

The DRN Briefs

Choir Car Wash A car wash will be held Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sutton County National Bank parking lot. Donations will be accepted for High School Choir students planning to attend camp this summer.

Homecoming Meeting A Homecoming Meeting will

be held on June 24, at 7:00 p.m., at the FNB Annex.

Prom Pictures

Students who purchased 1996 prom pictures may pick them up at the Sonora High School office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Summer Reading Program The Sutton County Library Summer Reading Program began June 3 and will continue through July 24. Ages 4 and 5 will meet on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Ages 6 and up will meet on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. There will be games, arts, crafts, and prixes for books read! The program will be held at the Sonora Vocational Building on 805 Prospect St. for more information call the Library at 387-2111.

Blood Drive For Steve Tackel

A blood drive for Steve Tackel will be held on Thurday, June 27, 1996, al Louis Dreyfus from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tri-Vacation Bible School

Louis Dreyfus Hosts Benefit **Blood Drive For Steve Tackel**

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submitted by Jodie Luttrell

United Blood Services of are busy with summer activities, San Angelo will conduct a blood drive Thursday, June 27 at Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas from 10:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.until 7:00 p.m. This will be a replacement drive for Steve surgeries don't take vacations; Tackel.

Donors are asked to bring positive identification and to know the name of any medication they are taking. Appointments are available by contacting UBS San Angelo at (800) 756-0024. UBS hopes to draw around 50 donors at this annual blood drive. A meal will be provided for donors or those who attempt to donate.

UBS representatives say summer is a particularly critical time for the blood supply.

July 4th Fun In Sonora

submitted by Sharon Key

The Sonora Merchants Association Main Street and Hwy. 277 Committees are anxiously preparing for a special July 4th at the Courthouse Lawn. A day filled with live musical entertainment, a special flag raising ceremony, a patriotic magic show and games for all ages is in the works. It's all set to begin at 11:00 a.m. on July 4th.

Everyone is encouraged to either bring a sack lunch or buy a reserve champions will be recogsausage on a stick from the Main Street committee and take part in the fun. Lemonade and iced tea will be available for twenty-five Association will be the

cents a cup.

Tyson said.

questions.

A first "American Pie Challenge" will test the apple pie cooking skills of Main Street Merchants (or faithful employees) against merchants doing business on Hwy. 277 (or anywhere else in Sonora). In addition to the challenge, other Sutton County residents can take part by entering their favorite apple pie in the open division contest. 'Grand champions and nized in both divisions.

Also taking place to benefit the Sonora Merchants

Sonora Hosts AJRA Rodeo submitted

" Many of our regular donors such as vacationing or just moving the lawn." said Angie Tyson, UBS San Angelo Community Representative. "Unfortunately, accidents and the need is still there, but the sup-Donors are also reminded to drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages and eat well-balanced "We're looking very forward to the Louis Dreyfus drive. Louis Dreyfus and the Sonora community have proven to be true bene-Tyson urges interested donors to contact UBS with any

Don McCalister will entertain the crowd at The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater's opening week-end. Crockett County Sheriff, Jim Wilson will host the show and serenade.

Covered Wagon Dinner Theater Kicks Off '96 Season

Tri-Vacation Bible School needs buttons for craft projects, Any size, shape, or color button youcan donate will be appreciated. Buttons are needed by July, 10. Drop off boxes are at the post office, library, and city hall.

Diabetic Clinic

The Texas Department of Health at 1005 Eaton, sonora, iwll be conducting Glucose (Blood Sugar) checks on June 21, 1996, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Diabetics Education classes will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Englich. If you are a diabetic, have a family member that is a diabetic, or just wish to know more about diabetes, you are welcome to come. For more information, call 387-2234 or 387-5720.

Library Donations

Please mail tax deductible contributions for the Sutton County Library to: Sonora Woman's Club Library Association, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950. Cash donations may be taken to the library, located at 805 Prospect, (school Vocational Building) where a receipt will be given.

Social Security Bulletin Garland Gregg, represetative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Tuesday, June 25th, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security

The American Junior Rodeo Association comes to Sonora this Thursday through Saturday for three rodeo performances at the County Arena. The AJRA is one of the largest rodeo associations in Texas. The AJRA features young cowgirls and cowboys competing in the sport of rodeo.

The AJRA Rodeo begins this Thursday night, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. The rodeo continues Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. Come out, eat supper at the concession stand, and support our area cowgirls and cowboys at this exciting three-day event.

Save The Woolen Mill!

The Old Eldorado Woolen Mill Association invites you to attend a free barbecue on Friday, June 21, 1996, at 6:00 p.m at the Courthouse Square in Eldorado. There will be live entertainment provided along with volleyball and homemade ice cream. Donations will also be accepted.

While at the event, purchase a ticket to win a 1996 Ford F-150 XL from Broncho Ford, Sonora. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The winner could be you! There will also be special prizes awarded for each new ticket holder!

Come, enjoy a meal, and hear about all the exciting developments concerning the drive to "Save the Woolen Mill."

The Outdoor Drama Group begins its 1996 season of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theatre this weekend, Saturday, June 22. This enjoyable evening outdoors has become an annual event that everyone anxiously awaits. The Dinner Theater is held at the Caverns of Sonora Outdoor Amphitheater and runs through Saturday, August 10. A variety of entertainment is provided each week along with a delicious meal and friendly camaraderie.

For its opening night, the Outdoor Drama Group is proud to present Mr. Jim Wilson, the 'Serenadin' Sheriff' from Crockett County, as host, as well as Don McCalister, Jr., country singer and songwriter, as the

guest performer.

Don McCalister, Jr. of Austin writes and sings border ballads, Texas Swing, and songs about life and love in the South. A veteran of the music business for over 28 years, McCalister's fluid tenor and solid grasp of style produces an even-handed delivery of country spiced with jazz. He has a gentle, underwrought voice that sounds more friendly than anything else. It's easy to imagine him as your next-door neighbor, strumming tunes on the front porch swing. His smooth, swinging country style delivered with a light, jazzy touch brings a mixture of original gems, country swing classics, and torchy contemporary ballads to life. He

seems to inspire folks with his charisma, style, and love for country swing music.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater is entertainment for the whole family with great food and fun. Plan on an evening"out" each Saturday this summer at the Caverns of Sonora Outdoor Amphitheater, at I-10, Exit 392, Caverns of Sonora Road. The show begins at 7:00 p.m and admission is \$5.00 for adults and children (12 and under) are free. Dinner is catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse and is served at 6:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (55 plus), and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). For information and seating, call 387-3105.

59th Annual Sonora Wool And Mohair Show And 34th Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest Award Recipients



Sonora Wool and Mohair Show and Thirty-Fourth Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest were held in Sonora June 11-12-13, 1996.

Various businesses and organizations had booths on Wednesday at the Woolhouse. Those that participated were The Caverns of Sonora, Sutton County Days Association, Mohair Designs-Comfort, Texas, Old Eldorado Woolen Mill Association, Barbara Earwood, Ol' Sonora Trading Company, International Textile, Ken & Mary Rowland, Col. Jim Stephen, Tim Turner-Lamb Tasting, Image, Sutton County 4-H Food Booth, and the band-Milton Cavaness, Leroy Valliant, John and Patt. Strauch, and Oscar Galindo.

