not asked.

University funding may pick up some strings...

Texas' universities gained legislative authority to set their own tuition and other fees in 2003, but legislators will be looking at attaching some accountability strings to that new-found financial freedom this session.

With some schools having raised their tuition and fees by as much as 25 percent, the Legislature is expected to come up with up a system to assess how good of a job universities are doing in using the money they get.

One notion being considered is that if a university could not show where the money from higher tuition was being used, the Legislature might do away with that school's tuition-setting power.

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January 14

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January 15

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January 16

Joe Longoria, Bill Stewart, Joe Davis, Austin Herd, Edward Anthony Mata, Jr., Glynn Dell Glasscock, Nancy McAngus, Juanita Mesa

January 17

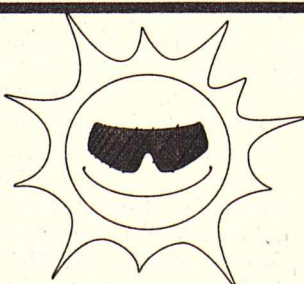
David Wallace, Tina Watkins, Ruben Garza, Lisa Slaton, Felipe Estrada, Antonio Lopez

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Chamber Chatter**Chamber of Commerce shares annual Executive Directors Report**

by **Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director**
Sonora Chamber of Commerce has submitted the annual Executive Directors Report to City Hall. We thought the public might be interested in knowing the contents of this report.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce wishes to advance the agricultural, commercial, industrial, civic and general interest of Sonora and Sutton County. These advancements include, but are not limited to, the promotion of tourism, economic development, preservation and promotion of our Western and Hispanic heritage, and a growing membership. It is not only our responsibility, but our privilege to support such a wonderful community.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce is made up of 188 members: 12 associate members and 176 regular members. The Board of Directors in comprised of 12 regular members with the officers being elected from that board. They are currently: Storie Sharp, president; Jo Ann Jones, president-elect; Marla Percifull, vice-president; Juanita Estrada, treasurer; Becky Allison, Susan Hall, Ben Solis, Mike Samuels, Jody Luttrell, Doug Huddleston, Lisa Seaton, and John Jones.

The office and "Welcome Center" staff for Sonora Chamber of Commerce is made up of one full time executive director and one full time administrative assistant and two part-time temporary assistants. They are currently: Ruth W. Bounds, Executive Director, Donna L. Garrett, Administrative Assistant, Michelle Lipham, temporary assistant, Allyse Edmondson, temporary assistant.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office and "Welcome Center" operates with regular business hours of Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed for lunch from noon until 1:00 pm. The executive director's cell phone number is permanently listed on the front door for easy accessibility to tourists, travelers, and locals over the weekend and after hours.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce sponsors and organizes many events throughout the year to bring tourists and neighbors to Sonora and Sutton County. Sutton County Days is only one of the events that is organized and sponsored by Sonora Chamber of Commerce, there are several more:

April - "Sonora Classic" Boer Goat Show - Sponsor & Assist with organization
- American Junior Rodeo Association Rodeo - Sponsor & advertise

May - Cinco De Mayo Celebration - Knights of Columbus - Sponsor, Advertise & Assist with organization
- 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo - Sponsor, Advertise & Assist with event

June - West Texas Championship Cook-Off - Cook-Off Association - Sponsor, Advertise & Assist with event
- 67th Annual Sonora Wool Show - Sponsor & Assist with event.

August - Sutton County Days & Sonora Outlaw Pro-Rodeo - Sponsor, Advertise & Organize

November - 39th Annual Game Dinner - Game Dinner Association - Advertise & Assist

December - Providing the Christmas Light for most of the Downtown Area - Organize and sponsor

-The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar - Sponsor & Organize.

The events listed above are already scheduled and we have

already done a great deal of work on many of them. These are only the events that bring in out-of town visitors to our great community; they do not include all the local events that Sonora Chamber of Commerce helps to promote and organize. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce staff is presently preparing the community calendar for the year 2005 and preparing a Guest Services Guide for local motels.

Local events and decorations such as the Christmas Promotion for local merchants, Daddy Daughter Date Night, Annual Chamber Banquet, Downtown Christmas Lights, "Welcome Hunters" street banners, Holiday pole banners, and "Welcome to Sonora" pole banners are provided for our community by the membership dues and fundraising income of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

We have been keeping records on how many visitors' phone calls and e-mails we receive each month at the "Welcome Center" which are tourism based. The records that we have been keeping show that between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004, we have had the following requests: Phone calls & e-mails requesting information about The Caverns of Sonora - 141, Hunting & hunting lease information - 171, Motel accommodations/ restaurants - 193, Relocation Information - 66, Special Events - 529, General Information - 640 (Can include any or all of the above).

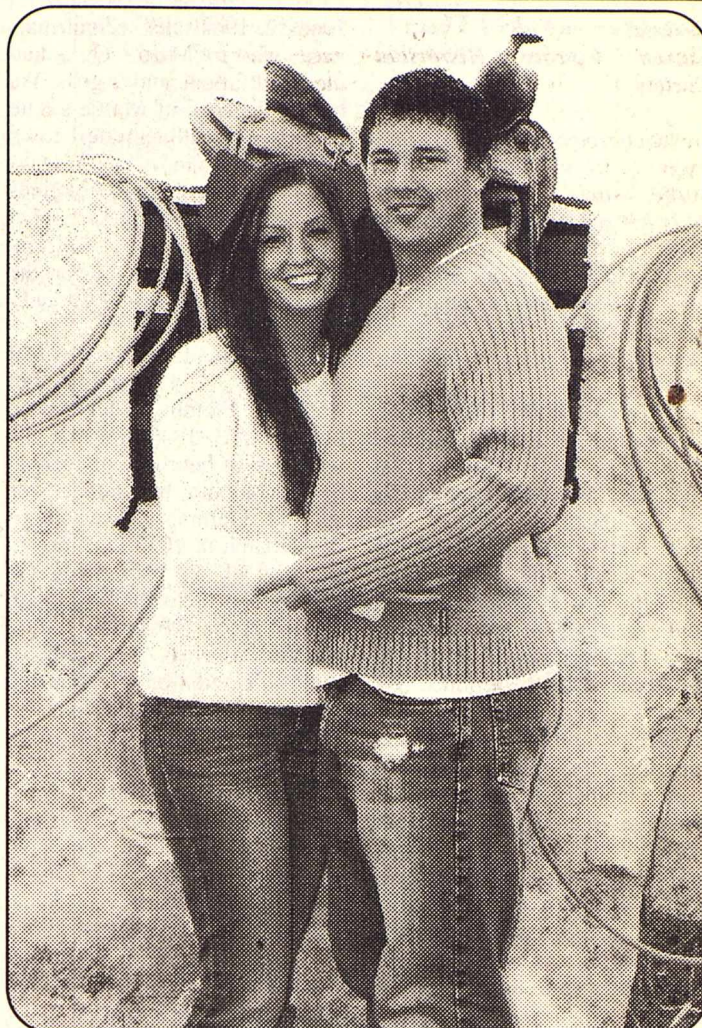
Tourists who visited the "Welcome Center" were 839. Website visits for information about Sonora were 10,818. The office staff mailed out 9815 Sonora brochures and tourism packets, 43 Hunting Lease Guides, 14 Relocation information packets, and answered 65 e-mail requests about tourist information on Sonora.

