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Hepatitis A Vaccination Required for School Enrollment in 32 Border Area Counties

Children in 32 border area counties of Texas must be vaccinated against hepatitis A illness to attend public or private schools or child-care facilities this school year. The requirement is effective Aug. 1 and applies to children 2 and older who were born after Sept. 2, 1992.

The 32 counties are Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

Under Texas Department of Health (TDH) rules approved by the Texas Board of Health, 2-year-olds in the 32 counties must have one dose of the two-dose hepatitis A vaccination series to attend child-care facilities. Children 3 and older must have two doses given at least six months apart and must have had the first dose before they can enroll in schools or child-care facilities.

Children who have had hepatitis A infection are considered immune to the illness and do not have to be vaccinated if proof of immunity or previous infection is provided.

Though the rules only apply to school enrollment, TDH recommends that all of the estimated 228,000 children ages 2 through 6 in the 32 counties be vaccinated against hepatitis A.

Studies indicate that 50 percent of the children in some of the 32 counties have been infected with hepatitis A by age 10. During the last 10 years there has been an average of 39 cases of hepatitis A infection per 100,000 population per year reported in the 32-county area. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine hepatitis A vaccinations be considered in areas with at least 10 cases per 100,000 population per year over a 10-year period.

Hepatitis A is a viral disease spread by the fecal-oral route through close personal contact or by consuming contaminated food or water. The disease affects the liver. Symptoms include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, jaundice and dark urine. Symptoms can last several weeks. Young children may be infected without showing any sign of illness. Symptoms usually are more severe in adults. The illness is rarely fatal, but up to 22 percent of adults with hepatitis A require hospitalization.

"This vaccine will keep kids from getting sick when they don't have to and keep them from spreading hepatitis A to their parents and other adults who are likely to suffer more severe symptoms," said Robert Crider, director of TDH's immunization division.

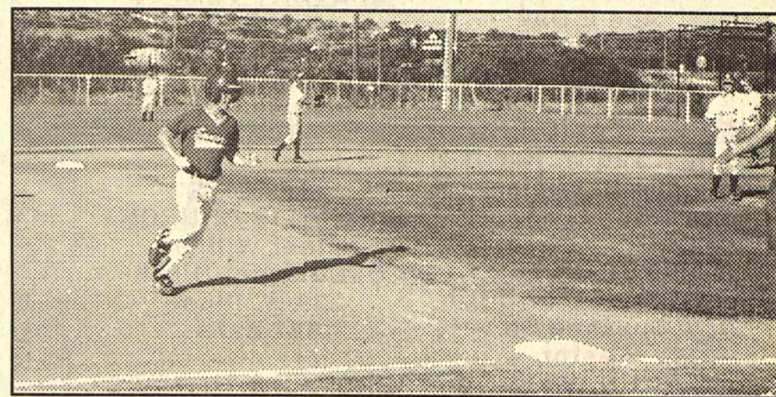
The 76th Texas Legislature appropriated \$800,000 to cover any state cost of providing the vaccine in the 32-county area. Hepatitis A vaccinations are available from private physicians, and free or low-cost vaccinations are available from local public health departments throughout the area.

A clinic will be held July 31st (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health located at 1005 Eaton. For more information 387-5720 or 387-2234.

Sonora 11 & 12 Year Old All-Stars Take Second In District

There were some sad faces at last Wednesday's All-Star Championship game played at the Sonora County Park. After a 12-5 loss on Tuesday, the team had to win to hold the first place position but it just wasn't to be, Sonora lost 4-2 to San Angelo's Northern All-Star Team. This landed the Sonora boys a 2nd place in District; still a very honorable position and one the team should be proud of. The boys played hard all season and had beat Northern 4-3 in an earlier game played in San Angelo. No Sonora team has ever advanced this far in the past!!

Hats off to Embry Smith who scored the 2 runs of the game with over-the-fence homeruns!!!



Embry Smith rounds third base after hitting one of his 2 homeruns!!