Awards were presented following the national contest on

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Thursday. The ceremony was sponsored by the Sonora Lion's Club and Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

> Award winners from Sonora present at the ceremony were (pictured at left) back row from left to right: Coach Glen Fisher, David Fisher, Brad Mogford, Shawna Faris, Thomas Schenkel, Coach Preston Faris. Front row from left to right: Landon Brockman, Thia McKissack, Koda Armke, Graham Bloodworth, Josh Payton, Thomas Bloodworth, Chance Armke, and Coach Tom Payton. Not pictured were Jarred Percifull, Justin Morley, and Ashley Brockman.

Junior Division 1996 Wool Single Fleeces-12Months Champion Commercial Wool continued on page 6 Page 2 • The Devil's River News • Thursday, June 20, 1996

Card of Thanks I would like to acknowledge those that inquired about my recent surgery and hospital stay. Your prayers and thoughts are certainly appreciated. I am recovering very well at this time. Thank you. Bobby J. Granger



Card of Thanks The Pony League Braves would like to thank the following spon-

sors for their support of the Bike Raffle: Pool Company, Phillips 66, Triangle Tire Service, Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Service, Inc., Sam Mata, Tommy Van Winkle, and Sonic.

Thank you for sponsoring the Bike Raffle and all your help. The Pony League Braves



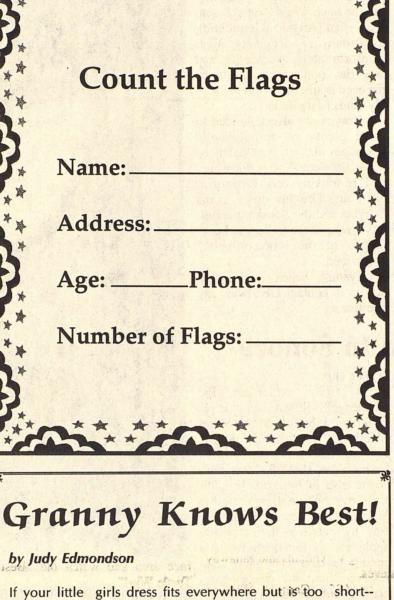
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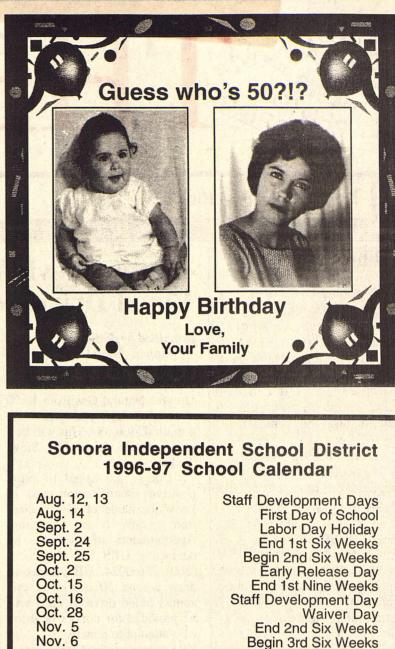
Granny

sleeves to make a more "together"look.

Ashley Bible is pictured above holding the winning flag in the

Count the Flags Promotion kickoff. She won a Father's Day gift

donated by Westerman Drug.



Aug. 12, 13	Staff Development Days
Aug. 14	First Day of School
Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 24	End 1st Six Weeks
Sept. 25	Begin 2nd Six Weeks
Oct. 2	Early Release Day
Oct. 15	End 1st Nine Weeks
Oct. 16	Staff Development Day
Oct. 28	Waiver Day
Nov. 5	End 2nd Six Weeks
Nov. 6	Begin 3rd Six Weeks
Nov. 13	Early Release Day
Nov. 27, 28, 29	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 19	End 2nd Nine Weeks;
200.10	End 3rd Six Weeks
Dec. 20	Staff Development Day
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 6	Begin 2nd Semester
Jan. 15	Early Release Day
Feb. 14	Speech Meet;
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Feb. 17	
Mar. 5	Begin 5th Six Weeks
Mar. 14	Early Release Day
	End 3rd Nine Weeks
Mar. 27, 28, 31	Spring Holiday
Apr. 4	End 5th Six Weeks
Apr. 7	Begin 6th Six Weeks
Apr. 11	Spring Holiday
Apr. 16	Early Release Day
May 5	Spring Holiday
May 22	End 4th Nine Weeks;
Maria Constant and a second	End 6th Six Weeks
May 23	Staff Development Day
May 24	Graduation Day

Sonora

Community Calendar

June 20 - 27

Thursday, June 20-22 AJRA - Rodeo grounds Friday, June 21 8:30-10:00 a.m. - Glucose (Blood Sugar) Check - TDH 1:00 p.m. - Diabetics Education Classes - TDH Saturday, June 22 Covered Wagon Dinner Theater Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Show - 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, June 25**

Garland Gregg representative for San Angelo Social Security will visit Sonora at the County Court house.

Thursday, June 27

Louis Dreyfus Blood Drive for Steve Tackel from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p. m.

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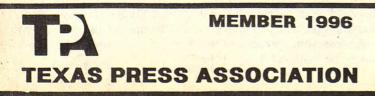
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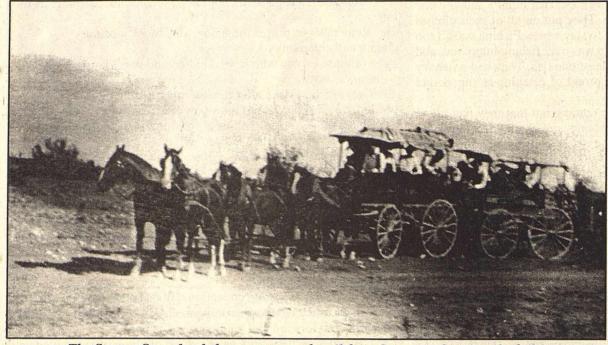
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Ask The Historical Society



The Sonora Stage hauled passengers and mail from Sonora to San Angelo daily.

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

Q. I just finished reading Dead Man's Walk by Larry McMurtry and am confused. Did Big Foot Wallace really die, as punishment for trying to capture Santa Fe, at a Convent San Lazaro Leper Colony, near El Paso?

A. First, I loved the book Dead Man's Walk. It is a wonderfully written piece of historical fiction. And there is the key word "fiction." A fictional book is a literary narrative which portrays imaginary characters or events. In order to make their stories more believable or set them in a certain time frame, fictional authors will use"poetic license" and add bits and pieces of real events and people. This does not mean what they say about these people or events is historically accurate. It is just an attempt on their part to set a time, place, and add a little sprinkling of characters people can associate with.

I would suggest you go to the library and look up Texas history and study the different expeditions. You will find a group did fail while trying to capture Santa scouting, ranch work, and work-Fe and you will find the story of ing in stores. He fought in the drawing white and black beans battle for the liberation of Texas under Mier Expedition (Big Foot from Mexico. He lived in San did draw a white bean). There is Antonio until 1839 then went to no rule that says you may only . Austin where he hewed logs, dug Chicon to raise cattle, hunt, trail read a history book when the wells and hunted and sold game. teacher assigns something in it. In the 1840's, he joined the Texas Pick some nonfiction books up at Rangers and was under Jack the library and enjoy reading about your state, country, and the world. It will be especially help- Expedition. Big Foot did not ful if you have been trying to answer questions in history classes using information derived from fictional TV series and

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Now on to Big Foot Wallace. William Alexander Anderson Wallace, commonly called "Big Foot" was born at 5:00 a.m. on April 3, 1817, in Lexington, Rockbridge Co., Virginia. He weighed 13 pounds at birth and in his prime stood 6 foot 2 inches in his moccasins and weighed in at 240 pounds. Big Foot's father was Andrew Wallace, and his mother was Jane Ann Blair. His brothers were James, Samuel, Joseph, Andrew, and Alexander. His sisters were Rebecca Jane (Seahorn), Elizabeth and Martha who died young, and a half-sis-

ter, Sarah (Varner). Big Foot's grandfather, Samuel Wallace, came to America from Scotland and settled in Virginia. It has been said that Big Foot's ancestry connects back to Sir William Wallace on his father's side and Robert Bruce on his grandmother's side. Samuel and his brothers William, James, and Adam all joined the Revolutionary Army but only Samuel survived the conflict. Big Foot came to Texas through Galveston and wandered around many different areas doing work where he could find it, hunting, Hays.

held prisoner there. When liberated, he was marched to Vera Cruz and shipped to New Orleans.