I'm sure that you will notice the sizable increase in information traffic for Sonora Chamber of Commerce. We attribute most of this increase to the on-line advertising that we initiated in April & May of last year. We also know that the advertisements purchased by Sonora Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Sonora Industrial Development Corp., in the Texas Highways magazine and The Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine have generated 392 requests for information directly, there is no way to know how many inquiries these ads have affected indirectly.

The list of phone calls does not include the phone calls that management receives over weekends and after hours nor does list of requests include the people that stop at the "Welcome Center" to pick up information. Sonora Chamber of Commerce has and will list any and all events on our Website Calendar of Events whether or not these events are sponsored by Sonora Chamber of Commerce, because we feel it is our responsibility to help get this information to as many people as possible. We have event listings on several different Texas event listing sites and publications, including, but not exclusive to the publications by the Texas Tourism Industry Association, Texas Highways magazine, and the official TxDOT publications the Texas Events Calendar & the Texas Travel Guide. One of our most exciting new innovations comes from an advertised listing of Sonora on one of the premier travel websites for the state of Texas. This site is currently generating approximately 170 requests for information per week.

New brochures for Sonora have been printed. The new brochures feature Caverns of Sonora, Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Historic Downtown Sonora, Veterans of All Wars Exhibit, Miers Home Museum, Sonora Golf Course, Special Events and a listing of all 5 Motels, 2 RV Parks, Ranch Retreat, and the Sutton County Civic Center with phone numbers and addresses. Sonora has a lot to offer and it was difficult to get everything listed on the new brochure, but we think we have done it.

It is our goal at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to continue to promote Sonora in any and every way that we possibly can.

Engagement**Renfro and Whiteside plan June wedding**

Tony and Billie Renfro are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Anthony, to Lauren Whiteside. Lauren is the daughter of Paul and Margaret Anne Whiteside, Jr. The couple plans to be married June 4, 2005, at the Los Encinos in San Antonio, Texas.

Anthony graduated from Sonora High School in 1999, and is currently coaching in Aspermont, Texas. Lauren is attending Abilene Christian University and will graduate in May, 2005. The couple plans to reside in Aspermont.

A Christmas wedding celebration

- Modesto and Juanita Mesa share forty years together -



Modesto and Juanita Mesa celebrate 40 years of marriage with a special Christmas celebration.

Modesto and Juanita Mesa celebrated 40 years of marriage on December 25, 2004.

The couple married on December 28, 1964, in Sonora, Texas. They are the parents of John R. Mesa and Gail Zertuche of Midland, Texas, and Anna Couder of Farmington, NM. They also have five grandchildren: Nicole, Ariel, James, Jesse and Hope.

The Mesa's are members of St. Ann Catholic Church. They celebrated with a communion service at St. Ann's, followed by a dinner and dance at the Sutton County Civic Center, where they were joined by family and friends.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and family.

FNB popcorn funds help trim Child Welfare Board's Christmas tree

Yolanda Avila of First National Bank, presented Sutton County Child Welfare Board members Shanna Petty and Noemi Samaniego with the December donations from the Popcorn Cart. The Child Welfare Board helps provide the needs for children in Sutton County who need protection and care. The First National Bank popcorn cart is "open for business" every Tuesday. This month's donations will be made to the Sutton County 4-H Club.

Fitness in the New Year

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp
Texas Cooperative Extension-
Sutton County

One of the most common resolutions made each New Year is to get fit and stay fit. While this is a worthy goal for overall health and wellbeing, older adults need to be careful about diet and exercise because of changes in the body that occur with age.

For your safety, always remember to discuss changes in diet and exercise, including the following recommendations, with a health provider.

Physical activity can do a number of things for people of all ages but may be especially helpful to older adults. In addition to helping your mood and increasing social interaction, physical activity may help prevent, delay or improve conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

Physical activity also helps strengthen muscles and bones which have a tendency to weaken as the body ages.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) recommends the following when considering exercise:

Stretch. Before you start any exercise and after you complete any exercise, you will want to stretch your muscles. This will help loosen and warm your muscles in addition to helping prevent injury and cramping. It is also important to remember that you may or may not be thirsty during or after exercise; however, your body will need plenty of water, especially after you are finished exercising.

30 minutes. The NIA suggests that you should do something to increase your heart and breathing rate for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. The 30 minutes do not have to be all at once, you could do three 10-minute exercises. A good rule of thumb to see if you are doing enough is to try to talk during exercise: if you cannot talk at all, you are exercising too hard; if you can talk without any trouble, you are not exercising hard enough.

Use your muscles. Every time you move a part of your body, you are using a muscle. When those muscles are not used because of a lack of physical activity they weaken. If your muscles get too weak, you may not be able to walk or even get up from a seated position. In addition, strong muscles help reinforce your bones, making it less likely that you will fall. Whatever exercise you do should include something that

uses your muscles, whether you are walking laps or raking leaves in the front yard.

Improve your balance. In addition to strengthening your muscles, it is also very important to strengthen your sense of balance. After all, many falls are caused by loss of balance. To do this, try standing on one foot, holding onto a chair for support if you are unable to do this task alone. Also, try standing from a seated position without using your hands or arms. Be very careful when trying these activities and have someone else present when you are doing them.