Congratulations to all the team, such an exciting season for the coaches, parents and fans that Sonora All-Star Boys! attended all the games and made this

Mabry Attends 4-H Water Camp



L to R: Sutton County UWCD Manager Cindy Cawley and Director Bob Brockman look on as Jays Mabry accepts the sponsorship check from Director Jim Cusenbary

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District were proud to sponsor Jays Mabry to the 4-H Water Camp. Jays has spent the week in Monahans, Texas where she has been involved in water activities directed by water knowledgeable personnel. Among the topics discussed were water testing, water districts and their activities and waste water systems. Jays is the 15 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Randy Mabry and is active in basketball and 4-H activities such as meat goats, food & nutrition and clothing & textiles.

J.J. Hughes and Southern Reign Band to Play Tyler Smith Benefit

J.J. Hughes and Southern Reign will perform a charity concert on July 25, 1999 at Sante Fe Junction to benefit Tyler Smith. Tyler was burned in the Rafter L explosion on April 26, 1999.

Hughes told us that he heard about Tyler and decided that he wanted to help in any way he could. He and the other 4 band members are based out of Texarkana, TX and will play their Top-40 and Old Country mixture at the benefit, including their 1st single off their "One Too Many Honky Tonks" CD, "Let's Say You Love Me". J.J. Hughes will be taking the stage at 8:00 p.m.

Doors open for the event at 7:00 p.m. for ages 18 & up. The band will end its last set at 1:30 a.m. Door prizes, a raffle, a silent auction, and "Dance Donations" (where you make a donation to dance with the band or other Kickin' Country Celebrities) are all scheduled as part of the fun.

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation or donating a prize to be raffled or given as a door prize can contact Blue-Eyed Devil Promotions at 915-482-9141 or Rafter L Bar-B-Que at 387-5246.

All proceeds will go to the Tyler Smith family to help with medical bills. Tyler is home now

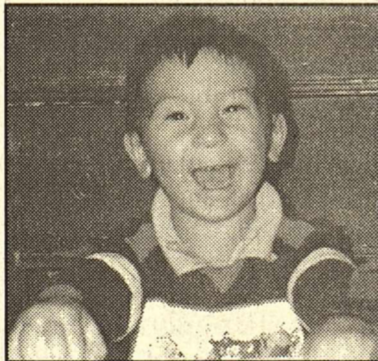


J.J. Hughes and Band Members - Will James - Lead Guitar, Danny Davison - Keyboards, Mike Brantley - Drums, and Chuck Kingston - Bass

and doing well, but still requires therapy 3 times a week in San Angelo and bi-monthly visits to his doctors in Lubbock.

Everyone is encourage to come out and enjoy an evening of fun while helping a friend in need.

Right: Tyler Smith is a happy 3 year old that likes to laugh & play; but right now he needs our help.



School Board Makes Budget Decisions

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 12, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 807, S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by President Clay Cade and the invocation was given by Superintendent William J. Harlan.

The minutes of June 14 and June 23, 1999 were unanimously approved as written after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Tryon Fields.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the collection rate stood at 1.018, including delinquent taxes and penalties. She further stated that the current collection rate was 98.9%.

Board members reviewed biographical information of candidates for election to the TASB Board of Trustees. Motion was made by Tom Payton to endorse Eddie Albin of Schileicher Co. ISD as the candidate for election to the TASB Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Tryon Fields and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Jesse Bustamante to approve the

Commissioner of Education's performance domain to be added to the appraisal of Principals and the Superintendent as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Tom Payton and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed current bills. Following discussion, current bills in the amount of \$262,824.95 were unanimously authorized for payment after a motion by John Barker and a second by Jesse Bustamante.

The Business Manager reviewed the bids for milk and milk products. Motion was made by Tryon Fields, seconded by Sam David Hernandez, to award the bid to Bell Dairy. The motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent, Business Manager, and Board conducted a lengthy budget study. The Board recommendations were as follows:

1. the Co-curricular Budget should be readdressed;
 2. Principals should readdress their supply accounts one more time;
 3. Function 81 should be zeroed out;
 4. the allotment of \$1500.00 for Superintendent Travel should be cut.
- The Superintendent reviewed

the work being done to address ADA requirements. Additionally, he told the Board that the pipe on 2-light fixtures at the football field was rusted and that problem was being taken care of. He stated that the roofing settlement should be resolved soon and that he hoped that the district would receive between 75-80 thousand.