After many more escapades, Big Foot came back to Texas and settled on the Medina River in 1845 when he wasn't scouting for Indians. In 1850 Big Foot had a contract to deliver mail from San Antonio to El Paso, frontier all the way. The trip took a month and nearly 500 miles of it was an unsettled area full of Indians, outlaws, and assorted varmints. Big Foot finally quit the mail service and went back to Medina.

Big Foot didn't get to stay home for long, as Gov. P. H. Bell commissioned Wallace to raise a company of Rangers for the protection of Southwest Texas from incursions of hostile Indians; seventy-six men were raised. Big Foot became Captain Wallace. He finished this stint as a Ranger and went to his ranch on the Chicon and for a time raised cattle and horses but still engaged in scouting for Indians and runaway slaves.

In 1859 Captain Wallace decided to take a trip home to Virginia to see the family there. He also went to see Niagra Falls and Canada. He was once quoted as saying in regards to Canada "wouldn't give Texas for the whole shootin' match." He returned to his ranch in the Indians and take care of his dogs and guns. In 1861 Big Foot was chasing Comanches, and he stayed on the frontier during the Civil War to help protect women and children whose husbands and fathers were in the army. From 1878 to 1881 Big Foot lived on his land grant at Medina Co. above Bandera. Wallace Creek is

Thursday, June 20, 1996 • The Devil's River News • Page 3 **Shop Sonora First Promotion**

promotion began on Friday, the 14th of June. All customers should watch for participating merchants and take part in the opportunity to support Sonora to be eligible for prize give-a-ways at the July 4th celebration on the Courthouse Lawn. Remember to ask for your"card" before you make any purchases!

The participating merchants for the "Shop Sonora First" promotion are: Vallree's Bright Spot

The "Shop Sonora First" Fashions, Bright Spot Beauty Salon, Westerman Drug, Image Apparel, Doran's Furniture, PM Office Supply, Sutton County Leader, Merle Norman, Broncho Ford, Tedford Jewelry, Devil's River News, Sonora Sports, Sonora Wool & Mohair, NAPA Auto Parts, Foxworth-Galbraith, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Perry Bros., Ol' Sonora, B&C Dept. Store, Craft Cottage, and the Video Store.

Social Security Bulletin submitted

June brides should report their name change to Social Security. Too many brides forget to change their names with Social Security resulting in confusion when their earnings are reported for Social Security purposes under their new name. Social Security authorities note that many brides put it off because they mistakenly think there's a lot of paperwork involved. Actually, you can do most of it with a toll-free phone call. When you receive the application in the mall. send it back with proof of your old name and your new name. Or you can stop by any Social Security office. It only takes a few minutes. The toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213.

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named for him and also a town

called Big Foot in Frio Co. was

named for him. Captain

W.A.A."Big Foot" Wallace died

on January 7, 1899, at the age of

82, still unmarried, from natural

causes. He is buried in the State

Big Foot Wallace and his life and

times. If you need more information, we suggest you pick one up

and read it. His life was definite-

concerning Sutton County histo-

ry send them to "Ask the

Historical Society" PO Box 885,

Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give

us a call at 915-387-5144 or 387-

Lord, could we please have a

2855 after noon please.

little more rain?

There are several books on

If you have any questions

Cemetery in Austin.

ly very colorful.

First"Key" Invitational Forty-Two and Domino Tournament! Everyone is invited to bring a partner and join either tournament. All a team needs is a \$5.00 entry fee and \$1.00 for a jackpot prize, a card table if you have one, lawn chairs, and if you want to help out, a set of dominoes. (This is a special event organized by Chamber Manager Sharon Key because it seems she never has time to play 42 anymore). All proceeds from the tournament will be used by the Main Street and Hwy. 277 Committees. According to husband, Richard Key, Sharon encourages all interested persons (especially brand new players that she can beat since she's not a good player) to come join the fun!

For the young at heart, there will also be the"First Sutton County Turtle Race." To enter, simply bring your turtle to the race area and watch the "Best Turtle Win!"

Watch for more information in the next two weeks or watch for special fliers at participating merchants...it should be a day of fun for everyone!

2nd Hand Rose

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.



Big Foot was on the Meir escape with the fictional characters, Augustus McCrae and Woodrow Call. He was marched all the way to Mexico City and

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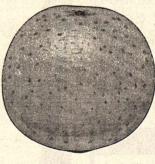
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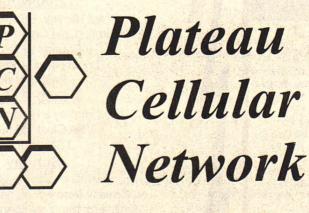


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liant by Martha Valliant McLair

Dean McLain is back in the hospital with another surgery on his feet. We will probably have one more operation with a plastic surgeon, maybe two. I have been told that feet are hard to heal. Dean is in good spirits and accepting things as they come. Word is that he will not be allowed to walk on his right foot for one month. It is going to be a long month. He is at North Central Baptist Hospital. It is a rather new hospital outside Loop 1604, near the Highway 281 exit. It is small and a good place to be when you are sick.

Jim and Betty Stephen were down Monday morning during Dean's surgery. Betty is feeling well and glad to be a visitor, not a patient in a hospital. We hear that Steve Tackel is doing well in Lubbock at the Burn Center. Dr. Johnny Fields became ill during surgery. He was the surgeon. He recognized that he was becoming ill and instructed everyone on what to do. Part of his instructions included calling Dr. Candace Allert to come finish his surgery on the dog on his operating table. Candace, a vet, had been out of the operating room for many years, but she called on an expert who advised her. The good news now is that Johnny is doing better.

Hillary Lawson and Martha, George, Beth, and Warren Wallace were in San Antonio last weekend to put Warren on a plane to visit his Wilson grandparents in LaFayette, Louisiana. He promised to eat seafood for all of us.

Beebee, the Catahula cow dog, and the light of Tom E. and Brenda Valliant's life, is now the proud mother of 10 little puppies. She is registered, as is the father. Does anyone want to buy a dog? Do you know about the Catahula? It is the state dog of Louisiana. You may have seen one. A Catahula is blue and gray with brown and tan spots, and has white markings. A Catahula is big and good for running cattle and hunting. I understand that the 10 little puppies are really ugly, but cute.

A summer supper was held last week at the home of Lura Sawyer. Hosting the party were Lura, Alice Cox, and Marie Alwell. A Catered Affair, (Linda Love and Rita Hale) did the food, fried fish and chicken, pasta salad, fruit salad, and yummy cream puffs. The Catered Affair has a new catering truck, so that much of the food is cooked on site. The party honored Lisa Jackson and her husbandto-be, Daniel Donegan. Lisa is the daughter of Jo Bess Jackson and the granddaughter of Mabel and Joseph VanderStucken. Mabel and Joseph were at the party and it was wonderful to know that Mabel was feeling well enough to attend.

