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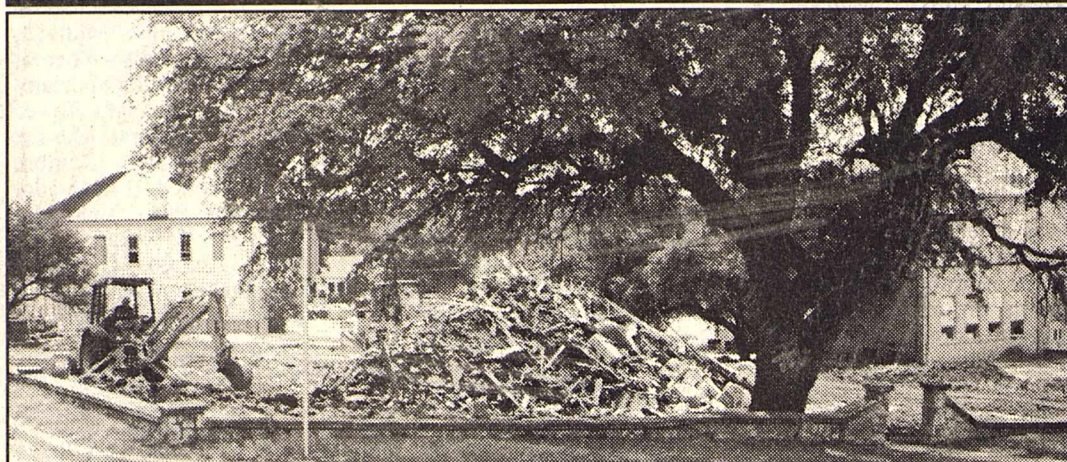
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The house at the corner of Prospect and College comes down as part of school construction.

School Board hears construction report; unforeseen delays set back completion date

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2004. In the absence of President Tryon Fields, Vice President Tammy Favila called the meeting to order, with board members, Jesse Bustamante, Dean Dermody, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings and Tom Payton present. Superintendent Brant Myers, Cynthia Keel, Diane Jacoby, Louise Dermody, John Berry, Raul Chavarria, Stefani and Clayton Taylor were also present for the meeting.

There were no comments from visitors. Tax Assessor/Collector, Rex Ann Friess reported that taxes were 98% collected and the tax attorneys will be sending out delinquent notices soon. Friess said that the estimated values for 2004 look to be about 300 million over last year. She said that they have raised the market value of property, ranch land, etc. Tax rates should be set according to these new, higher values.

The board reviewed current bills in the amount of \$639,789.89, which included a couple of large ones to T.M. Davis and AVNET. Two hot water heaters had to be replaced at the high school and gas bills are up.

Diane Jacoby gave the quarterly cafeteria report, that reported a loss of \$1,270.20 for the last month. The new system is working well, and is helping to cut down on charges in the cafeteria. Letters were sent to parents of students who ended the year with charges. The charges need to be attended to as soon as possible.

Minutes from the June 24, 2004, meeting were approved as presented.

Dr. Myers reported that the district ended the year with 960 enrolled, which is up 50 from the beginning of the year. Attendance was overall OK.

Maintenance is ongoing with the paint crew currently painting in many areas. The floors in the gyms will be re-sealed and waxed. Carpets are being cleaned in all buildings. Dr. Myers said that they were not going to spend the money on aluminum bleachers on the visitors side of the stadium this year, but would be repairing boards as needed. The tennis nets at the high school will be replaced and any salvageable nets will be transferred to the courts at the elementary school. There is also some painting and general repairs to be on done on the district's houses this summer. The roof at the vocational building has to be replaced and Dr. Myers said that he was going to try to find the money to replace the drapes in the auditorium.

Dr. Myers informed the board that a gentleman had come through town with a sample of track material and quoted a price of about \$56,000 to repair and paint the track. Dr. Myers said that the track was OK right now, but could be in bad shape in a couple of years. He said that the price quoted was very low for such a job. The item was not on the agenda, so Favila said to have it on next month's agenda and the would approach the topic at that time for discussion.

Dr. Myers reported that he had spoken with the insurance company again and that so far there were eight schools interested in possibly forming a co-op, with the possibility of 12 being involved. They are still looking into this, hoping to get a lower insurance rate for the district.

Trustees Focus on Leadership

submitted

Dean Dermody, Tryon Fields, Tom Payton, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Jesse Bustamante and Barbara Jennings, Board of Trustees of Sonora ISD, joined local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute June 10-12 in San Antonio. More than 2,000 new and veteran school leaders received in-depth training on every facet of effective board governance and heard keynote addresses from renowned education experts.

Hot topics explored during the two-and-a-half day institute included an update on school finance, reaching out to Hispanic families, school climate as a predictor of students achievement, record-keeping requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act, family and community engagement,



Local school board members attend summer conference.

and an overview of such initiatives as the state accountability system and No Child Left Behind Act. Breakout sessions focused on the importance of diversity, district goal setting, management of public funds, superintendent recruitment and

retention, successful parent programs, and public support of our schools.

Thursday's general session, Creating Conditions that Promote Student Achievement, featured Pedro A. Noguera, pro-

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Garza retires from City, Council honors him at monthly meeting



Eusebio Garza is honored by Mayor Gloria Lopez, for many years of service to Sonora.

by Storie Sharp

Sonora Mayor Gloria Lopez opened Tuesday's meeting of the City Council by honoring retiring employee, Eusebio Garza with a plaque and gift of appreciation for his years of service to the City of Sonora. Garza said he was going to (unofficially) continue to help at the Senior Center, because he enjoyed helping over there. The mayor and council thanked Garza for his many years of dedication to our community and wished him well in his retirement. Refreshments were served in his honor after the meeting.

In regular business, the council approved a request from Larry Monroe for a Special Use Permit in order to operate a welding shop in a commercial zone, at 411 S. Concho.

The council then reviewed a draft of a lease, from the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, of 1.1 acres of City of Sonora owned land on Eaton Hill, for as long as the SIDC uses Eaton Hill as a wildlife sanctuary. The item was tabled until the next meeting so that the SIDC board can discuss the insurance of structures on the property at their next meeting. An amendment of SIDC FY 2003-2004 budget was approved. Cam Campbell, with the SIDC, approached the council regarding the creation of a committee, consisting of himself, John Tedford, Max Howorth, to look into the feasibility of a new airport. Campbell requested that a member of the council be appointed to the committee to

held make decisions regarding the airport. Virgil Polocek was appointed to the committee.

A resolution to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closure of a segment of Hwy. 290 for Sutton County Days Parade for August 21, 2004, requested by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce was approved. The parade will follow the same route as last year.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program manager, Ann Kay presented the City of Sonora with 2004 National Main Street Program awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation (see related story).

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National Trust for Historic Preservation recognizes Sonora



FHSMS manger Ann Kay (center) presents the City of Sonora with plaques of recognition from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

submitted

The efforts of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program have earned recognition for commercial district revitalization by meeting standards for performance set by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center. Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program joins 560 other Main Street revitalization programs nationally recognized as a National Main Street Program for 2004.

"A healthy Main Street district is vital to a health community," said Kennedy Smith, director of the National Trust's Main Street Program. "Not only do Main Street districts reflect their communities' evolution and personalities, they also generate significant revenues for local governments."

The annual recognition program evaluates commercial district revitalization program criteria ranging from having an active board of directors and paid professional manager to tracking economic progress and preserving historic Main Street buildings.

"Rebuilding a district's economic health and maintaining that success requires broad-based community involvement, active support from both the public and sectors, and sound

management," said Smith. "The revitalization programs we recognize each year as National Main Street Programs are those that have demonstrated the skills needed to succeed in Main Street revitalization."

The program's performance was evaluated by Texas Main Street Program from Texas Historical Commission, which is the statewide coordination organization for Main Street programs in Sonora, Texas.

"We feel extremely honored to have received the National Trust for Historic Preservation reward for 2004. It is a privilege to represent Sonora and the outstanding community that we live in," said Kay.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting the irreplaceable. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities. Its Washington, D.C. headquarters staff, six regional offices and 21 historic sites work with the Trust's quarter-million members and thousands of local community groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the National Trust's web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

Krieg named Newcomer of the Year

Meghan Krieg was named the All-West Texas Newcomer of the Year. Krieg has a 14-3 record with a 1.26 ERA. She averaged over nine and a half strikeouts per game and batted .429 to lead the Lady Broncos to the regional semifinals for the second consecutive season.