In response to Mr. Fields, the Superintendent stated that other contractors were being utilized for ADA work as requested by the Board.

Mr. Payton asked if the handicapped restroom at the football field would be ready by the time the football season begins and the Superintendent stated that it should be.

There were no visitor comments.

The Board President asked for enlightenment regarding the contractual agreement with the former Special Ed. Director and was informed by the Superintendent that the agreement had been cancelled and no funds would be expended in that regard.

The Board President also commented that he understood that school vehicles and school person-

"The SWIGS" To Perform At The Bank & Trust Annual Fiesta

The Bank & Trust will be hosting its annual "Community Appreciation Fiesta" on Thursday, July 29, 1999. "The SWIGS", a country-n-western variety band, will be the entertainment for the evening. "The SWIGS" call San Angelo, Texas home but are well known to West Texas communities. Their class act and up beat music make them a boot stompin' toe tappin' success! Entertainment will be from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Sutton County Steakhouse will be catering a fajita dinner with all the trimmings to begin at 6:30 p.m. and The Bank & Trust staff will be on hand to demonstrate Internet banking. Stations will be on hand to demonstrate Internet banking. Stations will be set up throughout the evening to provide customers and the community with information about: PULSE ATM cards, new accounts, internet

banking and other related topics. Check imaging three-ring binders will also be available. Join us at the

Civic Center for a wonderful evening of fellowship, food and boot scootin' fun!



"The SWIGS"

Committee On Aging Bar-B-Que Set For Sutton County Days

The Sutton County Committee on Aging held their monthly meeting on July 13, 1999 at the Sutton County Senior Center.

This meeting was centered on the plans for the Annual Bar-B-Que during the 25th Annual Sutton County Days. This year it will be located inside the 4-H Civic Center on Friday, August 20, 1999. Serving time is 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available from any member of the Sutton County Committee on Aging for a donation of \$5.00. The Committee is a non-profit organization and all money raised goes back into the community for services and needs of the Senior Citizens in Sutton County.

The Bar-B-Que features briskets, goat and sausage accompanied by beans, potato salad, bread, pickles, onions, chilies, fruit cobbler and iced tea. Entertainment will be provided by the "Old Tyme Band" and the Miss Sutton County Queen contestants will be interviewed.

We invite all to join in on this "Lip Smackin'" delicious meal and fellowship.

Tickets will also be available at the door

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
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387-2035

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319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

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404 E Oak
387-2955

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509 Amistad
387-5266

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387-2955

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

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Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

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

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387-5215

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

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SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends for all the cards, calls, prayers and deeds during Matt's hospital stay in College Station. Everything was very appreciated. It is so nice to be able to keep so many good friends in Sonora. We miss you all and love you.

Matt has been transferred to Christus Santa Rosa in San Antonio and is doing much better. Thank you for all your support. God Bless You.

Matt, Susan, Wade & Cody Stokes

We would like to thank these special people and churches for making Vaquero Camp at Sol Mayer a huge success. Thank you St. Ann's Parish, The Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Sutton County Commissioner's Court and Mr. Jed Davenport. Thank you Mentors, Miguel (Mike) Villanueva, Alex Gonzales and Eddie Maskill.

God Bless You All,
Vaqueros: Joe Olliden, Dusten Rawls, Shaun Ramos,
Justin Odom, A.J. Hernandez Adrian Hernandez, R.C. Mata,
Eliazar Yorba and Ben Solis

I would like to thank everyone that helped us through our difficult time during the birth of our second daughter, Delaney Paige Croy. Without all the prayers, family and friends we could not have made it through it. Prayer is the most powerful tool we have in healing our problems. Delaney was born June 27th at 1:48 p.m. and weighed 3 lbs. 7 ozs. (two months early). I would like to send a special thank you to the flight crew aboard Care Flight and the staff at Fort Worth Harris Methodist Hospital. These professionals knew their business and took good care of Tonya and Delaney. All our prayers were answered that Sunday afternoon. I am glad to be able to raise my family in such a caring place such as Sonora. Tonya, McKenzie and little Delaney came home this last weekend. Delaney is now up to 4 pounds.