Your health provider will be a key player in your exercise routine. Please remember to consult him or her before beginning any type of physical activity. You will want to discuss with him or her how your personal health condition may be affected by exercise. Also, you will want to start slowly with any type of exercise routine. A good adage to remember is "start low and go slow." Doing too much, too soon may seriously injure your body.

Some safety recommendations from the American College of Sports Medicine are:

Do not hold your breath while straining.

Use safety equipment to prevent injury. This may mean a helmet for bike riding or proper shoes for walking or running.

Drink plenty of liquids unless specifically advised otherwise by your health provider.

Bend from the hips, not from the waist.

Exercise may cause soreness or a little discomfort but should never cause pain.

The National Institute on Aging has publication entitled Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging that has more information on exercising for older adults as well as suggestions and illustrations for exercises. This information is available in English and Spanish. The booklet is free and may be viewed on-line, downloaded or ordered from

<http://www.niapublications.org/exercisebook/index.asp>

The NIA has also produced a video to accompany the booklet which may be ordered for \$7.00 from the address above. For more information, contact Kelly L. Thorp, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 387-3604. (Source: Andrew B. Crocker - Gerontology Health Specialist -Texas Cooperative Extension)



8th Grade Lady Colts take a shot against Grape Creek.

Sonora 8th Grade Lady Colts defeat Grape Creek Eagles

by Coach Bill Dempsey

The Sonora 8th grade Lady Colts defeated the Grape Creek Eagles in a 32-27 battle on Monday, January 10, 2005. Sonora jumped out to a 12-2 first quarter lead, led by Monica Traylor and Steely Ingham with 4 pts. apiece and Savannah Leonard and Jessica Snyder with 2 pts. each. The Lady Colt defense threw Grape Creek off balance for three quarters and then allowed them back into the game the fourth period. The Lady Colts gathered their pride and went into overtime scoring 9 pts. and only allowing 4. Steely Ingham, Christy Perez, and Savannah Leonard led the Lady Colts in the overtime with Steely 5 pts., Christy 3, and Savannah 1. Monica Traylor and Savannah Leonard took over the ball handling part of the game, while the other girls, Steely, Jessica Snyder, Christy, Kaitlyn Henderson, Stephani Morriss, Lyndsey Frasier, and Samantha Tidwell, picked up the defense and scoring. The Lady Colts play Junction Monday January 17, in Junction.

Scoring: Steely Ingham 17, Monica Traylor 6, Savannah Leonard 3, Christy Perez 3, Jessica Snyder 3

7th Grade Lady Colts Results

Wall basketball tournament
Lady Colts won 3rd place

Sonora- 47 Grape Creek- 10

Cassie Krieg- 16, Amy Hernandez-8, Maraya Dunn- 8, Alyssa Vela-4, Bethany Berry-2, Ashley Brown-2, Meredith Earwood- 2, Victoria Castillo-2, Sara Gillit-2, Bianca Trevino-1

Sonora -15 Wall- 31

Cassie Krieg- 8, Amy Hernandez- 6, Meredith Earwood- 1

Sonora - 26 Brady - 19

Cassie Krieg- 7, Amy Hernandez- 7, Maraya Dunn- 6, Ashley Brown- 2, Meredith Earwood- 2, Sara Gillit-2

Monday, January 10, 2005

Grape Creek - 10

Maraya Dunn- 10, Amy Hernandez- 9, Bethany Berry- 6, Bianca Trevino- 2, Ashley Brown- 2, Brittany Henandez- 2, Victoria Castillo- 2

Sonora students compete in Ozona Literary Meet

The Ozona Literary Meet was held on Saturday, January 8, 2005. Sonora students placed as follows:

Embre Smith: 2nd - Number Sense; 6th - Mathematics; 3rd - Computer Applications

Cameron Cox: 4th - Persuasive Speaking

Steven Barthelemy: 5th - Accounting

Bronco basketball begins district with win over Wall

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Broncos started district play with a huge win over the Wall Hawks with a score of 38-34. It was a very evenly matched game, with the score knotted for much of the second half.

Brett McDaniel led the Red with a season high of 21 points, four blocked shots and three steals. Clint Cearley had eight points, scoring six in the final period. Also scoring were Austin Wagoner 4, Embre Smith 3 and Steven Duhon 2. Wagoner, Cearley and Smith all had six rebounds.

On Tuesday, the Broncos gave us another thrilling game when they played host to the Ozona Lions. Sonora won at the buzzer with a "Hail Mary" three-pointer from Cearley.

Once again, McDaniel was lead scorer with 19, followed closely by Cearley with 17. Smith played very well defen-

sively with six rebounds, while adding seven to the score. Rounding out the scoring was Evan Gulley with 6, Dustin Duhon 4, Craig Leonard and Dustin Creek 2 each.

From the three-point range, Cearley had 2, Gulley 2 and McDaniel.

The final score was Sonora 57, Ozona 56.

On Friday, Sonora took their 2-0 record to Grape Creek. The Broncos were hampered with cold shooting, only scoring nine the entire first half. Sonora found themselves on the losing end 26-32.

The Eagles must have had McDaniel's number, for he was allowed only 10 points, two coming in the final seconds of the game. Coming off the bench, Justin Northcott was impressive, with five. Others scoring were Creek 4, Wagoner 2, S. Duhon 2, Gulley 2, and Leonard 1.

Student of the Week

Lisa Marie Martinez is the 15 year old daughter of Juanita Martinez. She is currently a sophomore at SHS but did not move here until the 6th grade. Lisa was born in San Angelo.

She enjoys reading and says that math is her favorite subject. It is too early to say right now, but Lisa plans to attend college after graduation.

The teachers of Sonora High wish to congratulate the students of the week for making a positive contribution to Sonora High.