Jones to rope at College N.F.R.

Kendra Jones, a Senior at Eastern New Mexico University, has qualified for the 2004 College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), held in Casper, Wyoming. This is the second trip for Jones, who will compete in the Goat Tying event.

Every June the nation's best college cowboys and cowgirls from eleven different regions enter into the CNFR arena. This year, for the first

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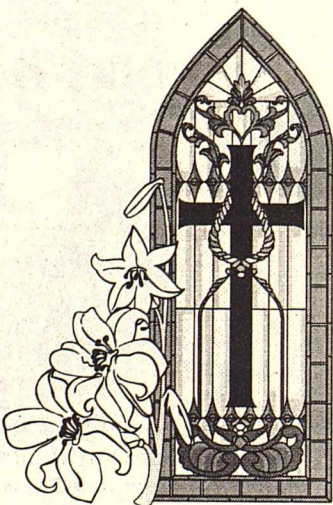
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Obituaries

Francisco Ramires DeHoyas

Francisco Ramires DeHoyas, 90, of Eden, died Friday, June 11, 2004. Funeral mass were at St. Francis Catholic Church of Melvin with burial in Melvin Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home.

Survivors include one brother, Jesus DeHoyas; and sister, Amalia DeHoyas, both of Sonora.

Travis Burleson

Travis Burleson, a former Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, June 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Burleson, 85, were at 2:00 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed in Lone Wolf Cemetery.

Born January 11, 1919 in Gorman, Mr. Burleson married Jessie Horton on September 17, 1988 in Roby. Mr. Burleson, a farmer, was a resident of Roby. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Hermleigh

Masonic Lodge and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Burleson of Roby; a daughter and son-in-law, Claudann and Travis Morgan of Bandera; three sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Gayle Burleson and Corylane and Julie Burleson, all of Snyder, and Lynn Caroldon and Beth Burleson of Sonora; a step-daughter, Linda Sharp of Sweetwater; two step-sons and their wives, Andy and Ann Moore of Roby and Tubby and Charla Moore of Rotan; 12 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and several great and step great-grandchildren.

Tin Cans

One morning my brother-in-law and I were sitting in my mother-in-law's backyard visiting when her old pet hound dog walked up and sat down beside us (she slobbered a lot). We were supposed to be watching the dog because my mother-in-law and wife had gone to town shopping. I don't know who came up with the dumb idea but we decided to tie a short piece of string with some tin cans on the dogs tail. Stepping back to admire our work the dog started trying to wag her tail and when she did the cans made a noise and that did it. She took a step or two, heard the cans and it was off to the races. She made a couple of circles around the yard and through the fence and out into the pasture. Fortunately, the next fence she went through the cans came off. That experience reminded me of something the Bible says about sin. It is there with us and no matter how far or fast we go they will always follow us (Numbers 32:23, Proverbs 29:6). The blood of Christ is the only thing that will pardon or cleanse or remove our sins (John 1:29, 1 John 1:7-10). Just like that fence removed the string and tin cans from the dogs tail. See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

Texas Tales Told By Tumbleweed Smith

The Amazing Bodie Gilstrap



Tumbleweed Smith

Bodie Gilstrap of Eldorado has a case full of trophies. Some of them are for calf roping, but the majority of them are for showing lambs.

In 1989, when Bodie was sixteen, he rolled his pick-up and broke his neck. He was taken to a hospital in San Angelo, then transferred to the Dallas Rehab Center, where Bodie and his parents stayed eight months. When the Gilstraps arrived in Dallas, they learned about the generosity of their neighbors.

"When we got to Dallas, I looked in my purse and found two thousand dollars," says Carolyn Gilstrap, Bodie's mother. "I had no idea where it came from. When my husband got here, he had \$3,500 in his shirt pocket. People would just come in and give us a hug and want to know how Bodie was. Then they put money in our pocket." Some of their friends came in and handed them some keys. "They told us they had an apartment in Dallas and wanted us to use it as our own. Before that, we didn't know what we were going to do."

Bodie is a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down. He is ventilator dependent, which means that someone has to be with him all the time. Jaime, Bodie's father, tends to Bodie every morning before he heads off to work on a ranch. He resumes taking

care of Bodie when he comes in after work. In between, Carolyn spends the day with Bodie. Bodie sleeps with one end of a breathing apparatus in his mouth. If it should come out, an alarm sounds. He sometimes has nightmares about that.

Bodie is one determined individual. While he was in rehab in Dallas, he did some school work. He came back and finished his junior year through the summer, then started the fall semester of his senior year with his regular class. "He graduated number nineteen out of forty one," Carolyn says with pride. Bodie went to A & M and majored in animal science. "I got into A & M the summer of '92," says Bodie, "and I graduated in the spring of '01. It took me a while, but it was something I had always wanted to do. I had the opportunity, and took it."

Bodie, now 31 years old, is a computer expert. He designed his own computer and ordered the parts over the internet. A friend assembled it. "I have a computer that's voice activated, which means I control it with my voice." A dot on his forehead is used as a computer mouse. "It's called a natural point mouse pointing system. It shoots an infrared beam to a camera and just moves the mouse wherever the dot goes." He is a big fan of A & M football and has a countdown calendar on his computer screen. "It tells me the number of days before the first A & M game," says Bodie. "Gig 'em, Aggies."

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who called, visited, or just said a silent "Thank God they're okay" after our recent accident. Special thanks to my parents, family, Dr. Pajestka and the hospital staff for the excellent care and well wishes.

Cole Cearley

Dominion Exploration and Production would like to thank everyone who helped make "The Relay For Life" so successful this year. All of the planning, hard work and fundraising paid a hefty dividend for The American Cancer Society and none of this would have been possible without you.

Dominion would specifically like to acknowledge and thank the following companies for their generous donations: Allenco - Odessa, B & K Trucking - Sheffield, Burnham & Burnham - Sonora, Choate Co. - Big Spring, Compressor Systems - Midland, D-Jax - Midland, E.M. Hobbs - Sonora, Gulley & Sons - Sonora, ITC - Edmond, OK, Jeff Suiter Surveying - Midland, Jet Specialty & Supply - Sonora, JIS Measurement - Sonora, Light Tower Rentals - Odessa, M & J Lease Service - Sonora, Meador Construction - Eldorado, Mike Byrd Casing Crews - Hamlin, National Oilwell - Sonora, NOS Oilfield Service - Eldorado, Production Control Service - Sonora, Production Plus - Eldorado, Sonora Contractors - Sonora, Southwest Digger & Anchor - San Angelo, Tracer Inspection Co. - San Angelo, Universal Compression - Midland, UP & S - Odessa, Varel Bits - San Angelo, Exxon - Sonora, Sonic Drive In - Sonora, Taqueria El Torito - Sonora, Amigo's Texaco - Sonora.

Once again, a hearty thank you to all from the Dominion Sonora District employees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the West Texas Championship Committee members for all their hard work in making this year's event possible. Without the support of dedicated volunteers this cook-off would not be achievable. It has been a pleasure serving as your committee president these past two years and a great honor to be chosen as your committee member of the year for 2004. Once again, thanks for all that you do to support events such as this in our community. I look forward to working with each of you in the future.

Sincerely,
Steve Thorp

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to all the vendors, West Texas Championship Cook-Off Committee, Joyce Chalk, and to our community for your support at the West Texas Championship Cook-Off on Saturday, June 5, 2004. We would like to express our appreciation to KHOS Radio, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Sarah Gutierrez, Daniel Galindo, Michelle Weingart, Maura Weingart, Michael Chavez, Frank Gallegos, Cerissa Hedgecock, Boomer Galindo, Erin Newton, Roland Solis, Angie Clayton, Curtis Bryant, Brenda Bryant, Wayne Bryant, Jessie and Bruce Kerbow, Mayor Gloria Lopez, Jim Kay, Matt and Marlyn Young, and The Devil's River News.

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- June 21** - Bingo! First day of summer.
- June 22** - Exercise with video! In need of a few good "Seniors". Come rock with us!
- June 23** - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.
- June 24** - Crafts anyone?
- June 25** - Birthday Party for June Babies! Noon.

Senior Center Menu

- June 21** - Hamburger on bun, onions, tomatoes, lettuce, baked French fries, carrot salad, apple, milk.
- June 22** - Pork chops with gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, wheat rolls, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk.
- June 23** - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake, milk.
- June 24** - Chicken fried steak, with gravy, baked potato, Spanish green beans, wheat rolls, lime rice swirl, juice.
- June 25** - Beef, cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, tortillas, coleslaw, fruit salad.