Couples bridge club and supper were at the home of Barbara and Bill Savell Monday night. Barbara served gazpacho dip with fresh veggies, spaghetti with meat sauce in pizza pockets, and green salad with almonds and strawberries. Dessert was home made ice cream and M&M cookies. Members attending were A.W. and Leona Bishop, Martha and George Wallace, Jamie and Carol Parker, Rosalie and Glen Richardson, and Cynthia and Albert Ward. High went to A.W. and Leona; travel went to Cynthia and Albert. Martha and George won bingo.

One of the best vacations of the year was the trip taken by Benny King and his grandson, Chuck, of San Antonio. The brave duo went on a canoe trip in the north country of the Minnesota lake area. This was a father/son event, so we already know that a grandfather, who signs on for the job is a hero. In their group of adventurers, Benny was the oldest man, and Chuck, age 12, was the youngest boy. They drove to Minnesota and met their guide and fellow travelers at the Chain Saw Sister's Saloon near Ely, Minnesota. Ely is a spot that really gets cold in the winter. Last winter, they set a new record for cold. It was 40 degrees below zero, they left civilization on Sunday and returned on Friday. It took four hours to pack into the beginning of the lake.

Their trip on the lake included three places of portage. They had

plies, as well as the boat. Benny said that he only fell once, and the boat landed on top of him. He has almost healed from the fall.

The scenery was gorgeous and the water was cold and clear, but the mosquitoes were plentiful. Benny used huge quantities of "Off", and one day failed to cover a small area of his arm and elbow. He had around 200 mosquito bites on the untreated spot. Their first day out was beautiful and still, a lovely 75 degrees. That night a squall came through, and the group nearly froze. They put on all of their clothes and crawled in the the sleeping bags to stay warm. Fishing wasn't too good after the rain, but before the trip was over fishing improved, and everyone in the the group caught at least one fish. They had a fish fry one evening, and Chuck was quite proud of catching a four pound pike.

The group hiked the same route coming out that they had hiked in the beginning. Going in took four hours, and coming out took only three. They must have been more experienced, or else they were ready to head home. It sounds like it was truly a trip of a life time. I think Benny was a brave grandfather to have made the trip. He does say, "been there, done that". I think there may be relief in the fact that he won't have to do it again. I think that he is also glad that he has only one grandson.

Businesses Host Block Bash



Photo by Susie Casillas

Merle Norman Cosmetics and Gifts, owned by Mary Ann Kenney, Dr. Rick Holdridge, Chiropractor, and Cornerstone Home Health celebrated a grand opening and open house Wednesday, June 12 with a ribbon cutting. Downtown merchants, Mayor Cascadden, and Little Miss Sutton County were among the guests to join in the celebration.

We welcome you and wish you success.

Sanchez Holds First Reunion

submitted by Juanita Mesa

Luciano and Petra Y. Sanchez family was held last weekend in Sonora. On Friday, June 14, 1996, at the 4-H Center, mem- enjoyed breakfast, games, bers of the family met to decorate the Family Tree.

On Saturday, the family attended Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by supper at 6:00 and a dance at 9:00. The music was provided by La Promesa Band of San Angelo.

The youngest of the family was the great grandson of Rey Sanchez from Lufkin, Texas, who is only three weeks old. The family member who traveled the farthest was Santiago Sanchez of Hereford, Texas. Both Pedro Sanchez and Ofilia Torres had the most children with five children each. Louie Vallejo from Midland won the Macarena

Contest. Jerry Almazon present-The first reunion for the ed each one of the sons and daughters with a picture of Luciano and Petra Y. Sanchez.

On Sunday, the family pinatas, candy, and hamburgers at the Golf Course Park.

Everyone had a good time! Plans are already being made for the next reunion.



1. Don't let worry kill you--let the church help.

2. Thursday night potluck supper. Prayer and medications to fol-

OW 3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

5. The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the

birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer. 6. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and

north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

7. Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk please come early.

8. Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

9. Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.

10. This Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the alter.

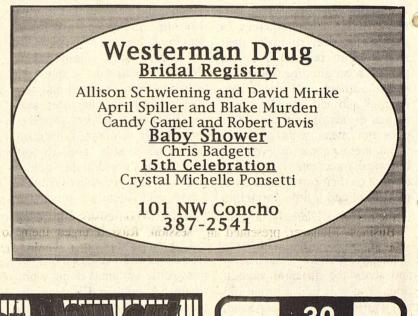
11. Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

12. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.

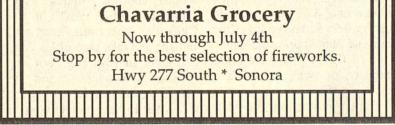
20. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

14. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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to carry the canoes around a section of the water, where the boats couldn't go. One portage was about 1/2 mile, and it was over rough country with rocks and vegetation to hinder them. The canoes have bars on them with shoulder pads, so that at a portage, the men have to just flip the boat over their heads and then hike. The canoes weighed 53 pounds. Of course, everyone had to carry all of his sup-



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Complete Weather & Local News Texas State Network News VSA Agricultural News & Events Winning Lottery Numbers & Local Winners ABC News & Paul Harvey Plant Talk (TSN) Sounds of Texas with Tumbleweed Smith Birthday Club Faith Break

8:30 A.M. Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family

10:00 A.M. Local News & Complete Weather Sounds of Texas Morning Markets from VSA Network Trad-E-O (Items for Sale, Trade, Etc.)

12:00 Noon Paul Harvey - Commentary VSA Markets, Cow Country News, Daybreak Sounds of Texas Local News & Weather Faith Break 5:00 P.M. Paul Harvey's Rest of the Story **VSA Closing Markets**

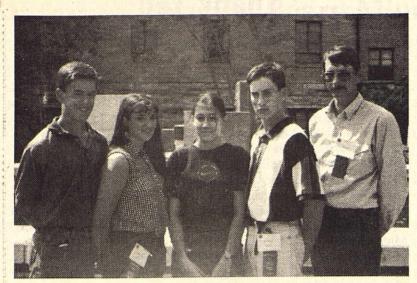
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Competing at College Station on June 4-6 were Sutton County's senior Range Evaluation team of David Fisher, Shawna Faris. Erin Payton, and Justin Morley. This team placed third in their contest. Also, Sutton County sent a senior Plant ID team consisting of Brad Mogford, Josh Payton, an Jared Percifull. The Coach for these teams is Tom Payton.

1996-97 SISD Budget **Discussed At Board Meeting**

The School Board held its proposal by Charles Russell that monthly meeting Tuesday, June 11, 1996, in the Middle School Snack Bar with a large number of parents, taxpayers, and teachers in attendance.

This is the time that the school district must make important decisions regarding next year's budget. This meeting was embroiled with discussions regarding the 1996-97 budget. The loss in property tax valuations is the reason for all the concern. The school district is facing approximately a 10 percent decrease in tax revenue according to Superintendent Charles Russell.

A representative from Meridian Oil asked the board during the comments from visi-In the budget. quarterly basis.

mately \$160,000 in the 1996-97 school year. Clifton suggested leaving the pay scale the same and using the savings that the district has made in worker's comp to offset the added expenditure of the 1996-97 teacher's salaries. Bob Brockman mentioned looking into cutting not only teacher's salaries but administrators as well across the board. Russell's proposal would cut the previously adopted \$3,500 above state base for teachers. Instead of the \$3,500 and career ladder supplements, teachers would receive a \$700 increase for each year of experience and level on the career ladder above the newly adopted beginning state base of \$23,500.

would save the district approxi-

Supportive/Nutritional Services By Area Agency On Aging

submitted by Betty Ford

The Concho Valley Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging, funded by the Texas Department on Aging, is soliciting proposals authorized under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and State General Revenue Funds, for the provision of supportive and nutrition services to persons 60 and older residing in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties for the period October 1, 1996 through September 30 1997. The Area Agency on Aging plans to directly provide the following access and assistance services during Fiscal Year 97: Benefits Counseling, Information and Ombudsman, Assistance, Options for Independent Living, and, if funding is available, Case Management.