God Bless,
Chris Croy

On behalf of the Sonora Girls Softball League, we would like to thank everyone who helped with our tournament held here on July 9th and 10th. All the girls had a good time and, for our first tournament, it was a big success. The following local businesses generously donated to the tournament and we sincerely appreciate their support: Smitty's, Teaff Oil Co., T & C Village Market/Food Center, Kelly Owen, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sutton County National Bank, Business Basics and M3 Operators.

Thanks Again,
Sam Hughes and Mike Krieg

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

July 23 - Please welcome Carolyn Mendez & Heath Prather! Summer Workers with Texas Workforce Center Employment & Training! They are both of 16 years & will work through July 23rd.

July 26 - BINGO!

July 27 - Movie anyone? We will provide popcorn & drink! After lunch.

July 28 - Volunteer to deliver meals! We need you!

July 29 - Party for July Babies! After lunch.

Senior Center Menu

July 23 - Fried fish with tarter sauce, hominy, okra/tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp.

July 26 - Pizza (ham/pineapple rings), corn, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bar.

July 27 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, cornbread, potato salad, apricot/banana medley.

July 28 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, sliced strawberries, angel food cake.

July 29 - Frito pie with cheese, spinach, wheat bread, tossed salad with croutons & dressing, cinnamon applesauce.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$ 1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Elementary News

Students new to the Sonora Independent School District may register for school on Friday, August 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the office on the campus the student will be attending. Students in Pre-Kinder - 2nd grades will need to report to the primary office. Students in 3rd - 5th grades will need to report to the intermediate office. Students in 6th - 8th grades will need to report to the middle school office. Students in the 9th - 12th grades will need to report to the high school office.

New hours for Sonora Elementary for the 1999 - 2000 School Year

Prekindergarten --- 8:00 - 2:30

Primary (K - 2) --- 8:00 - 3:00

Intermediate (3-5) --- 8:00 - 3:10

Intermediate tutorials will be held from 3:10 - 3:40 for those who need extra help.

Buses will run at 3:40.

School begins on August 9. All students in the district will dismiss at 1:30 on the first day of school.

The class list for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade will be posted in the primary and intermediate buildings on Friday, August 6 from 8:00 - 3:30. Parents and students may come by the office to find out who their teacher will be for the 1999-00 school year!

Students in the third grade will have class in the "old high school" building this year instead of the rock building. The classes are arranged by 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade groups rather than all 3rd grade classes together, all 4th grade classes together, etc. Third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms will be located on the first floor (one of each). This will allow each grade level to be accessible to the disabled (on the first floor). This same arrangement will be utilized throughout the building - on the second floor and in the basement.

* The Sonora Elementary Student Handbook includes a few changes for the 1999 - 2000 school year. The dress code will prohibit students from wearing clothing with wrestling pictures/symbols, clothing depicting any type of violence, and very long pants which drag the ground. Student safety is very important and changes are made to eliminate problems and promote a positive learning environment. Please be aware of these changes as clothing purchases are being made for the upcoming school year.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Even taxes go on summer holiday

For the weekend of August 6, 7, and 8, 1999, no local or state sales tax will be applied to most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100.* The tax break is expected to save Texas consumers \$69.2 million in state sales taxes and up to another \$15.5 million in city and county sales taxes over the next two years.



* Customers will receive the tax break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy. Clothing and footwear that are used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible. Also not included are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, items that are carried, and clothing that is rented.

SOURCE:
Texas Comptroller
of Public Accounts,
(www.window.state.tx.us)

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Hasta los impuestos se van de vacaciones en el verano

El fin de semana del 6, 7 y 8 de agosto de 1999 la mayor parte de las prendas de vestir y los zapatos con valor menor a 100 dólares estarán libres del impuesto al valor agregado (I.V.A. o "sales tax" en inglés) tanto local como estatal.* Se espera que en los próximos dos años la pausa en el cobro de impuestos le ahorre a los consumidores texanos 69.2 millones de dólares en I.V.A. estatal y hasta 15.5 millones de dólares en I.V.A. municipal y del condado.