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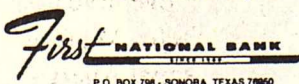
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June 28

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July 12

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July 13

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on Benjamin and Sara Byrd?

A. William Benjamin Franklin Byrd was one of twelve children born to George and Priscilla Ann Jenkins Byrd. They were named James, Julia Ann, Samuel, Sarah, Mary, George P., Louisa Jane, William Benjamin Franklin, John Cole, Thomas Jefferson, Hiram and Robert Day Byrd. William Benjamin Franklin Byrd was born on June 8, 1840 in Amite County, Mississippi. His father, George Byrd is first found in Amite County records of 1824. The family moved to Jackson Parish Louisiana in 1847.

William Benjamin Franklin Byrd left home and came to Texas as a very young man. At the start of the Civil War he enlisted in the 8th Cavalry, Terry's Texas Rangers of Hood's Brigade, Confederate States of America. He fought at many battles, including Murfreesboro and Shilo. Byrd was wounded in battle, captured and confined as a northern prison of war until Lee's surrender at Appomattox. He then returned to Texas and went to Polk County where he married Sarah Jane Foster, daughter of John Ray and Eliza Jones Foster, on February 17, 1867.

They became the parents of 5 girls, one died in infancy, Lula I (1868-1948) who married William Houston "Matt" Karnes on December 18, 1899; Mattie who married I. George Sowell of Ozona then 2. D. B. Jackson of Ozona and Josephine who married Bert Bellows of Sonora.

William Benjamin Franklin Byrd moved to Callahan County after his marriage, to Arden in Tom Green Co. in 1885 and settled in the Sutton/Crockett Co. area, 30 miles south east of Ozona in approximately 1892. He was a sheep rancher, not a new occupation in this area as people had been free ranging sheep in this area since the 1880's and a few Mexican herders predated them. It was said that he had his daughters up at five o'clock every morning to help him around the ranch.

Crockett County was created in 1875. Eureka was named by S. E. Couch in 1888. In the Devil's River News of May 23, 1891, E. M. Powell had his agent Joe Moss drill a well for him. Mr. Powell found water and named his new town site Ozona, although some people wanted to call it Davy. In the July 18, 1891 issue we find the following official returns, from the County Judge Jones of Val Verde County, of the Crockett County election: Charles E. Davidson, Judge; Frank Olney, Clerk; Jno. C. Perry, Sheriff; Jo Moss, Surveyor; Samuel Sowell, Treasurer; J. W. Friend, Assessor; G. W. Perry, Hide and Animal Inspector; Ozona to be County Seat; J. H. Graham, M. S. Westbrook, John Henderson and B. F. Byrd, Commissioners. The little town formed by Couch only received 17 votes, Ozona had 48. These articles clearly show that Benjamin F. Byrd was one of the first 4 Commissioners of Crockett County.

Eventually W. Benjamin F. Byrd retired from ranching and moved into Ozona where he opened a small store, which he operated for several years and then again retired from work. He spent his declining years visiting his children and grandchildren and died in Sonora on February 4, 1926, at the home of his widowed daughter, Lula, and was buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

In an article done in 1936, his widow states he died in 1928 but we were unable to find an obituary on either date in the back issues of the Devil's River News. We did find a death certificate on file for February 4, 1926.

Sarah Jane Byrd continued to reside with her daughter Lula Karnes, the mother of 7 children, who had lost her husband William Houston "Matt" Karnes in 1925. Lula had also lost a son Dock in 1919, shortly after he returned home serving in WWI.

Lula's other children were Carra (1892-1982) who married Fred Simmons on November 20, 1917; Sally "Sal" (1893-1976) who married Vernon C. Marion on July 1, 1916; Alice (1900-1975); Ada Gertrude (1902-1945) who married Charles P. "Pete" Reming in 1924; William Houston "Sam" (1905-1972) who married Euda Marie "Babe" Drake in 1930

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and Nann Karnes (1910-1991). Sarah enjoyed living in Sonora and seeing all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a large garden at her daughters home and loved to grow her flowers.

On April 15, 1936, Sarah Byrd died and was buried beside her beloved husband William Benjamin F. Byrd in the Sonora Cemetery.

Q. My great-grandfather died from consumption. What is consumption?

A. tuberculosis

Q. Were there Indians in this area?

A. Yes. Mainly Lipan Apache but also some Mesquero Apache kept the Buffalo Soldiers at Ft. McKavett and Ft. Terrett busy defending the frontier. Signs of our Indian visitors have been found in many different areas of Sutton County but most ranchers won't tell you if they found any artifacts on their property. For years the ranchers have had to fight to keep scavengers from trying to locate Indian artifacts and remove them from their burial grounds. Most ranchers in this area feel that if a body is buried somewhere on their place it should rest in peace, Indian or Anglo. They were very disgusted with some locals that dug up several Indian graves and put the remains on exhibit in a local store window in the 1930's. They were removed, no one knows where they went, but they weren't put back on exhibit in this area. Many old caves were closed up years ago to keep out the artifact hunters and most don't remember where any of them were located. Since I didn't come here until 1989, I have no idea where any of the old artifacts came from, there were no written records left on file.

My personal feeling is that

if these scavengers want to make money desecrating graves, they better check out some laws passed in the last few years. Some counties have made it a felony to scavenge for Indian relics and remove them from their county. There is a law on the state books now that makes it a felony to desecrate a grave. It doesn't say just Anglo graves, so I would guess that it applies to all burials. Only those with permission to exhume a grave or special archeological permits are allowed to exhume graves and the Indians are fighting those rules. When you think of it, you wouldn't want someone digging up your ancestors and putting them on display. I guess it is just best to let everyone rest in peace in Sutton County.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us at the office, at 307 Oak Street, 325-387-5084 on Monday morning, Friday morning and Saturday morning. Museum tours will be available the same mornings and you may also make arrangements to rent the Depot and grounds these mornings. If you can't reach us one of these mornings you may call me at home at 837-2855.

No work was completed on the Ice House Museum this past weekend. No one showed up from 8 - 9 that Saturday and Rick cannot climb ladders and haul things by himself. It is too dangerous! We will have another work day this Saturday and hope that some of you will care about preserving your own history and show up. Rick has worked for many years now on the grounds, office and ice house with no pay. It would be really nice if some of you would show up and give him a hand.

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry

Kacci Lewellen bride-elect of Tom Jacoby
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Chamber Chatter

Tradition of Wool Show brings together family and community

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by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director, Sonora Chamber of Commerce

This week my mind is full of lots of thoughts, most of them memories of the Sonora Wool & Mohair Show, known to locals as "The Wool Show". This is the 67th year that Sonora has hosted this annual Wool & Mohair Show. It is a part of our heritage and an educational couple of days for adults and youngsters to compete and learn more about wool, mohair, livestock, and range conditions. It seems appropriate that the 67th Annual Sonora Wool & Mohair Show should take place the same week that we are preparing to celebrate Father's Day. Dads (and of course Moms) are busy teaching our young people about an industry that has helped to sustain the economic development of our

area.

I personally have many wonderful memories of this event, as I know many of you do. We are very blessed to have so many wonderful parents that have taught and continue to teach our young people so much. The Sonora Wool & Mohair Show features judging contests for 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters including Wool, Mohair, Range and Sheep & Goat. There is also an open and junior contest of mohair fleeces, wool fleeces and bags of wool that are brought to Sonora from all over the Edwards Plateau & Hill Country. The Wool Show is sponsored by the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club in cooperation with Sonora Wool & Mohair Company, Texas Cooperative Extension, and Sonora Chamber of Commerce. There are many individual and corporate donors to this event. Some of the Award donors are: Days Inn-Devils River, Kathleen Moore, The Bank & Trust, L.P. Bloodworth, Mr. &

Mrs. Armer Earwood, Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District, Jimmy & Sharon Holman, Frank Price of Sterling City, First National Bank of Sonora, Texas Rambouillet Superior Genetics, and Southwest Texas ACA. These donors and all of the volunteers that help during the Wool Show are to be commended for their service to our community and an industry that is even older than I am. It is definitely a sign of age, when you attend one of these events and see the children and sometimes the grandchildren of the people that you used to coach participating in these events.

The National 4-H Wool Judging contest has been held in Sonora during the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show for 44 years now, and 4 years ago the National FFA Wool Judging Contest was added to the list of events. Sonora should be very proud to host such a wonderful event. Please have a safe and Happy Father's Day!