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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,476,646	-	55,134	\$ 929,903	\$ 9,461,683
5800 State Program Revenues	775,787	-	-	267,139	1,042,926
5900 Federal Program Revenues	17,526	241,964	-	324,518	584,008
5020 Total Revenues	9,269,959	241,964	55,134	1,521,560	11,088,617
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	4,602,617	223,212	-	348,939	5,174,768
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	99,321	13,309	-	5,078	117,708
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	22,966	5,443	-	100	28,509
0021 Instructional Leadership	64,322	-	-	-	64,322
0023 School Leadership	298,150	-	-	1,437	299,587
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	258,204	-	-	3,420	261,624
0033 Health Services	49,964	-	-	511	50,475
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	238,352	-	-	1,700	240,052
0035 Food Services	16,541	-	-	302,648	319,189
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	336,452	-	-	77	336,529
0041 General Administration	457,201	-	-	1,506	458,707
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,169,279	-	-	4,930	1,174,209
0053 Data Processing Services	231,005	-	-	27,193	258,198
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	54,017	-	-	600,000	654,017
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	212,956	212,956
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	-	483	483
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	286,318	-	4,608,540	-	4,894,858
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	1,472,258	-	-	-	1,472,258
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	-	37,114	37,114
6030 Total Expenditures	9,656,967	241,964	4,608,540	1,548,092	16,055,563
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(387,008)	-	(4,553,406)	(26,532)	(4,966,946)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
7913 Capital Leases	151,997	-	-	-	151,997
7914 Non-Current Loans	258,991	-	-	-	258,991
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	40,156	40,156
7949 Other Resources	39,863	-	-	-	39,863
8911 Transfers Out(Use)	(40,156)	-	-	-	(40,156)
8949 Other (Uses)	(34,316)	-	-	-	(34,316)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	379,379	-	-	40,156	419,535
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(7,629)	-	(4,553,406)	13,624	(4,547,411)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	6,074,354	-	6,904,115	63,291	13,041,760
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(324)	-	-	-	(324)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,066,401	\$ -	\$ 2,350,709	\$ 76,915	\$ 8,494,025

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Nitsch, 8. Paul Faz, 9. Madison Myers

Class 4

Heavy Weight

1. Sidney Dermody, 2. Colyer Dermody, 3. John Duke Hudson, 4. Word Hudson, 5. Aaron Nitsch

Angora Goat Division

Class 1

Commercial Doe Kid

1. Mark Holman, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Garrett Watkins, 4. Keeli Taylor, 5. Laura Martin, 6. Kylie Johnson

Class 2

Commercial Yearling Doe

1. Laura Martin, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Mark Holman

Class 3

Commercial Aged Doe

1. Laura Martin, 2. Meredith Earwood

Class 4

Registered Buck Kid

1. Emily Earwood, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Cash Jennings, 4. Mark Holman, 5. Meredith Earwood, 6. Meredith Earwood, 7. Hunter Jennings, 8. Laura Martin, 9. Cash Jennings, 10. Emily Earwood, 11. Garrett Watkins, 12. Hunter Jennings

Class 5

Registered Yearling Buck

1. Cash Jennings, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Word Hudson, 4. Emily Earwood, 5. Meredith Earwood, 6. Word Hudson, 7. John Duke Hudson, 8. John Duke Hudson, 9. Mark Holman, 10. Mark Holman

Class 6

Registered Aged Buck

1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Word Hudson, 4. John Duke Hudson, 5. Larua Martin

Class 7

Registered Doe Kid

1. Laura Martin, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Mark Holman, 4. Meredith Earwood, 5. Kelsey Watkins, 6. Laura Martin, 7. Meredith Earwood, 8. Emily Earwood, 9. Word Hudson, 10. John Duke Hudson, 11. Keeli Taylor, 12. Mark Holman

Class 8

Registered Yearling Doe

1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Mark Holman, 3. Mark Holman, 4. Meredith Earwood, 5. Emily Earwood, 6. Laura Martin, 7. Laura Martin, 8. Mark Holman, 9. Emily Earwood, 10. Cash Jennings, 11. Keeli Taylor, 12. Mark Holman

Class 9

Registered Aged Doe

1. Laura Martin, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Meredith Earwood, 4. Kelsey Watkins, 5. Mark Holman, 6. Meredith Earwood, 7. Emily Earwood

Market Lamb Division

Finewool Lamb

Class 1 - Light Weight

1. Zach Leonard, 2. Chance Campbell, 3. Savannah Leonard, 4. Brandy Neff, 5. Craig Leonard, 6. Zach Leonard, 7. Craig Leonard, 8. Fidel Acevedo, 9. Jesus Vasquez, 10. Andres Acevedo, 11. Vanessa Lopez, 12. Rodney Doyle

Class 2 - Middle Weight

1. Steely Ingham, 2. Chance Campbell, 3. Savannah Leonard, 4. Zach Leonard, 5. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 6. Zach Leonard, 7. Chance Campbell, 8. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 9. Angie Morales, 10. Rodney Doyle, 11. Regina Morales, 12. Gustavo Barrera

Class 3

Heavy Weight

1. Steely Ingham, 2. Stella Ingham, 3. Brandy Neff, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 6. Craig Leonard, 7. Steely Ingham, 8. Mandy Brister

Class 4

Light Weight

1. Savannah Leonard, 2. Zach

Leonard, 3. Vanessa Lopez, 4. Chance Campbell, 5. Owen Friess, 6. Owen Friess, 7. Owen Friess, 8. Savannah Leonard

Class 5

Middle Weight

1. Brandy Neff, 2. Craig Leonard, 3. Craig Leonard, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 6. Steely Ingham, 7. Steely Ingham, 8. Brandy Neff, 9. Angie Morales, 10. Mandy Brister, 11. Regina Morales

Class 6

Heavy Weight

1. Steely Ingham, 2. Stella Ingham, 3. Steely Ingham, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Brandy Neff, 6. Stella Ingham, 7. Fidel Acevedo, 8. Jesus Vasquez

Market Goat Division

Class 1

1. Kylie Love, 2. John Duke Hudson, 3. Amanda Word, 4. Sterling Hall, 5. Allyse Edmondson, 6. Hunter Jennings, 7. Hilton Bloodworth, 8. Kylie Johnson, 9. Hilton Bloodworth, 10. Cash Jennings, 11. Kylie Johnson, 12. Sidney Dermody, 13. Fidel Acevedo, 14. Madison Myers, 15. Kylie Johnson

Class 2

1. Gunter Pennington, 2. Madison Myers, 3. Colton Moore, 4. Allyse Edmondson, 5. Tyler Edmondson, 6. Sterling Love, 7. Cody Word, 8. Sterling Love, 9. Tyler Creek, 10. Sterling Hall, 11. Vanessa Lopez, 12. Kylie Love, 13. Shane Love, 14. Sterling Hall, 15. Spencer Hall, 16. Amanda Word