* Los consumidores podrán aprovechar la pausa en el I.V.A. en cada objeto de compra, sin importar el número de unidades que adquieran. Las prendas de vestir y el calzado que se usan principalmente para practicar deportes o como protección, no estarán libres del I.V.A. Tampoco lo estarán. accesorios como joyería y relojería, objetos que se cargan, y ropa de alquiler.

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387-2118

Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
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Community

July 24

Covered Wagon Dinner Theater

Legends & Lies of Sutton County

6:30 p.m.

July 25

Benefit concert for Tyler Smith at

Sante Fe Junction in San Angelo at 7:00 p.m.

July 29

Chamber Luncheon 12:00 Noon

at Los Jarritos

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

July 29

The Bank & Trust Annual Community Appreciation

Fiesta 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

August 9

School Starts

August 18 - 22

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Boy's Hunter Safety Camp '99



The 1999 Boy's Hunter Safety Camp held at the McPherson Ranch.

by Rodney Knight
This year's Boy's Hunter Safety Camp at the McPherson Ranch started a little different than in the past. Due to six inches of rain the day before the

camp was to start, we were not able to get to the camp until 7:00 p.m. Monday evening. Thanks to the Sonora Fire Dept. and the EMS, we had a place to keep the boys and hold classes. The camp

was sponsored by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. and the McPherson 4M Ranch.

The twenty-one boys attending the camp included: Rodney Eckert, San Antonio, Leroy Drury, St. Hedwig, Lance Roberts, Will Griffin, Scott Cawley, Eldorado, Bryan Gentry, Dustin Hattenbach, Midland, Casey Price, Jeffrey Strahan, Odessa, Jeffrey Trimble, Will Ferguson, Jaron Nivens, San Angelo, Marco Nunez, Richard Fernandez, Jr. Del Rio, Nelson Schauer, Michael Fambro, Kyle Nettleton, Comstock, J.R. Solis, Brian Payton, Brandon West, Sonora, and Ray Hutcherson, Taylor. Twenty-one boys with a big appetite - over 40 lbs. of brisket!

The winner of the pocket knife for being the outstanding camp participant was Richard Fernandez, Jr. of Del Rio.

Instructors included Game Wardens, J. C. Flores, Freddie Cervantez, Mike Porter, Gary Dick, Marco Alvizo, Rodney Knight and District Supervisor - Mack Caudle. Also assisting were Jim Stephens, Preston Love, Brent Gesch, Tim Talley, and Marvin Shurley.

During the four day camp the boys received instructions in archery and learned about wildlife management, survival, game care, and hunting ethics. They also learned gun safety

and handling while firing .22 rifles, 38 spl., 357 mag., 45 auto, 40 S&W pistols, and muzzle loaders. This bunch of boys fired a total of 750 20 ga shotgun shells. The highlight was when Ray Hutcherson, (who had missed the first 12 clay pigeons) with a few words of instruction and encouragement, broke the next ten including the only one shot double in the history of the camp.

I really appreciate the people who help with this camp. They give their time and donations totally to benefit these kids. A special thanks to Doug McPherson, Sandy and Patti McPherson, "General Maria", Doug and Jean of the McPherson Ranch, my fellow Game Wardens and instructors, the U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, the Dispatchers at the Sheriff's Office, Susan Lloyd of Eldorado, Mike and Mary Jo Janosky of the Rio Grande Valley Shooting Center, the Laborde Diagnostic Center of Lafayette, LA, and Marvin and Wanda Shurley of Sonora. Without all these people's help, it would be impossible to have the camps.

These Hunter Safety Camps not only teach kids the right and safe way to handle firearms, but we also try to give them more self-confidence in themselves and teach them what it takes to become a better person and citizen in their community.

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Playday Results

The best crowd thus far was present Thursday, July 15 at the Sutton County Park Arena for the playday that was rescheduled after the rain-out on June 24. Only two playdays remain in the summer series with those occurring on July 22 and August 5. Any 4-H'r who wishes to participate may do so but awards will be presented only to those who have attended at least three of the five playdays in the series.