Request for proposal (RFP) packets containing the required application materials including the required format, necessary instructions, budget forms and service definitions will be made available upon request by the Area Agency on Aging of the 4916A Valley, Concho Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. A bidder's conference will be conducted at the Concho Valley Council of Governments Training Center, 5014 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas, on Monday, June 24, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. Attendance is not mandatory, but no technical assistance will be offered after the bidder's conference. The Area Agency on Aging which includes a public hearing,

community leaders, aging advocates, review of the Older Americans Act and federal and state requirements, and trends in the aging population. The services identified as priority services for the Concho Valley are Supportive Services (including Senior Center Operations, Transportation, Homemaker), Congregate Nutrition Services, and Home Delivered Nutrition Services. Funds available for contracts for these services total \$382,712 (including \$30,715 State General Revenue). It is imperative that all instructions be followed accurately and all required information be submitted in the proposal. Proposals for annualized contractors must be received by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 1996 at the Area Agency on Aging office, 4916A Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas.

The Area Agency on Aging is also soliciting proposals for vendors for the Agency's direct purchase of service pool to allow the Agency to purchase services on an as-needed basis for the period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997. Those services include but are not limited Emergency Response to Homemaker, Systems, Residential Repair and Health Maintenance. Proposals are available at the Area Agency on Aging, 4916A Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Proposals for vendors must be received by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at the Area Agency on Aging office.

Interested parties may request to be placed on the Thursday, June 20, 1996 • The Devil's River News • Page 5 **Exchange Student Program**

by Verna Riley, P.I.E. Coordinator

Foreign high school students will be arriving into the local areas for homestays, and the sponsoring organization urgently needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.), the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, have their own spending money, are fully insured, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review students' applications and select the "perfect match." As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization and has sponsored more that 18,000 students from 18 countries since its founding in 1975. P.I.E. currently has students from many countries available for the second semester program.

Area families, interested in learning more about the student exchange program, please contact Verna Riley, Regional Coordinator at 1-800-275-4060. P.I.E. is also looking for individuals interested in becoming an area representative. Please contact the Regional Coordinator. P.I.E. also offers travel/study program opportunities for American high school students.

Poisonous Plants Pose Summertime Danger submitted

With summer in the air, outdoor activities are on the rise, and that means an increased risk of exposure to poisonous plants. Many of the plants commonly found in the home, yard, and natural terrain can be harmful, especially to children, whose curiosity places them at an even greater risk.

If hiking and camping are on the summer agenda, remember that plants and mushrooms found in the wild can be dangerous to eat. Cooking or boiling unidentified plants is also risky because heat may not destroy toxic substances in plants.

It is important to teach your children never to put leaves, seeds. bark, nuts, or berries from any plants into their mouths. Some plants can be especially deadly if eaten. Oleander, jimson weed, azaleas, chinaberry and morning glories are among the plants that cause decreased heart rates, hallucinations, seizures, breathing difficulties, and liver abnormalities.

Have all the plants in your home and yard identified by your local nursery and call the West Texas Regional Poison Center at 1-800 764-7661 (1-800-Poison-1) for more information.



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Wool & Mohair Results

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Fleece: Sam Price-Sterling Co. 4-H Award: Rosette **Registered: Rambouillet**

Class 5-Yearling Ewe-1. Shawna Faris; Class 6-Aged Ewe-1. Sheryl Strauch; Class 7-Yearling Ram-1. Shawna Faris 2. Brandon Faris; Champion Registered Wool Fleece: Amanda Hutchison-Sterling City FFA-Award: Rosette; Grand Champion Wool Fleece: Sims Price-Sterling Co. 4-H- Award: Plaque donated by Texas Registered Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Assn.

Mohair Single Fleeces Commercial

Class 19-Yearling Doe-3. Ashley Brockman; Class 20-Kid Doe-7. Carla Weaver; Champion Commercial Mohair Fleece: Laura Speck-Kerr Co. 4-H Award: Rosette

Registered

Class 24-Adult Doe-6. Ashley Brockman; Class 25-Yearling Doe-5. Ashley Brockman 7. Landon Brockman; Class 26-Kid Doe-1. Landon Brockman 3. Ashley Brockman; Class 28-Yearling Buck-6. Landon Brockman; Class-29-Kid Buck-1. Landon Brockman; Champion Registered Fleece: Landon Brockman-Award: Rosette; Grand Champion Mohair Fleece: Landon Brockman-Award: Rosette & Plaque donated by Jimmy & Sharon Holman

Bags of Wool

Grand Champion Bag of Wool: Courtney Cowden-Kerr Co. 4-H-Award: Rosette and Plaque donated by Sonora Wool & Mohair Company; Fred T. Earwood Memorial Trophy; Premier Junior Mohair Exhibitor: Bo Evans-Medina FFA-Presented by Mrs. Mary Earwood and Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood; Joe and W. F. Berger Memorial Trophy; Premier Junior Wool Exhibitor: Wesley Holekamp-Kerr Co. 4-H-Presented by Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Bloodworth and Chris and Larry Berger

Open Division 1996 Wool Single Fleeces

Champion Commercial Wool Fleece: Kenneth Rusch-Kendall Co.-Award: Rosette

Registered: Rambouillet

Class A-6-Aged Ewe-1. Sheryl Strauch 2. Patti Strauch 3. Sheryl Strauch 4. John Henry Strauch; Class A-8-Aged Ram- 1. Patti Strauch 2. John Henry Strauch; Champion Registered Wool Fleece: Patti Strauch-Award:Rosette; Grand Champion Wool Fleece: Kenneth Rusch-Kendall Co.-Award: Plaque donated by Nathan's Jewelers, San Angelo

Mohair Single Fleeces Commercial

Class A-18-Adult Doe-1. Sheryl Strauch 2. Landon Brockman 3. Sheryl Strauch; Champion Commercial Mohair Fleece: Sheryl Strauch-Award: Rosette

Registered

Class A-24-Adult doe-1. Keller & Keller; Class A-25-Yearling Doe-1. Shane Keller 2. Keller & Keller; 3. Shane Keller, 4. Todd Keller 5. Keller & Keller 6. Amy Keller; Class A-26-Kid Doe-1. Keller & Keller; Class A-28-Yearling Buck-1. Keller & Keller, 2. Todd Keller Class A-29-Kid Buck-1. Shane Keller; Champion Registered Mohair Fleece: Shane Keller-Award: Rosette; Grand Champion Mohair Fleece: Shane Keller-Award: Plaque donated by Day's Inn-Devil's **River-Sonora**

Bags of Wool

Grand Champion Bag of Wool: Robin and Carol Giles-Kendall Co.-Award: Rosette and Plaque donated by Sutton County National Bank Noble Kids Mohair Bag Contest