Class 3

1. Word Hudson, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Hunter Jennings, 4. Allyse Edmondson, 5. Chance Campbell, 6. Kaija Valkonen, 7. Cash Jennings, 8. Abbey Creek, 9. Kylie Love, 10. Marcie Parks, 11. Tyler Love, 12. Cash Jennings, 13. Mandy Brister, 14. Hilton Bloodworth, 15. Macie Friess, 16. Amanda Word, 17. Shane Love, 18. Tyler Edmondson

Class 4

1. Colton Moore, 2. Word Hudson, 3. Macie Friess, 4. Stella Ingham, 5. Colton Moore, 6. Macie Friess, 7. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 8. Chance Campbell, 9. Kaija Valkonen, 10. Colton Moore, 11. Macie Friess, 12. Tyler Edmondson, 13. Tyler Love, 14. Macie Friess, 15. Ethan Morris, 16. Kaija Valkonen, 17. Kylie Love, 18. Marcie Parks, 19. Shane Love

Class 5

1. Steely Ingham, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. John Duke Hudson, 4. Bailey Joe Pennington, 5. Cash Jennings, 6. Stella Ingham, 7. Chance Campbell, 8. Word Hudson, 9. Tyler Love, 10. Gunter Pennington, 11. Kylie Love, 12. Cody Word, 13. Gunter Pennington, 14. Paul Faz, 15. Dustin Neff, 16. Cody Word, 17. McKenzie Watkins

Class 6

1. Gunter Pennington, 2. Word Hudson, 3. Bailey Joe Pennington, 4. Mandy Brister, 5. Bailey Joe Pennington, 6. Hunter Jennings, 7. Sidney Dermody, 8. Kaija Valkonen, 9. Shane Love, 10. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 11. Dustin Neff, 12. Ethan Morris, 13. Mandy Brister, 14. Julia Pope, 15. Adrianna Faz, 16. Colyer Dermody, 17. Paul Faz

Class 7

1. Stella Ingham, 2. Colton Moore, 3. Stella Ingham, 4. Stephani Morris, 5. Colyer Dermody, 6. Brandy Neff, 7. Tyler Love, 8. John Duke Hudson, 9. Cadesman Pope, 10. Bryan Reyes, 11. Brandy Neff, 12. Hilton Bloodworth, 13. Shane Love, 14. Sidney Dermody, 15. Hilton Bloodworth, 16. Macie Friess

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1. Steely Ingham, 2. Colton Moore, 3. Stella Ingham, 4. Bailey Joe Pennington, 5. Steely Ingham, 6. Stephani Morris, 7. Cash Jennings, 8. Bailey Joe Pennington, 9. Dustin Neff, 10. Bryan Reyes, 11. Brandy Neff, 12. Hunter Jennings, 13. Colyer Dermody, 14. McKenzie Watkins, 15. Tyler Love, 16. McKenzie Watkins, 17. Tyler Creek, 18. Regina Morales, 19. Sterling Love

Class 9

1. John Duke Hudson, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Steely Ingham, 4. Stephani Morris, 5. Mandy Brister, 6. Colyer Dermody, 7. Gunter Pennington, 8. Dustin Neff, 9. Brandy Neff, 10. Shane Love, 11. Madison Myers, 12. Ethan Morris, 13. Tyler Love, 14. Kaija Valkonen, 15. Mandy Brister, 16. Clayton Parks, 17. Stella Ingham, 18. Abby Creek, 19. Julia Pope, 20. Mandy Brister, 21. Angie Morales, 22. Sidney Dermody, 23. Sterling Love