Happy Birthday

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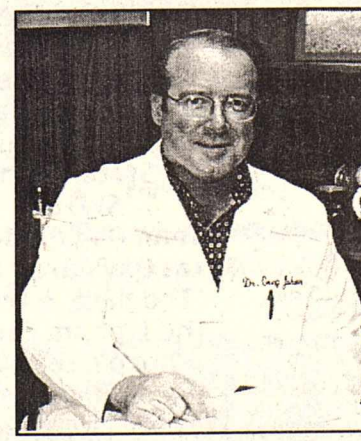
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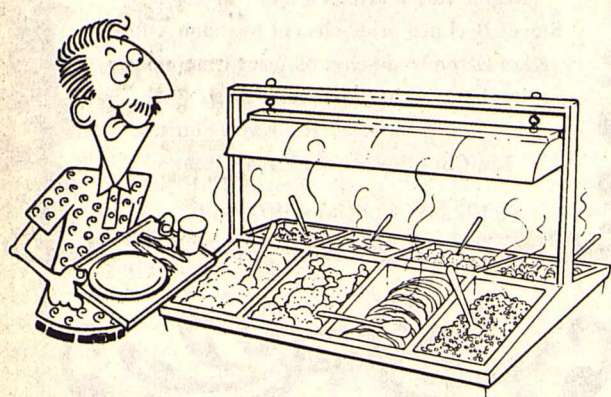
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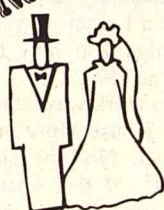
A wedding planner from the city has to deal with friends and family of the bride and groom, as well as the hilarious wedding guests. Despite arguments, misunderstanding and accidents, the wedding finally takes place! Don't miss the delightful new play just recently released from Heuer Publishing!

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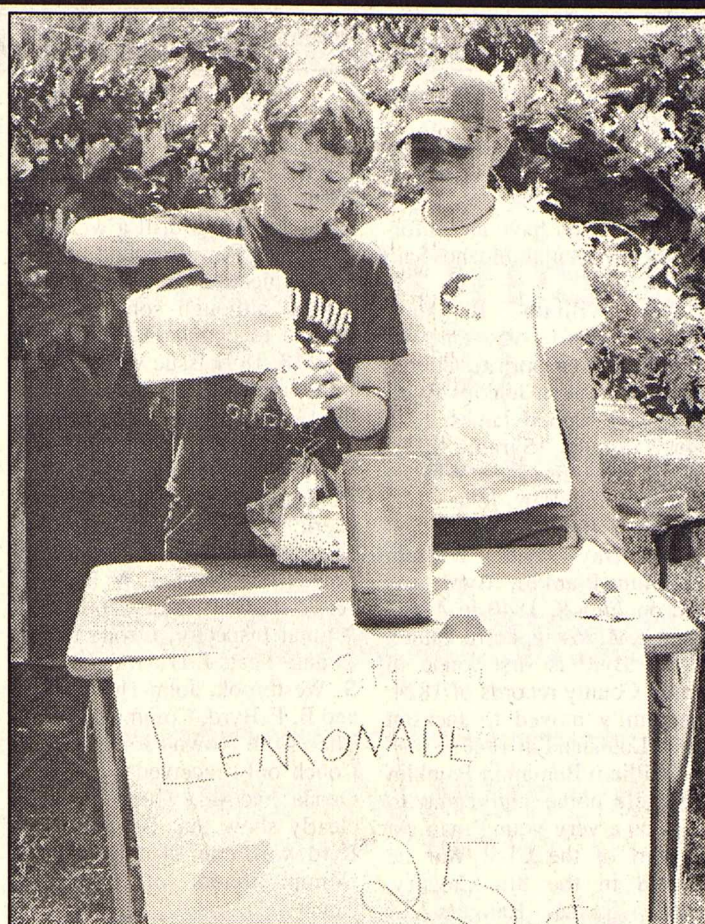
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Servin' up a cool glass of summer time fun

If life gives you a hot summer day, make lemonade! That is what Braxton Snyder, 12, and Dustin Crittendon, 10 1/2, decided to do this week. The boys are both enjoying their summer vacation and decided to try and make a few extra spending dollars. They set up their stand at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and by 4:00 p.m. they had already made \$16.50. When asked why they decided to start up the little juice business on the corner, the boys answered, "because it was HOT!"

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Students cash in with new Texas quarter

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - The Legislature wasn't even in session, but Gov. Rick Perry was giving away money in Austin last week - a thousand school kids each got a commemorative Texas quarter at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

Designed by Arlington artist Daniel Miller, the new coin features an outline of Texas partially overlaid by a raised five-point star, better known as the Lone Star. The Texas quarter is part of the U.S. Mint's 50-state series, each state being honored in the order of its admission to the Union. (Texas was No. 28.)

Right now, the new quarters are worth only 25 cents, but just try to find one.

Officially, the government will sell the coins for 10 weeks, but given the collectable nature of almost anything connected to Texas, they already seem scarce. A teller at one downtown Austin bank said they got only one bag of the new coins, and they were gone very soon after the bank opened that day.

The free money Perry handed out didn't really come from the state. A bank donated the coins for the children.

Speaking of the Lege...

No word yet from Perry on when the next special session on the school finance issue will be, but the buzz is some time in mid-July.

No Texas brag...

No other state has more

people in prison than Texas. According to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, 164,222 inmates are currently under the stewardship of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Only the federal prison system has more people behind bars, but the difference is only 6,000 prisoners. Counting all jurisdictions, the nation has 2.1 million men and women in prison - 1 out of every 140 Americans.

Watch out for skeeters...

The West Nile virus already has been detected in eight Texas counties this spring, though so far, no human cases have been reported to the Texas Department of Health.

The mosquito-borne virus has been found in one horse each in Brazoria, Fort Bend, La Salle, Leon and Montgomery counties.

The virus has been identified in eight birds in Brazos, Harris, Lubbock and Montgomery counties.

Last year, 439 human cases occurred in 86 Texas counties, with 38 deaths.

Other duties as assigned...

Go through training and get hired as a game warden for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and you'll get to do some interesting things along with the more routine duties.

Earlier this spring, TPWD reported, a warden stationed in Travis County received a call about a trespasser in a Southwest Austin grocery store - a pregnant deer had scampered through an open door and was running up and down the aisles amid startled shoppers.

Whether the mother-to-be on the loose in the store was looking for pickles and ice cream was not reported, but with some help, the warden roped the deer and taped her legs for transport back to the wild.

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S.H.S. Health Science Technology Education class travels to Houston

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Congratulations to the Health Science Technology Education class on completing the Nursing Aide Class and successfully passing the state test to obtain certification as a Nursing Assistant. This was done in Schleicher County Medical Center. The students have completed classes and are certified in CPR and First Aid.

The girls recently took an end-of-the-year trip to Houston.

"We started off on our trip to Houston, Texas about 5:30 a.m. in the morning. It was a fast trip for those who slept all the way, but it was a long seven hours for the others.

When we arrived in

Houston, we had to make a stop at the local malls. There is no way we could have passed up going to a mall with eight girls. Once we were all out of money, we decided to find our motel. After passing by it a few hundred times and going the wrong way we finally reached our destination. After a few hours in the pool and all of us calling our parents and checking-in, we decided to call it a night.

Thursday morning came fast, as eight girls woke up to one bathroom and one mirror. Even though it was a hassle, we had fun. Finally, our driver showed up and we headed off to Saint Luke's Medical Center. When we arrived in Houston we were all thinking we were going

to watch an open-heart surgery, but when we got to the hospital it turned out that they didn't have one scheduled.

As we took our tour around the hospital we got the chance to watch from above a skin graft. It was O.K., but it was nothing compared to an open heart surgery. Our tour guide decided to check and see if there were any other operations going on in the other room.

When she returned she rushed us into the other observation room where a lady was about to have a by-pass operation. We got to watch them take the veins out of the leg and prepare them to be attached to the heart.

Once the doctor arrived, we watched them stop the lady's heart and attach the veins. After the operation we walked around the hospital while learning about old and new machines.

Once we made it back to our room we packed up and headed back home, but we couldn't make it all the way without stopping in San Antonio for a short visit.

The nursing class of 2004 would like to thank Ada Castilleja for a wonderful year and for the opportunity to see something most people don't get to see. Thank you Ada, for putting up with eight girls in class every day and pushing us to do our best.