1. Norm Rousselot 2. Ben Epps 3. Lee Foster III; Grand Champion Noble Kids Mohair Bag Contest: Norm Rousselot

Junior Division Judging Contest 1996

High Junior Individuals- 2. Thomas Schenkel (317); High Junior Teams-1st Sutton Co. 4-H (909)-Thomas Schenkel, Graham Bloodworth, Chance Armke, and Thomas Bloodworth, Alt.-Coach: Preston Faris; High Senior Individuals- 2. Ashley Brockman (318) High Senior Teams-3rd Sutton Co. 4-H (882)-Ashley Brockman, Shawna Faris, David Fisher, and Brad Mogford, Alt. Coach: Preston Faris



Ag Calendar

June

20-22 AJRA Rodeo, (Sonora)
22 World Championship Goat Roping(Ozona Fair Grounds)
24-28 Trans Pecos Total Ranch Mgmt. Workshop, (Indian Lodge, Fort Davis)

Items for the Ag Calendar should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Monday. 387-2507 - fax 387-5691

Sonora Livestock Auction

Sheep\Goat and Cattle Sale June 15

Cattle: Steers, 300-400 lbs. 50-59.75; 400-500 lbs. 51.- 59.; 500-600 lbs. 52.- 60.; 700 lbs. up 48.- 59.75. Hiefers, 300-400 lbs. no test; 450-550 lbs. \$44.-50.; 600 lbs. up \$40.-49.

Spanish goats: young fat nannies, 30.00 - 45.00 per head; Muttons, 33.00 - 55.00; Billies, 40.00 - 95.00; Thin Nannies, 22.00 -44.00; Sheep: Slaughter ewes, 25.00 - 40.00 cwt; Lambs new crop, 90.00 - 99.00 cwt ,Lambs old crop, 75.00 - 85.00.



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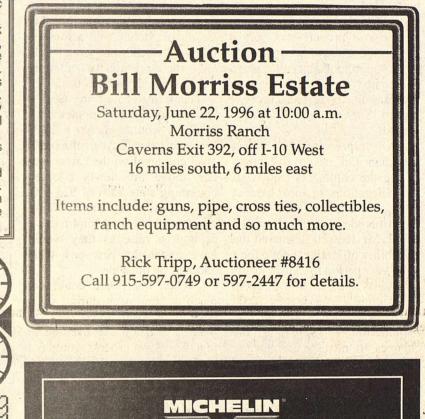
submitted Sonora Livestock Auction would like to thank the many buyers and supporters during 1996 (naming just a few) James Barton, Sonora; Bruce Martin, Ft. Stockton; Monte Barnes, Del Rio; David Winters, Del Rio; Carlos Hyslop, Del Rio; Jock Dutton, Sonora; Jack Baker, Sonora; John Smith, Mulin; Jess Brewer, Oklahoma; James Bendely, Midland; Raymond Dewebber, Midland; John Blair, San Angelo; Billy Bradshaw, Clyde; Circle C Ranch, California; Greg Kent, Carlsbad; Concho Livestock, San Angelo; Cliff Reed, Bronte; Lonnye Cain, Ozona; Bill Crawford Junction; Rodney Frey, Mason; G X Livestock, Sonora; Hubbard Livestock, Hubbard; Mike Hill, Sanderson; Glynn Hutto, Eldorado; C. D. Kellogg, Eldorado; Kathy Cox, San Angelo; L&H Packing, San Antonio; Evans Packing, San Angelo; San Angelo Packing, San Angelo; Luckie Livestock, Midland; Dan Nigh, Harper; Jeff Owen, Blanco; C&C Cattle Co., Bronte; Mooney Holloway, Kerens; Olie Smith, Del Rio; Modesto Salinas, Sonora; Jim Schmidt, Mason; Carroll Surratt, Lometa; Tim Thorp, Sonora; Billy Williams, Uvalde; Don Eggleston, Midland. These are the volumn buyers, our smaller buyers are to numerous to mention. We Still have numerous orders to fill each week, and we need consignors to get this done.

If producers in our area are considering a complete or partial sell off due to the draught conditions, please let us advertise your animals at no charge to the sellers. We advertise in 3 Weekly papers. We know the producer will be satisfied with the end results. Less Shrink • Less Commission and Fees • More Dollars in Return For Your Investment.

Bobbie Bryson Update

submitted

Bobbies condition is still uncertain. She has some growth on one lung that the doctors are testing and treating as cancerous. After 40 straight days she was released to go the the Motel. We hope that her condition improves and we will be able to stay out of the hospital. If she starts improving she is schedules for 8 more weeks of chemo. She is still unable to walk more than 10 steps, and is extremely weak, but began trying to eat some soft foods, jello, watermelon, etc. Thank you for all the prayers and support!



Range

High Junior Individuals-1. Graham Bloodworth (329); 2. Chance Armke (328), 4. Thomas Schenkel (318); High Junior Teams-1st Sutton Co. 4-H (975)-Graham Bloodworth, Chance Armke, Thomas Schenkel, and Koda Armke, Alt.-Coach: Tom Payton; High Senior Individuals-1. David Fisher (377); High Senior Teams-3rd Sutton Co. 4-H (1001)-David Fisher, Justin Morley, Josh Payton, and Shawna Faris, Alt.-Coach:Tom Payton

Wool

High Junior Teams-3rd Sutton Co. 4-H (909)-Graham Bloodworth, Chance Armke, Koda Armke, and Thomas Schenkel, Alt.-Coaches: Preston Faris & Glen Fisher

Mohair

High Junior Individuals-3. Graham Bloodworth (350 T); High Junior Teams-2nd Sutton Co. 4-H (1037)-Graham Bloodworth, Landon Brockman, Thomas Schenkel, and Chance Armke, Alt.-Coaches: Preston Faris & Glen Fisher; High Senior Individuals-2. David Fisher (358); High Senior Teams-4th Sutton Co. 4-H (1033)-David Fisher, Shawna Faris, Brad Mogford, and Ashley Brockman, Alt.-Coaches: Preston Faris & Glen Fisher

Over-All High Points

Over-All High Pre-Junior Individuals- Medals donated by Ol'Sonora **Trading Company**

Over-All High Junior Individuals-2nd - Graham Bloodworth (1286); 3rd - Thomas Schenkel (1266); 5th - Chance Armke (1254); 6th -Koda Armke (1189); Award: Medals donated by First National Bank Over-All High Senior Individuals-1st - David Fisher (1346), 5th -Shawna Faris (1236); Award: Medals donated by Sonora Wool & Mohair Company

Sweepstakes Awards

Best All Around Club: 1st-Kerr County 4-H (4541) Coaches Eddie Holland, Fred Speck, and Ernie Eckert 2nd-Kendall County 4-H (4261) Coaches Robin Giles, Dennis Moldenhauer, and Roy Lee Kneupper and 3rd. Sutton County 4-H (4101) Coaches Tom Payton, Glen Fisher, and Preston Faris; Award: Plaque donated by Federal Land Bank Association, Sonora

Distance: Wyoming

E.B. King Memorial Trophy High Scoring Judging Team presented by Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District to the Kendall County 4-H Senior Team: Lori Moldenhauer, Brandon Rusch, Jessica Rose, J.T. Stehling, alt. and Coaches Dennis Moldenhauer and Robin Giles

Sonora Participants in the Judging Contest

Novice: Thia McKissack (736)

Junior: Chance Armke (1254), Graham Bloodworth (1286), Koda Armke (1189); Thomas Bloodworth (1058), Landon Brockman (1117), Thomas Schenkel (1266)

Senior: David Fisher (1346), Shawna Faris (1236), Brad Mogford (1167), Ashley Brockman (889), Josh Payton (311), Jared Percifull (250), Justin Morley (313)