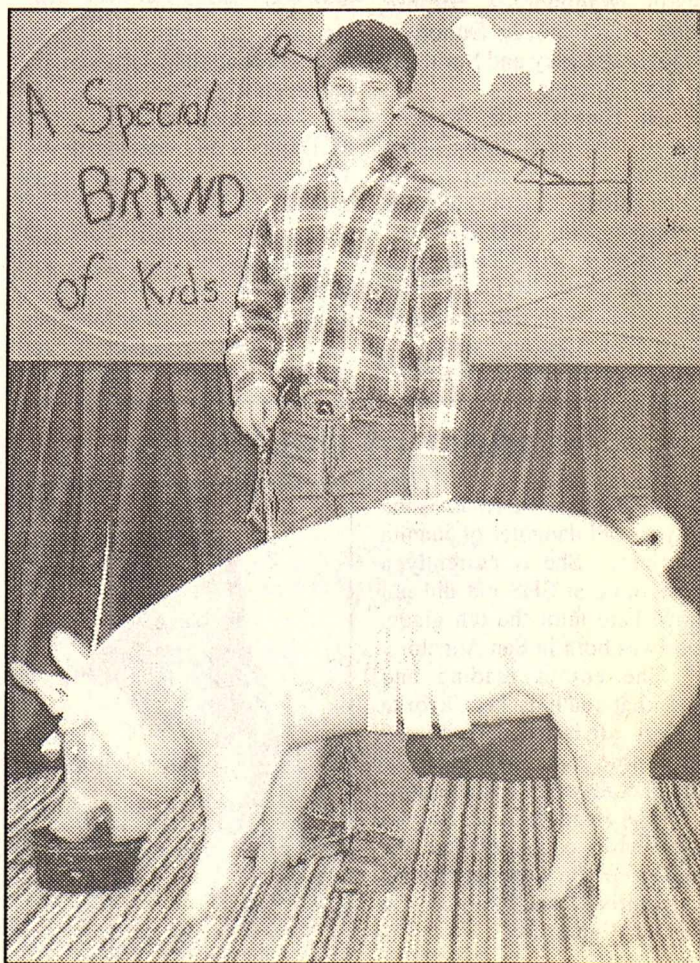
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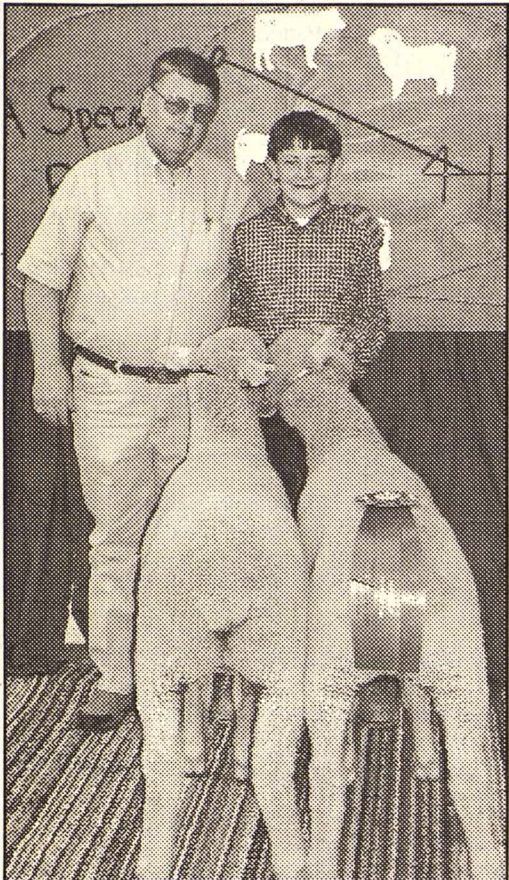
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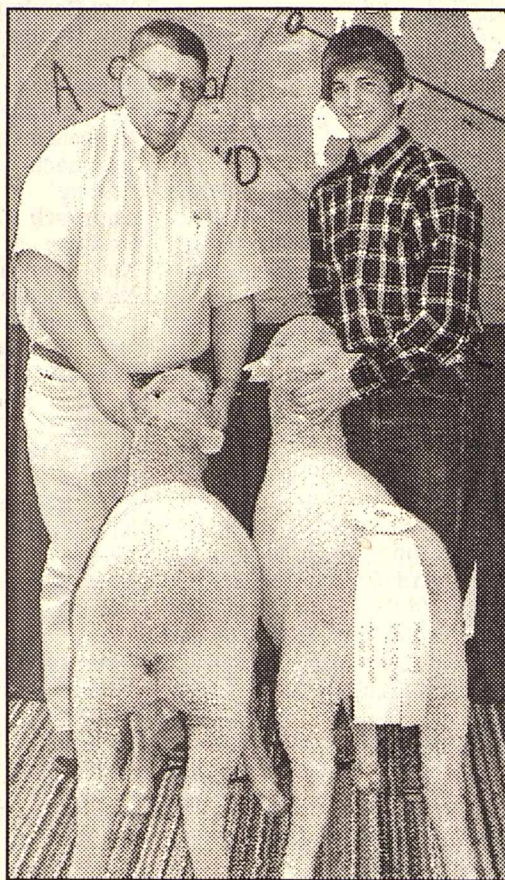
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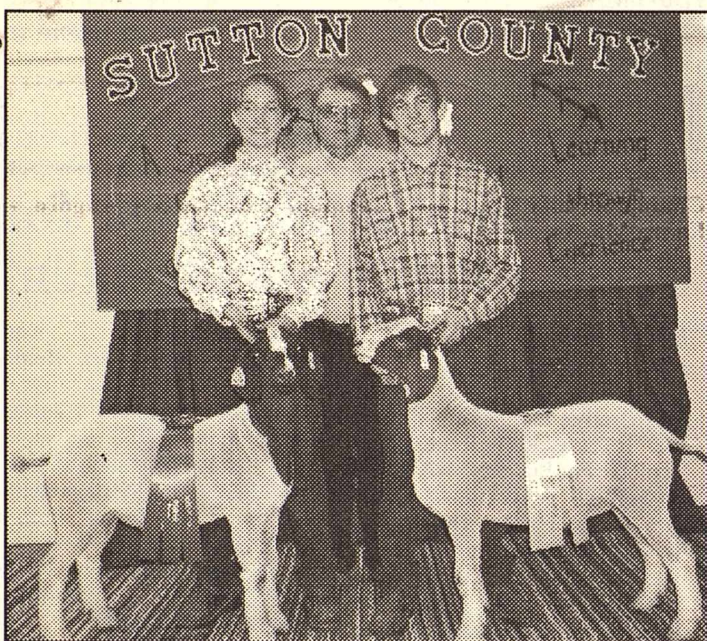
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Champion Crossbred Lamb - Brandy Neff; Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb - Steely Ingham

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submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

Well, we just completed the 58th annual Sutton County Livestock Show. By most accounts, it was a winner. Of course, success of these events does not happen automatically or because of any one person. The beauty of these events is that they succeed because of the community. Folks donate time, labor, help, and money. There are project leaders, show committees, sifting committees, announcers, ring stewards, tabulators, auctioneer, concessions help, cooks, and parents. Then there are the sales committee, and of course, sponsors and buyers. And thanks to all these individuals, the show hopefully results in a positive experience for exhibitors. This year we had seventy youth showing Angora goats, market lambs, meat goats, futurity ewes, swine, and heifers.

You may wonder what benefit there might be from showing livestock. Well, participation can help youth develop self-confidence through competition. They are given the opportunity to assume personal leadership skills and abilities, develop technical and management skills, acquire an understanding of vocational opportunities and learn the value of the livestock industry. What's more, under proper supervision, participants can learn patience, commitment, and work ethic, but can also learn to overcome obstacles and to deal with disappointment. Kids will learn that success requires time, hard work, and some amount of luck. They can realize that success is less like climbing a ladder and more like climbing a stairway (it's not a straight shot to the top).

All in all, livestock exhibition is an excellent opportunity for family involvement in competitive events which reinforce time and resource management skills as well as determination and self-confidence.