Sonora Major League: Will Anderson, Osbauldo Castaneda, Tyler Creek, Colyer Dermody, Paul Faz, Caleb Gonzales, Cash Jennings, Preston Love, Ethan Morriss, Dustin Neff, Shane Patlan, Michael Stephens. Coaches: Dean Dermody, Ronald Gonzales, and Scott Neff

Major League All-Stars proving successful

The Sonora Major League All-Star Team has proven successful despite various obstacles including long travel, broken bones and stitches.

Sonora played four days in a row in Big Lake and won sec-

ond place, losing to Ozona. Caleb Gonzales and Tyler Creek were named to the All-Tournament team.

After a shorter week traveling to Eldorado, Sonora won first place in the Plateau Classic, this time defeating Ozona.

Cash Jennings was named tournament MVP.

The Sonora Major League, Minor League and Ten-Year-Olds will compete in Ozona this week and Sonora next. Come out and support our young athletes.

Ten year old All-Stars win in Big Lake



The Sonora 10-year-old All-Star team took first place honors last week in the Big Lake summer tournament. The team consists of Blake Esparza, Adrian Odunez, Jose Gutiérrez, Cadesman Pope, Clayton Parks, Word Hudson, Garrett Smith, Phillip Stephens, Davis Jimenez, Bryce Smith, Jessie Vaquera, and Ryan San Miguel. The boys are coached by Cades Pope, Keith Hudson, Marty Parks and Edward San Miguel.

Minor League All-Stars slide into second in Eldorado



Sonora's Minor League All-Stars finished second in the Plateau Classic Tournament in Eldorado, June 10, 11, and 12, 2004. Coached by Lynn Hinsley and John Lopez (back) are: (front) Darien Lopez, Hunter Hughes, Tyler Smith, Chance Campbell and Jason Alaman; (center) Nelson Black, Jared Hinsley, John Lopez, Nolan Kinder, Josque Dominguez, Aaron Hinsley and Cody Barber.

Leadership from page 1

fessor at New York University's Steinhardt School of Education. He described proven, effective strategies that support teaching and learning and explored how data can be used to help positively transform the culture and structure of schools.

Steve Constantino, Friday's general session speaker, is an assistant professor of educational leadership at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. In his presentation, Do Well, Be Safe, Feel Loved: Engaging Families in the Academic Lives of Children, he shared his belief in the power of creating family engagement programs to promote the academic achievement of all students.

In-depth sessions were led on such topics as trustee involvement in the legislative process, effective facilitation skills, productive meetings, team buildings, key duties of the board president, and parliamentary procedures. Additional in-depth sessions covered the basics of boardmanship, district governance, planning, accountability, school law, budget, and finance. Other breakout sessions examined board dynamics, media relations, superintendent evaluations, bond elections, the Open Meetings Act, and teacher appraisals.

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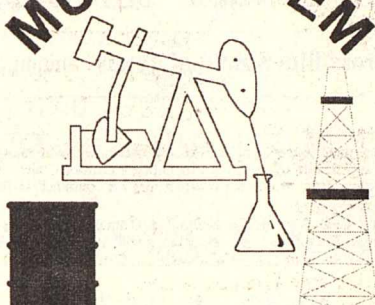
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Cade Walker Kneuper is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother **Cash Brantley Kneuper**. He was born May 18, 2004 in Fredericksburg, Texas. Cash weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 21 1/2" long. Parents are Jenny and Charles Kneuper. Maternal Grandparents are Dennis and Becky Purvis of Sonora, TX. Paternal Grandparents are Gerald and Tammy Kneuper of Medina, TX. Maternal Great-Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purvis of Abilene, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker of Robert Lee, Texas. Paternal Great-Grandparents are Mrs. Mona Seale of Medina, Texas and Mrs. R.H. Reeh of Rio Medina, Texas.



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Appreciation of the Angora goat



by **Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent - Ag**

As it's time for the annual wool show and judging contests in Sonora, my attention has been drawn to sheep and goats, the long-time staple for this area. Although Angora goats are not as numerous as they once were, I thought it might be good to briefly discuss this animal that meant so much to ranching in the Edward's Plateau. Though it's certainly not news to Sonora natives, newer arrivals may find it interesting.

Angora goats are believed to have originated in the Himalaya Mountains of Asia. They found their way to Turkey, where the name Angora was taken from Ankara, the name of the province where the goats were first bred. Angora goats were introduced into South Africa in 1838 and brought to the United States in 1848. The flock imported into the states consisted of seven does and two bucks. This importation began the U.S. mohair production.

Angora goats are white and have a single-coated fleece which is called mohair. The Angora goat has been bred primarily for its fleece which is used in the quality textile field. The fleece grows continuously at a rate of about 1 inch per month. An adult goat can produce between 8-16 pounds of mohair per year. Angoras are

primarily browsing animals, thriving best where there is a good cover of brush, weeds, and grass and can be used for biological control of brush and weeds in range improvement programs. As such, these goats are adapted to a dry, mild climate.

Mohair can be used in the upholstery and apparel trades. Its particular characteristics are that it dyes to vibrant shades, retains its shape, sheds dirt and imparts a 'sheen' onto finished articles. So what else does mohair offer? Insulation - Hollow fibers do not conduct heat, providing good insulation even when wet. Durability - Mohair fibers can be twisted and bent without sustaining damage. Comfort - Mohair fabric and yarn are non-irritating, even to people with sensitive skin. Elasticity - Mohair can be stretched up to 30 percent and will spring back to shape.

So the next time you're driving down the road and see one of these animals, you may see them in a new light.

For additional information on cattle, sheep, or goats, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

June gardening tips are available on the Sutton County Ag & Horticulture newsletter also found at this site. Just click on "newsletters" and then on "ag & natural resources".

Deer workshop scheduled July 8-10 in Sonora

by **Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu**

SONORA -- A workshop focusing on the tools, techniques and strategies used in deer habitat management is scheduled July 8-10 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Sonora.

The Restore and Manage Deer Habitat workshop will provide information on developing a habitat "that's pleasing to the ranch owner and best suited for the deer population," said Ray Hinnant, one of the academy instructors and a senior research associate with the Experiment Station.

"Deer harvest can be an economic incentive for some, while others may be devoted to providing deer habitat for the pleasure of the owners or increasing resale value," he said.

"Developing sustainable restoration strategies is one of

the most important decisions one can make. Providing habitat that is natural in appearance and provides the necessary nutrition for the deer herd is a worthy goal."

Participants will learn about important native plants, ecological concepts, interaction with livestock, habitat inventory methods for deer numbers and ratios, as well as pasture condition and current use.

Deer nutrition, the use of prescribed burn programs to create desired plant habitat, ways to manage high fences, and exotic interactions will also be discussed. Workshop participants will learn in an outdoor environment. Cost is \$395. Space is limited and early registration is recommended.

To register or for more information, Hinnant at (979) 845-5580, or go to <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm/>. 387-2855 or 387-5084

TPWD Proposes Increasing Civil Restitution Values

AUSTIN, Texas — For the first time since 1985 for most wildlife species, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is proposing increasing civil restitution values that violators are assessed when they illegally kill wildlife.

Kris Bishop, Assistant Chief of Fisheries Enforcement, recently briefed the TPWD Commission on proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code.

In 1985, the Texas Legislature passed amendments to the Parks & Wildlife Code by adding Ch. 12.301... "A person who kills, catches, takes, pos-

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Texas Cooperative Extension set rainwater capture meeting

by **Steve Byrns, s-byrns@tamu.edu**

SAN ANGELO -- Texas Cooperative Extension will hold a "Rainwater Capture Meeting" at 7 p.m., June 29 in the San Angelo Convention Center.

John Begnaud, Extension Horticulturist in Tom Green County and a meeting coordinator, said interest in rainwater capture is increasing, especially as a way to supplement existing water sources for landscape irri-

gation.

"The topic can apply to city dwellers as well as country folk," said Begnaud. "One inch of rain collected over a 1,000-square-foot roof yields 600 gallons of fresh water. That's a substantial amount in dry West Texas where every drop counts."

Billy Kniffen, Extension agriculture agent in Menard County and a rainwater capture expert, will discuss procedures

and equipment, as well as storage and application, for irrigation and in-home use. He uses a rainwater-capture system at his own home.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information and copies of resource material on rainwater capture, contact Toni Fox, San Angelo Water Conservation Coordinator, at 657-4506 or Begnaud at 659-6528.