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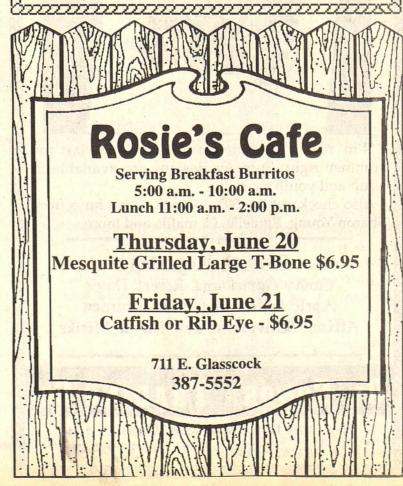
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Hospital Board Minutes

submitted

The Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the hospital. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr., President; Carol Parker, Vice President; Ray Ben Solis; Lee Smith; Bloodworth; Claire Powers Richards; and Lewis Allen. Also present were Dr. Charles Pajestka, Dr. Alvin Gutierrez, Bobbie Rock, R.N. Consultant for the Nursing Home, David Wallace, Attorney, Williams E. Goodrich, Administrator, Kathy Board Secretary, Knight, Hospital and Nursing Home employees, and residents of the District.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order. Upon motion by Ben Solis, seconded by Carol Parker, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of May 13, 1996.

Dr. Johnson advised that the Sutton County Appraisal District did not have a meeting last month, but would be meeting on June 11, 1996. Dr. Johnson advised that he knows of no change that has occurred since the Hospital District's last meeting

Discussion was held regarding the bad debt write-off list of \$5,377.79. Claire P. Richards made the motion to approve the write-offs. Carol Parker seconded the motion. More discussion was held regarding some of the accounts showing a financial class of commercial insurance. Mrs. Knight advised that some of the accounts were the balance after the insurance had paid and some of the accounts went to the patient's deductible. Motion carried. The Board commended the front office for reducing the amount of the bad debts.

The Board discussed the list of vendors, service contracts, agreements and individual contracts: Discussion was held regarding the storage unit. Mr. the advice that we receive." Lee Goodrich advised that it is being Bloodworth made the motion used for excess equipment that is that the Board consult an outside not in use at this time. In time the law firm considering what our unusable equipment will be sold. options are in regards to the It was noted that the Sutton above statement. Carol Parker County National Bank was left seconded the motion. Motion off the list. Upon motion by Lee carried unanimously. Bloodworth, seconded by Claire P. Richards, the Board approved contract with the El Paso law the list of Service Contracts, Individual Contracts, Agreements and Vendors and to include the Sutton County National Bank. Dr. Johnson advised that at the last meeting the fact that there is going to be a decrease in property values for Sutton County of approximately \$51,000,000 was stated. Dr. Johnson advised that there is a significant decrease in mineral reserves in the eastern part of the the fact that people can call in Ray Smith made the motion to County. Discussion was held regarding the order of events for raising the tax cap. A bill has to be passed through the legislature, the bill has to be signed by the Governor, then we have to have a referendum. The legislature will raise our cap, but that does not automatically raise our taxes. The people of Sutton County have to vote to raise the taxes. Discussion was held in depth regarding the raising of the tax cap. Dr. Johnson advised that a request from the Board for a bill to raise the tax cap had to be on the agenda for the next legislature, which meets in January. Discussion was held regarding several other options that the Hospital could take in lieu of raising the tax cap. Lee Bloodworth made the to authorize Mr. motion Goodrich and Dr. Johnson to approach our legislator representative, Bob Turner, in regard to getting a bill through the legislature raising our tax cap to .30 cents. Carol Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Goodrich advised that at the last meeting he had advised the Board of the six HMO/PPO Companies that had contacted him and had sent proposals for contracts with verifying amounts of discounts that they were

requesting. It was the consensus Johnson feels like this violates of the Board at that time that we do not take any discounts. Mr. Goodrich advised that he has been trying to contact all of these Companies. He has talked with a couple of the companies and one said a zero discount was all right. Mr. Goodrich advised that the hospital and Dr. Pajestka need to be signed up with the same companies, so the hospital, Dr. Pajestka and Dr. Gutierrez may be reimbursed for services rendered. Mr. Goodrich will be talking with Dr. Pajestka regarding these contracts. No action was needed at this time.

The Board then went into Executive Session under article # 6252-17 (VATS), as amended by Citation # 496. Purpose of said session: (a) Consultation with David Wallace, Attorney under Texas Open Meeting Act, Section 2, subsection e, and (b) personnel, under Texas Open Meeting Act, Section 2, subsection g.

The Board reconvened into open session. Dr. Johnson advised that several items had been discussed in executive session. Dr. Johnson read a statement regarding the first item discussed. "The Board of Directors feel that we cannot operate the Nursing Home successfully unless we have the support of the community. We acknowledge that there has been some problems with some of our employees, but we have made every effort to correct these problems. Now it is time for our adversaries to give us a chance to move on. We will not be able to build up our census unless we can call a halt to the negative efforts by a few people. While it is disturbing to the Board of Directors to cope with the problems that have been created by those people, the real damage is being done to the community and to the taxpayers. It is our decision to consult with an outside law firm to see what legal recourse is available to us. We will give due consideration to

the Bill of Rights, and the Board feels like a lawyer should check and see if there has ever been an Attorney General's opinion and if not, check and see if we can get one.

The fourth item discussed was some personnel problems and no action was required at this time.

Mrs. Rock addressed the Board concerning the nursing home. The facility is looking for a podiatrist for the residents. The licensed nursing staff is adequate still some problems with keeping CNA's. The facility is still looking for an Assistant Director of Nurses to help the Director of Nurses with the large amount of paper work the facility requires on each resident. The staff developer is working with the new employees with their orientation. Mrs. Rock and Ms. Van Hoozer are working with the monitors that have been set in place for the facility. Mrs. Rock advised that she is now coming only once a month. Mrs. Rock advised that she has encouraged local citizens to talk with the administrator and/or the Director of Nurses when they have a complaint, so the complaint can be looked into and corrected.

Mr. Goodrich gave the financial report for April, 1996. Mr. Goodrich reported that the hospital showed a loss of \$18,674.95 and the nursing home showed a loss of \$22,851.12. The hospital was in budget for April. Mr. Goodrich advised that the collections for May have been up due to the payments received for Dr. Gutierrez's getting his numbers and the facility filing the claims. Mr. Goodrich advised there is going to be some large expenditures coming up. The air conditioner had gone out on the bottom floor of the hospital and had to be replaced. We do not know if the fine for the nursing home will be reduced; we are awaiting the letter from the state. Dr. Johnson advised that budget time was coming up.

Upon motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Ben Solis, the Board approved the May 1996 expenditures.

Bernice Cowsert reported that the birthday party for the residents in the nursing facility will Thursday, June 20, 1996 • The Devil's River News • Page 7



Front Row (left to right) - Austin Wagner, Nathanael Prather, Steven Sharky, Wilson Wallace, and Clayton Hicks. Back Row (left to right) - Laramie Hall, Jacob Adams, Clint Cearley, Dustin, Creek, Tamika Marshall, and Zac Wall. Not pictured is Dedra Warden.

Seniors Celebrate Father's Day



by Juanita Mesa

The Senior Center celebrated Father's Day Friday, June 14. Robert Duran was named Father of the Year 1996. Congratulations Robert!

The seniors also celebrated with a style show. MC was (Adelita) Jose from Costa Rica. "He" volunteered for this because he loves women and he wanted to see for himself if it was true what he heard about the women in Sonora. He closed the show by dancing with each model. Jose promises to come back real soon.