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- *ICU Staff Nurse and Supervisor - Houston, TX and Tulsa, OK
- *Surgery Unit Supervisor - Weatherford, TX
- *Obstetrics and Gynecology Practice - Broken Arrow, OK
- *Hospital and ER Staff Nurse - Eldorado, TX
- *Oncology and Chemotherapy Practice - San Angelo, TX
- *Emergency Room Staff Nurse - San Angelo, TX
- *Pediatric Practices - San Angelo and Eldorado, TX
- *Family Clinic Supervisor - Eldorado, TX
- *Hospital Based and Private Home Health Care - Eldorado, TX



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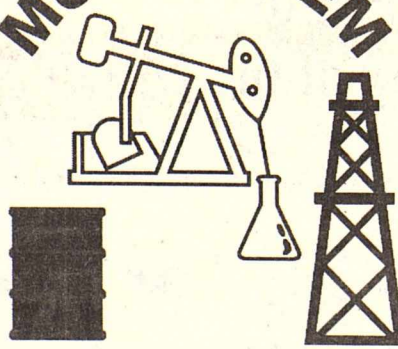
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Up on Eaton Hill

Some Say Bird Brain Bird Name

by Delyse Jaeger

According to the Audubon Society's Field Guide to North American Birds, it has been repeatedly suggested to change the name of the Pyrrhuloxia (pih-row-LUH-ee-uh) to the Gray Cardinal. The reason cited is that it would be more proper, but I think it would simply be easier to pronounce, spell, and remember. Perhaps we rarely hear people say "I saw a pyrrhuloxia this morning" has something to do with the difficult name. I mean folks are quick to point out a cardinal aren't they? Derived from both Greek and Latin words, pyrrhuloxia is loosely translated as "red crooked-billed finch bird". Actually, the birds are dominantly gray with red highlights, the male being the more colorful. And the pyrrhuloxia has a history of name changes. In 1895, the gray and red crested beauty was known as the Texas Cardinal and underwent several more changes until finally ending up with the current albeit controversial name. The pyrrhuloxia is a close relative of the Northern Cardinal and is very similar in shape. They can easily be confused with female or immature cardinals. The distinguishing characteristic is the parrot-like crooked beak of the pyrrhuloxia. Cardinal beaks line up straight and are reddish while the male pyrrhuloxia tends to be more yellow-orange. Females have paler beaks and in the winter the beaks of both sexes may be horn colored.

Interestingly, Darwin used



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the bills of a number of finches found on the Galapagos Islands in developing his Theory of Evolution based on natural selection. There were 18 similar species of finches, but each had a differently sized and shaped beak. Further study showed that the beaks could adapt rather quickly in response to changes in the environment, but would return to the original size when the food source stabilized. Currently, new science is raising some challenging questions about Darwin's theory but that is altogether another topic.

Pyrrhuloxias are non-migratory but do move around within their territory. Perhaps this is why, in Sonora, we seem to see them more often in the winter time, when they often gather in large numbers to forage.

The pyrrhuloxia may be the most mispronounced, misidentified little bird in all of Texas, but he's a regular on Eaton Hill, so hit the trails!

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New Dominion; 8100' Ward - 114 - #19, Patterson Drilling.

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ABILENE — Texas Cooperative Extension will host the "Texas Wildlife Experience-Toolbox For Success" workshop on Feb. 22 in conjunction with the Texas Farm, Ranch and Wildlife Management Expo.

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Western Heritage Ranch House, next to the general offices of the Taylor County Expo.

"Wildlife continues to grow as an important source of income throughout our entire region," said Gary Bomar, Extension agent in Taylor County. "This program's purpose is to help producers recognize and optimize the growing list of activities and governmental options currently available to them. We've gathered some of the best in the business to present this information. This program will be a day well spent for anybody in the wildlife business, or for those contemplating entering the industry."

The program's scheduled topics are:

- "Reading the Land - The Key to Better Management,"
- "From Goals to Implementation - The Lowdown on Federal and State Programs,"
- "Wildlife Cooperatives and Associations,"
- "Legislative Issues and Updates,"

- "Developing Deer Genetics - What it Really Takes,"

- "Rio Grande Turkey Management,"

- "Texas Quail Index," and

- "Feral Hog Management - Making a Silk Purse From a Sow's Ear."

Presenters are: Steve Nelle, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, San Angelo; Chuck Kowaleski, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department farm bill coordinator, Temple; David K. Langford, Texas Wildlife Association, Comfort; Debbe and Johnny Hudman, Stasney-Cook Ranch, Albany; Kathy McGinty, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Abilene; Mike McMurry, Texas Department of Agriculture, Giddings; Homer and Earline Hutto, Cedar Gap Farm, Tuscola; and Rob Hailey, Hailey Ranch, Abilene.

Workshop sponsors are Extension, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Wildlife Association.

Individual registration is \$35 per person if received by Feb. 15; after that date it is \$50 per person. The fee includes lunch, a "meet the speakers" social, dinner and notebook.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES M. CONDRA, Deceased, were issued on January 5, 2005, under Docket No. 1295 pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to DIANA C. CONDRA. Claims may be presented to the Independent Executor addressed as follows:

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HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED USE HEARING

The city council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas on possible uses of approximately \$170,000.00 of expected hotel occupancy tax revenue.

The primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which directly enhances and promotes tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The collected tax is allocated to six statutory expenditure categories as outlined in the Texas Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Law, and is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both; (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; (5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums; and (6) hold and promote sporting events at which a majority of the participants are tourists to the area and that will substantially increase hotel activity.

Further, any citizens, organizations or businesses that request hotel occupancy tax funds will need to provide a proposed budget and a list of proposed activities, programs and/or events that will directly enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry.

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The practice runs for the annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be held on Wednesday, January 19 and Thursday, January 20, at the Boy Scout Hut from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The derby will be held on Saturday, January 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Junior High snack bar. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer for the racers!

Girls Scout Studio 2B, Troop 100, and Brownie Troop 215 - Please meet at the Girl Scout Hut for a cookie meeting on January 13, 2005 at 5:30 - 6:30! Please have a parent come in and sign a permission slip! If you have any questions, please contact Nelda Tobias at 387-5390 or Shaylyn Burnham at 387-2694.

2004-2005 Sonora I.S.D. Yearbooks will be on sale for two weeks only. During the week of January 17-21; the price is \$40. During the week of January 24-28, the price of yearbooks will increase to \$45. No yearbook orders will be taken after January 28, and extra yearbooks will not be available for sale. Get your yearbook now!

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Social Event - Free - Saturday, January 22, 2005, Odessa, Texas Tech Health Science Center, Auditorium 800 W. 4th St. Socialize or join mini-workshops! In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act regulations, specific accommodation requirements should be requested by January 7, at (432)267-6779 or 800-456-5094, email - hcd@nts-online.net. A free workshop for professionals, people with hearing loss, their families and friends. Gain an understanding of emotional and psychological issues faced by people with hearing loss. The workshops will also cover the latest assistive technologies, ADA laws and creative communications

Beginner Clogging Lessons: Thursday, January 20, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. at The Studio. First lesson is free. FMI call Carolyn McMeans 387-9315.