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A public hearing regarding an Unsafe Building Code Violation at 203 N. Crockett Ave., was called to order. Based on prior discussions regarding the property, the council set a deadline of 60 days for the unsafe building to be demolished.

Budget workshops were set for July 12 with Sutton County and July 20 with the City Manager, Brent Gesch.

Mayor Lopez advised the council that she had spoken with two people regarding the Ward 2 position open on the council. She said the Fred Perez was interested and agreed to take the position if so appointed. A motion was then made and approved to appoint Perez as the Ward 2 councilmember for the one year remainder of the term.

A donation of a food slicer was accepted for the Senior Center.

Mayor Lopez asked that the executive session regarding the annual evaluation of the city manager be tabled until next month, so that a form could be drafted for the evaluations. The council agreed to table the evaluations.

Before adjourning, Mayor Lopez asked that the City Manager provide memos regarding an update on the mosquito spraying and street paving situations. The council agreed that the topic of mosquitoes has drawn many concerns and phone calls and the problem needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Gesch said that currently there were still no employees in compliance with the restrictions on using the mosquito spray chemicals, but they were working on rectifying the problem so that the spraying could begin.

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sesses, or injures any fish, shellfish, reptile, amphibian, bird or animal in violation of this code, or a proclamation or regulation adopted under this code is liable to the state for the value of each fish, shellfish, reptile, amphibian, bird or animal unlawfully killed, caught, taken, possessed or injured."

The recovery value of injured and destroyed wildlife is determined on a per animal basis under rules adopted by the commission. For each animal, a value is assigned for each of eight scoring criteria (Recreation, Aesthetics, Educational, Scarcity, Environmental Tolerance, Economics, Recruitment and Ecological Role). The value of trophy wildlife species is determined by a formula based on the animal's Boone & Crockett score.

The current values by which restitution amounts for wildlife species are calculated have not been changed since 1985, with the exception of the rules governing the value of trophy wildlife species, which were adopted in 1996. Since then economic factors such as inflation and real-dollar equivalence have eroded the deterrent power of the current amounts, Bishop said, in addition the cost to the department of administering and enforcing the rules has increased for the same economic reasons.

The proposed amendment to change values is to the Texas Administrative Code. The amendment also removes references to elk, because the Texas Legislature in 1997 designated elk as an exotic species and the department no longer possesses any regulatory authority on it.

Staff has been directed to consider an adjustment to the amounts used in the current formulas for White-tailed and Mule Deer, Pronghorn Antelope and Desert Bighorn Sheep.

"If these recommendations are passed, the only people affected will be those who have damaged a wildlife resource so I do not foresee an abundance of opposition being voiced. But we do welcome any and all public comment," Bishop said.

The proposal will go to the Texas Register for public comment. Comments about the proposed rules may be submitted to Bishop, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744; (512) 389-4630; e-mail: kris.bishop@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Tanning—Indoors and Out—Linked to Skin Cancer

Tan or Burn: The Connections with Skin Cancer Get Stronger

In the year since Americans last swarmed the beaches on summer vacation, scientists have uncovered more proof that UVA rays from the sun and from tanning devices raise one's risk of developing skin cancer. This and other new findings confirm what dermatologists have long said, that you don't need to burn to permanently damage your skin—just tanning does the job, too.

The strongest new evidence against indoor tanning comes from Scandinavian research about melanoma published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute (Vol. 95, No. 20: 1530-1538). In that study, researchers found that:

* Women who tanned in a salon once a month or more at any age had a 55% greater risk of melanoma than women who didn't visit tanning salons.

* Melanoma risk was 21/2 times greater for women who visited tanning salons at least once a month between the ages 20 and 29 compared with those who didn't.

Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, now strikes twice as many Americans as it did 30 years ago and is still on the rise. Increased exposure to UV light is probably responsible—but it's been difficult to prove without a large, long-term, prospective study to ferret out each possible cause of skin cancer.

Is There a Safe Way to Tan?

While researchers seek science-based answers, tanning salon operators freely claim their equipment provides a "safe tan" or a "base tan" that can protect people from later sunburns. And from the teen years through their 20s, young women seem to be buying it. A recent study showed that by age 19 nearly half (47%) of white women had used a tanning booth three or more times.

How UV light causes cancer

"UV radiation seems to be the cause of all three common skin cancers—basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. It is thought to induce skin cancers by three mechanisms: First, ultraviolet light directly damages DNA, leading to mutations; second, it produces activated oxygen molecules that in turn damage DNA and other cellular structures; and third, it leads to a localized immunosuppression, thus blocking the body's natural anti-cancer defenses." —Skin Cancer Foundation

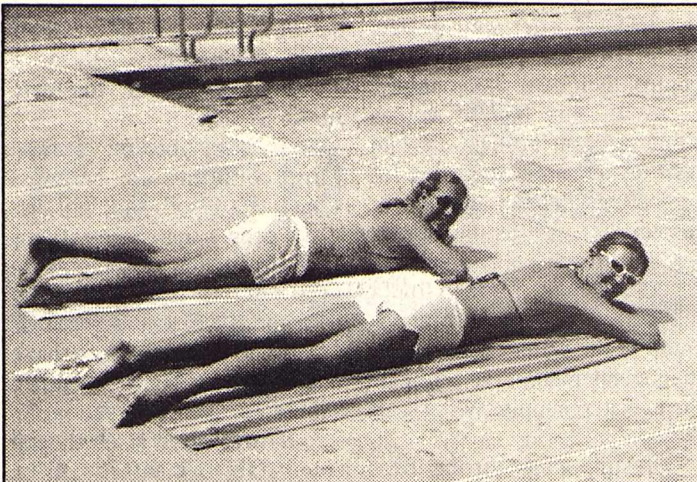
"There's a whole tanning industry that's trying to promote ultraviolet exposure as a good thing and that's a problem," said Martin Weinstock, MD, chair of the ACS Skin Cancer Advisory Group.

In fair-skinned people, a tan provides about the same protection as a weak SPF4 sunscreen. "The problem is in order to get that so-called base tan, they're getting UV radiation. And then if they go out in the sun later they're getting even more radiation than they would have gotten otherwise, because they would have been afraid of the sun," explained Weinstock.

"There is no such thing as a safe tan," writes Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, MD, in an American Academy of Dermatology publication. "A tan is the skin's response to an injury, and every time you tan you accumulate damage to the skin, as well as accelerate the aging process and increase your risk for skin cancer."

Scientists Uncover the Dark Side of UVA Light

The main type of light used for indoor tanning, ultraviolet "A," does not produce a sunburn



Is there a safe way to tan?

and until recently, it wasn't conclusively linked to skin cancer. But in March 2004, Australian scientists reported a dark side to UVA. Their findings were published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The team examined DNA from two types of skin cancer, and found evidence that UVA caused mutations (damage) deep in the basal layer, a critical part of the skin where new cells are made. UVB mutations were found in a more superficial layer of skin.

Scientists knew that UVA reached deeper skin layers than UVB light, but thought it was less likely to damage cell DNA. Now it appears UVA rays can cause substantial damage . . . and damaged DNA can lead to cancer.

Study authors suggested that people should change their habits to avoid overexposure to UVA radiation, whether it comes from the sun or an artificial source like a tanning bed.

Examine Your Skin Monthly

Dermatologists recommend doing a skin check monthly, so you'll be more likely to notice small changes and to find a skin cancer when it's still small. People with darker skin tones, such as African-Americans, need to check their palms, fingernails, and feet carefully.

The best time to examine your skin is after a shower or bath. Check yourself in a well-lit room using both a full-length and a handheld mirror.

Become familiar with your birthmarks, moles, and blemishes so you know what they usually look like and then can easily identify any changes they undergo. Signs to look for are changes in size, texture, shape, and color of blemishes or a sore that does not heal. If you find any changes, see your doctor or health care provider. Also, during regular checkups, ask your doctor to check your skin.

ABCD Rule to Check Moles and Birthmarks

The ABCD rule is a convenient guide to help identify signs of melanoma. Be on the lookout for and notify your physician about any changes in the following:

* A is for ASYMMETRY: Half of a mole or birthmark does not match the other.

* B is for BORDER: The edges are irregular, ragged, notched, or blurred.

* C is for COLOR: The color is not the same all over, but may have differing shades of brown or black, sometimes with patches of red, white, or blue.

* D is for DIAMETER: The area is larger than 6 millimeters (about 1/4 inch—the size of a pencil eraser) or is growing larger.