The Center wants to say thank you to all who made this show possible, thanks to my staff and volunteers, Lori Galindo, Rosa Galindo, Mrs. wilson for playing music. It was fun and we have a video to prove it. DUNKY I VINDO.



Dr. Johnson advised that the firm concerning their dereliction of duty should be consulted. Ben Solis made the motion that we consult an outside law firm concerning the contract between Douglass, Chew and Chew, LLP and the hospital. Claire P. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Johnson advised that the third item discussed was whether an Attorney General's opinion has ever been secured regarding complaints and that the Board is not privileged to know who called the complaint in. Dr.

be June 12, 1996. Faye McClelland had donated some pictures to the nursing facility, and they have been framed and hung. Mrs. Cowsert reported that the birthday party will try to be held the second Wednesday of each month.

Mrs. Rogers voiced a concern regarding obtaining some medical records from the nursing home. Mr. Goodrich and Mrs. Rogers will meet Tuesday, June 11, 1996, to resolve this issue.

With no further business. adjourn. Carol Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Protect Yourself from Lightning

When thunderstorms with lightning approach, you need to take cover quickly. Lightning can be deadly so take steps to protect yourself.

Stay inside. Keep away from doors, windows and anything metal.

Avoid using the telephone unless there is an emergency. Also avoid using electrical appliances - lightning can strike near a building and travel through power lines into the building.

If you find yourself outside during lightning activity stay away from things made of metal and objects taller than you or that are standing alone in open areas. If there is no shelter in sight, find a low spot, kneel and make your body into a ball allowing minimal contact with the ground. Do not lie flat; the wet ground can conduct lightning.

> For additional information contact your local office of emergency management.



June 22nd

Jim Wilson - Host & Serenadin' Sheriff Don McCalister - Country Singer & Songwriter June 29th

Biscuits O'Bryan - Storyteller, Cowboy Poet, & Humorist Allen Damron - Folksinger Extraordinaire **Campfire Cookin' Demonstration**

July 6th **Bill Sawyer** - Host Olin Murrell - Texas Folk Singer, Songwriter, & Storyteller

July 13th Tryon Fields - Host & Outlaw Rancher Ponti Bone & Band - Accordionist & 4 Piece Cajun Band

ARMADILLO RACES

July 20th Tim Roberts - Host & West Texas Horseshoer Don Sanders - Texas Entertainer & Songwriter SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SHOW "Sourdough the Cowboy"

HORSESHOEING July 27th

Lewis Allen - Host & Proud Texan Storyteller FiddleWest with Washtub Jerry - Ol' Time Western Music ARMADILLO RACES

August 3rd Kathy Munoz - Visiting Host of KLST "Nosotros" Swinging Tejanos - Tex-Mex Band

August 10th Gary Karschner - Cowboy Historian & Poet Tom & Bob Wilson & Moe Salinas - West Texas Country Singers

> **Show Admission** Adults : \$5.00 - Children (under 12): Free

Dinner Adults: \$67.00 - Seniors (55+): \$5.00 - Children (under 12): \$5.00 Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Show - 7:00 p.m.

> Catered by Sutton County Steak House For information and seating, call 387-3105

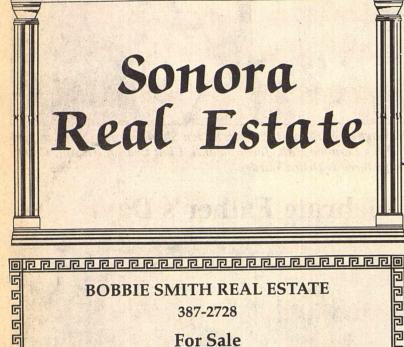
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EMPLOYMENT

Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital is now accepting applications for RN's and LVN's. Competitive

base pay and benefits. Contact Ram Perez, RN, Director of Nurses at (915) 387-2521, M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EOE. tfn-(6-1-95)-b

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE: Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home now hiring CNA'S, NA'S (eligible for CNA classes) and LVN'S. We offer a competitive salary and the following benefits: shift differential for evenings and (CNA/LVN), nights paid employee health insurance, paid sick leave, annual vacation, 7 paid holidays, retirement plan. Call Wanda Van Hoozer, RN, DON or apply in person 310 Hudspeth Street Sonora, TX 76950 (915) 387-2521, ext. 204, tfn(2-1-96)b

HELP WANTED: Operate fireworks stand just outside Sonora 6/24 - 7/4. Make up to \$1,500. Must be responsible adult. Phone 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1-800-364-0206. 7(5-9-96)b

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a Laborer in Public Utilities Department. Applicant must have a Driver's License and be able to perform manual labor. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and returned to the City Secretary's Office prior to June 24, 1996. The City of Sonora is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2(6-13-96)b

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

The Sutton County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the position of deputy sheriff and jailer.

The position of deputy sheriff will require a state certification license with preferably five

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE: Sonora on Hwy 277 South. 1cfr(6-20-96)b

> HELP WANTED: Sutton Specialty Electric is accepting applications for permanent - part time clerical position. Must have experience. computer Approximately 10-20 hours/week. Turn in resume or pick up applications at 512 Crockett Avenue.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a temporary position for Animal Control Officer. Applicant should have a Texas Driver's License, be in good physical condition, and consent to a drug test. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, texas and returned to the City Secretary's Office prior to June 28, 1996. The City of Sonora is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MOBILE HOMES

MOBILE STARDUST HOMES: New, never lived in, 1996 five bedroom three bath, 28X80 doublewide...Must see to believe! Must sell. \$3,000 cash, \$497.38 per month, 8.99%, 240 months. (915) 653-1859. 1(6-20-96)b

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FOR RENT: Main Street store front property available for rent. 1st Month Rent Free. For more information call 915-387-2507.

years street experience, shift FOR SALE: Eldorado office

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: 919 E. 2nd. beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 22.

GARAGE SALE: 517 Plum St. Friday, June 21 and Saturday June 22 til noon. There will be bedspreads, curtains, men's shoes, clothes, and more.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Complete "Helix" home gym. 4 station, excellent condition, also have stair stepper & air cycle. All for \$600 or will sell seperate. Make offer. Call 387-5243 before 5:00 p.m.

WANTED

WANTED: Family man, degreed in wildlife management, being transferred to area. Seeking home on ranch in Sutton County. Willing to provide services as consideration for lease. 210-997-4287.

PUBLIC NOTICE **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Sonora will receive applications from any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as a depository of municipal funds. Bids will be received from interested organizations to act as depository of the City's Investment Fund of a sum of One Million Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,375,000.00) for the period commencing July 25, 1996 and ending July 25, 1997. Applications shall be delivered to the office of the City Manager prior to 2:00 o'clock p.m., on the 16th of July, 1995, to be opened publicly and read aloud.

Such bids must include terms of payment of interest at a rate based on the 90 day U.S. Treasury Bill and tied to the index rate published on the day prior to the public opening bids.

Such bids must include provisions for delivering and pledging with the designated Trustees MATH TUTORING: Fractions, securities equal in value to the



determined by the City Council, from time to time throughout the term of the contract.

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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for **DITCH** CLEANING,CULVERTCLEANING &CULVERTREPLACEMENTin Schleicher County and covered by Contract No. 076XXM7006 and sealed proposals for **CONCRETE** CURB, GUTTER AND COM-BINED CURB & GUTTER in Sutton etc. Counties and covered by Contract No. 076XXM7007 will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas until 2:00 PM, June 28, 1996 and then publicly opened and read.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.

Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office. of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-Loop 306 1501, & Road, Knickerbocker San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

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