Lighthouse Community Church will be starting a new Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The study is "A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place" by Beth Moore. Discover what it means to be a woman today through this in-depth study of the Old Testament Tabernacle. For more information call Jane Rushing at 387-3625 or the church at 387-9100.

POLAR BEAR DATE CHANGE

6th Annual Polar Bear Classic, sponsored by the Sonora High School Golf Team, Saturday, January 22, 2005, at the Sonora Golf Course, 12:30 p.m. (please sign up early); \$10 per person (any extra donations will be gladly accepted); 18 holes of par 3 golf (scramble), ties broken with putt off; sign up at the pro shop - 387-3680. The Sonora Golf Club has waived green fees for non members. If bad weather, will postpone until the next Saturday.



Students Testing: Shawn Harris, Blain Mitchell, Cande Tobias Master Richard White & Instructor Paul Stephens

Choi's Tae Kwon Do students test for degree belts

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Choi's Tae Kwon Do Testing took place on December 8, 2004 conducted by Master White of Kerrville, Texas. Sonora Choi's students tested for various degree belts. Students mastering their level received a new belt awarded to them on January 5, 2005. Congratulations to our students on a job well done!



Back Row: Manuel Tobias, James Jaeger, Instructor Paul Stephens, Stacie Craig. Middle Row: Stephen Dominguez, Alonzo Hernandez, Whitley Hernandez, Cande Tobias, Blaine Mitchell (Eldorado, TX), Alex Lang. First Row: Tanner Myers, Preston Perez, Cipriana Tobias, Hunter Hughes, Maddie Lang, Austin Slauch

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from the SIDC training course he and Glasscock had attended in San Antonio and minor adjustments had been made to better fit Sonora. The board was in agreement that there was not a problem with the contract and would continue to use it. It was reported that Multi-Chem had advised the new training center being built would have the latest technology capabilities and possibly could be used for other seminars or meetings held in Sutton County, when not in use by Multi-Chem.

In regards to the contract between the SIDC and Sonora Chamber of Commerce for the management and operations of Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Glasscock reported that the proposed contract had been reviewed by the SIDC auditor and there were several questions and suggestions. The questions were reviewed and after much discussion it was agreed that the Chamber of Commerce will provide quarterly reports of actual spending and proposed spending of funds on the Eaton Hill project to the SIDC board. The transfer will make Eaton Hill more accessible for certain projects that can not be funded by the SIDC because of restrictions on 4B sales tax. Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, assured the board that all funds would be kept separate and the Chamber had budgeted for such projects for the up-coming budget cycle. Bounds reminded the SIDC board that the Chamber had suggested an advisory board be formed to make decisions for Eaton Hill expansion and projects and that a member from the SIDC be on that board. It was agreed to add the quarterly reporting to the contract before a final presentation to the Chamber board of directors.

Bounds then approached the SIDC to ask for their support of the Texas Pecos Trail Region. She showed a map of the proposed trail and explained that

the designation would help draw tourism to Sonora.

Bounds asked that the SIDC commit to assist financially with \$500 a year for three years to the project. All small communities interested in the project are being asked to commit \$1500 a year. The Chamber of Commerce and The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program both have committed \$500 a year for the three years. With the SIDC's commitment, Sonora's requirements would be met and all entities that focus on tourism and development of Sonora would benefit. The board unanimously agreed to support the Texas Pecos Trails Region project with \$500 a year for three years and would help find wherever needed to improve the project, including the possibility of finding office space if Sonora could secure the Main Office being located here.

The SIDC approved a proposed advertising schedule in the Texas Highways Magazine, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine and the Texas Co-op Magazine. The advertisements are split between the Chamber of Commerce and the SIDC and promote events going on in Sonora and Sutton County.

In the SIDC office report, Glasscock informed the board that 4B sales taxes were down this month. She also advised that the Cajun restaurant that will be moving into the Angel Cafe building had inquired about possible assistance with the opening of their new business. Teaff reported that he had spoken with a man from Haverty's and Eagle Valley Homes in San Antonio, who had requested a meeting to discuss possible housing contracts in Sonora. It was agreed that all board members available would meet with the man on Thursday in San Antonio, and the meeting was adjourned. The SIDC meets the second Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

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and had to be reminded by the mayor to ask one at a time and allow for each question to be heard.

This proposal appeared to be a band-aid of sorts to some, and did nothing for the small businesses that were affected by the base rate change on the larger meters. Questions and discussions went on for over an hour, with the council, City Manager Brent Gesch and Sue Moore trying to explain the decisions.

One question regarding the maximum a city can increase rates at one time was answered by City Attorney Beth Wallace, who said that the TCEQ has no regulations on what a rate can be raised.

Polocek informed the visitors that something has to be done to lower the deficit in the water department. They thought the problem was in the tanks, so they repaired them. This helped some but did not stop the loss. Then, in 2002, it was found that the meters were not accurately reporting water usage, so the meters were replaced. This still has not completely rectified the problem, so the council is looking at all avenues to try to fix the problem. Polocek reminded those present that rates had not been increased in three years.

Many more questions were asked, like how these losses were going to be detected. Polocek explained that by going to the smaller meter size (3/4"), water usage would be more accurately metered, since the larger meters (1" and 1 1/2") could not accurately read a "low flow". This raised another area of concern as to why the meters were not accurately reading the consumption? Several explanations were given by Polocek and Gesch, both trying to explain that the larger meter sizes were meant for large homes, apartment buildings, hotels, businesses, etc. that use larger amounts of water. The low usage in residential homes was not read accurately in the larger meters because water "slipped through" without being accounted for. This is why the larger base rate was set for the larger meters. This is also why it was being recommended to change the meters to the smaller size, so as to ensure a more accurate reading of actual consumption from the homes.

This does not help the small businesses that will still have to pay the larger base rate and may or may not consume the larger amounts of water that their meter is capable of.

The initial motion to waive the meter change fee for residential meters, reimburse those who have already paid for the change, and keep the old rates was still active. An addendum was added to give 60 days for the change request to be made, at which time the resident will begin being billed the lower rate. The motion was seconded by councilman Smith Neal, and all members present, Polocek, Neal and Fred Perez, voted in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with many questions still being asked of the council.

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