The most important warning sign for skin cancer is a spot on the skin that is changing in size, shape, or color over a period of one month to one or two years.

Four Ways to Protect Your Skin

"Slip! Slop! Slap! . . . and Wrap" is a catchphrase for kids that works well for adults too. It reminds people to use four key methods to protect themselves. Slip on a shirt, slop on sun-

screen, slap on a hat, and wrap on sunglasses to protect the eyes and sensitive skin around them from ultraviolet light.

Tips for Correct Use of Sunscreen

For maximum effectiveness, apply a sunscreen that blocks both UVB and UVA light 20 to 30 minutes before going outside. Be generous in the amount you use and use a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. About one ounce of sunscreen should be used to cover the arms, legs, neck, and face of the average adult. Less is needed for a child. For best results, most sunscreens need to be reapplied every two hours and immediately after swimming or sweating heavily. Remember that sunscreen usually rubs off when you towel yourself dry.

The UV Index (Sunny Day Forecast)

The UV index, on a scale of 0 to 10+, measures the amount of ultraviolet radiation reaching the ground during an hour around 12:00 noon. The higher the number, the greater the exposure to UV radiation. On a typical sunny spring day, the UV index will rise to high (7,8,9) or very high (10+). For a fair-skinned person, sun damage can begin in 15 minutes without protection.

Beyond Sunscreen

Seeking shade, wearing tightly woven clothing, and avoiding the intense sun from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. are important ways to protect yourself from sunlight and skin cancer.

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What You Need to Know About Bacteria In Your Water

Private water well owners are in a unique position. They control their own water supply.

With this benefit comes some responsibilities. Private well owners are responsible for protecting their ground water resource as well as their families' health.

Occasionally, based on a news report or the color or smell of the water, well owners may wonder about the safety of their water supply. What can they do?

Testing water for the most common well contaminants is the best course of action. The following information from the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) also may answer some of your questions:

How common are water problems?

"Pure" water does not exist-all natural water contains some gases and minerals, and is likely to contain some microbial organisms. Most water bacteria are harmless and many are actually beneficial.

I've heard about coliform bacteria. What are they?

Coliform bacteria originate as organisms in soil or vegetation and in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals (fecal coli). The many sources of fecal pollution include runoff from woodlands, pastures and feedlots; septic tanks and

sewage plants; and animals (wild or domestic).

Will coliform bacteria make us sick?

Maybe, maybe not. Most coliforms are harmless residents of soil and will not make people sick. Some strains of E. coli, the most common fecal coliform bacterium, may be pathogens.

Some found in food have been lethal. Their presence should be taken very seriously.

If my water is clear and smells OK, is it safe?

You cannot directly smell unsafe bacteria or protozoa. They can only be detected using tests designed for that purpose. Therefore water quality should be checked regularly.

NGWA recommends an annual check of water quality and well maintenance, unless changes in water quality suggest the need to test the water at a lesser interval. For instance, some sources of odors are bacteria or septic, or the presence of chemicals. It is a good idea to take your nose seriously. Have the water tested.

What is the "iron bacteria" problem?

Better described as iron biofouling, it consists of biofilms, which include living and dead bacteria, their sheaths, stalks, secretions and other

leavings, and embedded metal hydroxide particles. "Iron bacteria" is one type of biofouling among several, including the white sulfur slime of sulfur springs. Manganese and even aluminum biofouling also is found in ground water systems. These biofilms are natural and usually harmless. Natural iron biofouling often acts as a preliminary iron filter in wells and therefore can serve a positive function as well.

Biofouling can be a nuisance, however. Generally, iron biofouling is the cause of iron buildup in wells and pipes.

If I have bacteria in my well, where do they come from?

Many types of bacteria are native or adapted to saturated sediments and rock, and are present in significant numbers in most water supply aquifers, even deep formations. Given time and a route (soil and rock provide plenty of both), bacteria will migrate into and take up housekeeping in an aquifer. "Non-native" coliform bacterial or "protozoa" of potential health concerns, such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium, are most likely introduced from the surface.

What do we do about this problem?

If possible, do whatever it

takes to correct the problem in your existing system. Sometimes this may even involve a new well and water inlet system away from the source of contamination.

What's the best way to maintain my good water supply?

You should have your water tested annually for radon, bacteria and anything else of concern to you, even if you do not perceive a change in your water. Have your water tested by a qualified laboratory. They are listed in your phone book under "Water Testing" or "Laboratories."

The question of whether or not to have water tested is a serious one that concerns the health of the families who use it. Those who obtain drinking water from privately owned wells are responsible for assuring that it is safe.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact a local ground water contractor or the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. You can find an NGWA member contractor near you by going to www.wellownr.org and clicking on "Contractor Lookup" at the top of the page.

Beware of Scholarship Scams

By Greg Abbott

Attorney General of Texas

The price of a college education has increased drastically in recent years. Tuition, books and living expenses are at all time highs.

Naturally, parents and students have been looking for creative ways to find the financial resources to fund a college education. Unfortunately, these quests for financial assistance have given rise to opportunities for scam artists to prey on parents and students.

My office receives numerous complaints from consumers being "scammed" by individuals and companies selling scholarship and financial aid services. The last thing you need is to lose what money you do have in savings for college to a phony scholarship opportunity.

Most recently we received word from several consumers who each paid \$1000 to a company called the College Funding Center that promised to help find scholarship opportunities. The company went out of business and consumers received absolutely nothing for their money. The Federal Trade Commission has taken legal action against this company.

Consumers should use extreme caution when considering a company that offers scholarship-finding services or financial aid loans. Be wary if you encounter promises like this:

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There are no guaranteed scholarships. Each year, hundreds and even thousands of students apply for the same scholarships. While you may very well be a strong candidate for a scholarship, don't believe anyone who makes guarantees.

Claims to have special hard-to-get insider information on scholarships are usually false, too. A company may have a database or list of scholarships and grants that is has compiled. But this is information they have gathered through research, not because it has special access to information not available to other people.

A college education is too important to risk being taken advantage of by unscrupulous businesses or individuals.

Giving out personal information such as credit card or bank account numbers to unknown or questionable business is never a good idea. Anytime anyone asks for sensitive financial information, you should remember that in this day and age, identity crime is a constant threat.

Some companies may offer financial aid loans for a fee paid in advance. The fee may range from hundreds to thousands of dollars. If someone guarantees or strongly suggests that they can get a loan or credit for you, it's against the law for them to request or accept payment until you actually get the loan or credit.

Be aware that there are entirely bogus companies that will collect a fee up front and then simply abscond with your money. Legitimate lenders never guarantee or say that you are likely to get a loan or credit card before reviewing your application.

If you attend a seminar on scholarships or financial aid, take your time and don't fall for high pressure sales tactics. Research the company and thoroughly investigate "success stories." Contact an actual former customer if possible. Don't purchase from anyone who is reluctant to answer questions. Ask how much money will be charged for the service and ask about refunds.

News From the Neighbors

Gunfighters to compete at Alamo Village

Start making plans to attend Alamo Village Movie Location's Fifth Annual Gunfighter Competition and a day of good ol' family fun to be held Saturday, July 3rd from 9AM to 6PM.

Gunfighter teams from throughout Texas will be competing and numerous awards will be given out, including ones for Best Overall Performance, Best Actor, Best Actress and Most Authentic Costume.

Other events include a variety of children's games. Alamo Village's own Tejas Band featuring Ben Padilla of Monument, New Mexico and Scooter Bullard of Capitan, New Mexico will provide live music. There will be BBQ for lunch and good food and drinks all day. "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 1957-1959 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 here. 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") and award winning actor R. Lee Ermy.

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, two gift shops and a full service restaurant among 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.

Eldorado's "Running of the Bull" Festival looking for tall tale tellers

Our neighbors to the north are looking for our best story tellers to compete in the "Running of the Bull" Festival, July 24-25, 2004. The annual Bull Shooting competition will be held in conjunction with a car show, arts, crafts, food and games, for a weekend of fun.

Tentative categories of Bull Shooting competition include: COCK & BULL - Biggest Lie; COMEDY - Musical Ditties, Routines; DOG & PONY SHOWS - Animal acts, Costuming, Impersonations, Skits & Stunts; EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING on given subject; FLIM FLAM - Legal Mumbo Jumbo, Longest Talker w/o stopping, Salesmanship-medicine show, used cars, etc.;

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Only those categories with interest will be contested, with trophies awarded in each. Entries judged by entertainment value, by a distinguished panel of judges that will rate audience reaction. Rules, entry form, map and further details available upon request from shoot-thebull@hotmail.com.

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time, the top two Canadian competitors in every event also have been invited to compete at the CNFR.

These college athletes will compete for national titles in saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, and goat tying. In addition, the students also compete for over \$200,000 in scholarships from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. Scholarship Awards Program.

The 2004 CNFR takes place in the Casper Events Center June 13-20. The rodeo began on Sunday, June 13, with a special round stock round in the afternoon. The remainder of slack will be held Monday and Tuesday beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Evening performances are held on Tuesday through Saturday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Several portions of the CNFR -- including the Saturday championship round -- will be televised on College Sports Television. Check your local listings for times.

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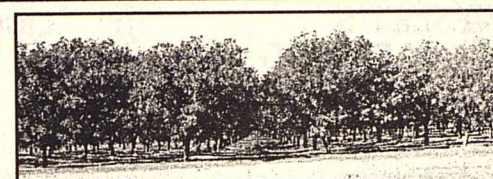


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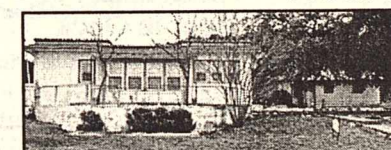
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Girls learn hunter safety at McPherson Ranch

by Rodney Knight

The Girl's Hunter Safety Camp, sponsored by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. and the McPherson 4M Ranch, was held June 7-10, 2004. Things started off on a couple bad notes, when six of the eighteen girls did not show, and then Maggie Davis, who was to chaperon the girls, got sick. Abby Gesch came a day early and saved us.

Twelve girls attended the camp and received their Hunter's Safety certification. They included Madison Burney and Amanda Henrich from Mason; Brandy Simpson, Breanne Munn, Holly Hudson from Miles; Ashton Johnson, Jayme Begnaud, Jordan Sefcik, Kristen Sefcik, Allyson Seider from San Angelo; Jennifer Tunal from Midland; and Kelli Criner from Mertzon. They ranged in ages from 12 to 16.

Every year I brag on how great the girls were, and this year was no different. The wardens couldn't get over how fast the camp went because these girls were no trouble at all and really got into all of the activities. Maria, the General, decided to put Brandy Simpson in charge of the bunkhouse until Abby arrived. Will Allison, Game Warden from Sonora, said "Maria, you just put a 13-year-old girl in charge. Brandy is tall and we all thought she was 16. The 13-year-old girl took charge and did a great job."

The girls learned gun safety and handling while shooting .22 caliber rifles, 20 gauge shotguns and 38 special, .357 magnum, and .40 S&W pistols. They were instructed by Game Wardens, Marco Alvizo, Michael Jamarillo, Mat Adams, and Will Allison; Game Warden Captains, Scott Davis of Midland and Dough Norman of San Angelo; and retired Game Warden Rodney Knight. We did learn something new, according to one girl, when asked what it said on the shotgun shell. We



A great group of teachers and students at the 2004 girls hunter safety camp.

learned we were shooting 20 GALLON shells, instead of 20 gauge shells!

The proper techniques and safety of archery was taught by retired Game Warden, Gary Dick and local rancher, Marvin Shurley. This year Marvin brought a longbow and a cross-bow to camp, which he had bought just so the kids could see and shoot one first hand.

Mary Humphrey, TPWD Game Biologist, instructed the girls in wildlife management, identification and hunting ethics.

Jim Stephen and Preston Love taught the muzzleloading sections. They showed the girls the different types of rifles and how to safely handle them. Each girl was allowed to shoot at balloons. It seems like each year I need bigger balloons when Jim shoots!!

Everything was going great until Wednesday afternoon, when the girls were running some laps around the bunkhouse, (it helps the grown-ups sleep at night). Abby decided to join them and tripped and fell while running. She dislocat-

ed the big bone in her forearm and broke the small one. She had to go to San Angelo for surgery. It really upset the girls because they all loved Abby.

All of a sudden, NO Chaperon! A very special thanks to Mary Humphrey, who came to our rescue and stayed with the girls. THANK YOU!

I think the girls really enjoyed themselves, between all the potato salad they ate, swimming in the catfish pond, (I was the one with the big blue life jacket on), and firing over 1700 rounds of ammunition, they should have. Holly Hudson won the "Shoot the Balloons" contest and was awarded a special cap. The pocketknife for "Outstanding Camper" went to Amanda Henrich from Mason.

I want to thank the McPherson brothers, Sandy and Doug, for furnishing every thing and allowing me to give these girls an experience that I hope they will remember the rest of their lives. Thank you to Maria, "The General", who is the McPherson's secretary; the camp wouldn't be the same without her. Thanks so much

again from all the guys.

I would like to thank my fellow Game Wardens and Instructors, these people do an unbelievable job for me, also Laborde Diagnostics of Lafayette, LA. Rafter W Feed, the U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Dean Dermody, Steve Whiteaker, the new TPWD Commander in San Angelo, and Cody, the McPherson's Foreman, who had the camp looking great.

All these girls were great and special in their own ways. Kelli, the gymnast, who could do flips off the pier like you wouldn't believe. Holly, who was so small, could shoot anything she picked up and then there was Amanda, who happens to be Archie Crewelge's niece, was always grinning. One day I put my arm around her neck and asked her "do you grin all the time?" She looked up at me with these big eyes and said, "You don't want to be there when I'm not."

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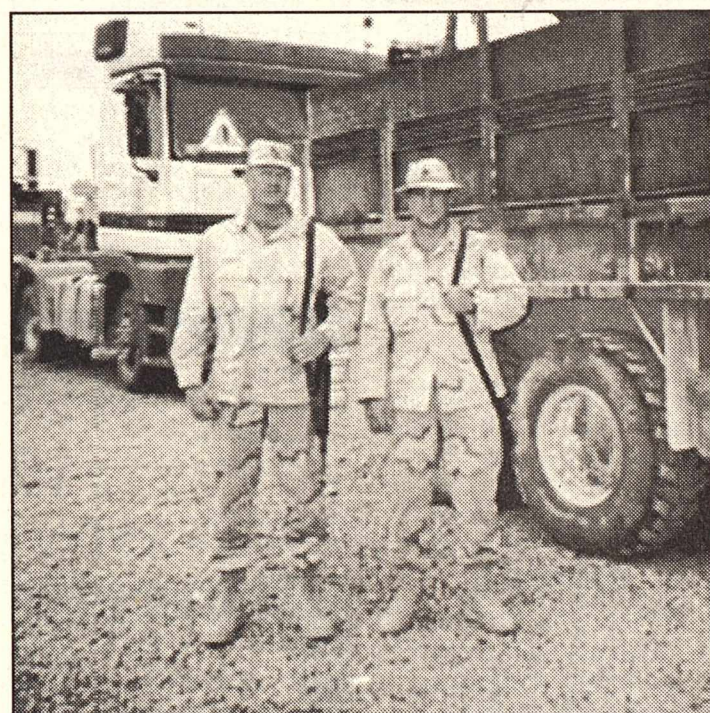
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The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays 8 - noon and Fridays 8 - noon. During the summer, the office will be open from 8-noon on Saturdays. The Miers Home Museum will be open on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sonora buddies, Kimbrell and Garrett, meet up in Kuwait



Scott Garrett of Sonora, is stationed in Kuwait, with the 1836th Transportation CO, Det. 1 out of Gatesville with the Texas Army National Guard. Jeff Kimbrell, formerly of Sonora, is stationed in Kuwait with the 96th Transportation Co. from Fort Hood. Scott and Jeff grew up together in Sonora and both graduated in Sonora. It is a great coincidence that the boys are in different parts of the Army, yet are at the same camp. Scott is the son of Roberta and Dod James and Jim and Margaret Garrett of Sonora. His wife, Donna, daughter, Kristin and son Levi live in Sonora. Jeff is the son of Becky Kimbrell and the late Jim Kimbrell formerly of Sonora. His wife, Jay J, daughter Chaskee, and sons Oakley, and Tanner live in Ft. Hood. Jeff returned home this week, but will have to return to Kuwait later in the year.

If you would like to send a care package to our boys in Kuwait contact Donna at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 387-2880.

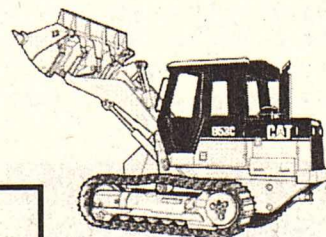
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