Showmanship at Halter:

Pre-Junior: 1) John Duke Hudson, 2) Bailey Joe Pennington, 3) Cadesman Pope, 4) Murphy Black, 5) Madison Stewart, 6) Alex Lang, 7) Hanna Swanson, 8) Stella Ingham, 9) Word Hudson, 10) Kelsey Taylor, 11) Sol Walker Stokes, 12) Dustin Crittendon, 13) Gunter Pennington, and 14) Allie Black

Junior: 1) Andrea Holland, 2) Kindra Bounds, 3) Dusty Riggs, 4) Jena Teasley, 5) Kyann Kothman, and 6) Mishay Black

Senior: 1) Sheryl Strauch 2) Tyler Babin and 3) Amberlie Kinder

Western Pleasure:

Pre-junior: 1) John Duke Hudson, 2) Madison Stewart, 3) Stella Ingham, 4) Bailey Joe Pennington, 5) Dustin Crittendon, 6) Allie Black, 7) Alex Lang, 8) Hanna Swanson, 9) Murphy Black, 10) Kelsey Taylor, 11) Sol Walker Stokes, 12) Gunter Pennington, 13) Cadesman Pope, and 14) Word Hudson.

Junior: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Dusty Riggs, 3) Jena Teasley, 4) Andrea Holland, 5) Kindra Bounds, and 6) Kyann Kothman

Senior: 1) Tyler Babin, 2) Amberlie Kinder, 3) Ronda Moore, and Sheryl Strauch

Barrels:

Pre-junior: 1) Madison Stewart, 2) Bailey Joe Pennington, 3) Murphy Black, 4) Hanna Swanson, 5) Kelsey Taylor, 6) John Duke Hudson, 7) Dustin Crittendon, 8) Word Hudson, 9) Gunter Pennington, 10) Alex Lang, 11) Laura Martin, 12) Allie Black, and

13) Stella Ingham

Junior: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Jena Teasley, and 3) Kindra Bounds

Senior: 1) Tyler Babin, 2) Amberlie Kinder, 3) Ronda Moore, and 4) Sheryl Strauch

Poles:

Pre-junior: 1) Madison Stewart, 2) Murphey Black, 3) Bailey Joe Pennington, 4) John Duke Hudson, 5) Hanna Swanson, 6) Kelsey Taylor, 7) Word Hudson, 8) Stella Ingham, 9) Alex Lang, 10) DUSTIN Crittendon and 11) Gunter Pennington

Junior: 1) Andrea Holland, 2) Dusty Riggs, 3) Jena Teasley, and 4) Kindra Bounds

Senior: 1) Tyler Babin and 2) Amberlie Kinder

Goat Tying/Hair Pulling:

Pre-junior: 1) Madison Stewart, 2) John Duke Hudson, 3) Word Hudson, 4) Murphey Black, 5) Kelsey Taylor, 6) Hanna Swanson, 7) Gunter Pennington, 8) Dustin Crittendon, 9) Sol Walker Stokes, 10) Stella Ingham, 11) Cadesman Pope, 12) Alex Lang, and 13) Bailey Joe Pennington

Junior: 1) Mishay Black and 2) Jena Teasley

Senior: 1) Tyler Babin, 2) Ronda Moore, and 3) Amberlie Kinder

Lead-line participants and their parents worked Western Pleasure, Barrels and Goat Hair Pulling. These participants were Nolan Kinder, Sierra Stokes, Garrett Sharp, Julia Pope, Maddie Lang, Kaden Kinder, and Laramie Haynes. (Unfortunately, Garrett Sharp was disqualified from the Barrels because his Daddy broke the pattern!!)

Cathy Ball serves as judge for this playday. It should be noted that all judges at our playdays are strictly volunteers. Actually, volunteer is not the correct word because most often they are coerced into the job so please remember to thank them personally for their time. There are also many more "behind-the-scenes" workers, and their help in making each playday run so smoothly is greatly appreciated.

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Welcome Home J.D.!

Chris and Tonya Croy would like to announce the arrival of Delany Paige Croy. She was born on June 27, 1999 at 1:48 p.m. at Ft. Worth Harris Methodist Hospital. She weighed 3 lbs. 7 ozs and was 17 1/4" long. She is welcomed by her big sister McKenzie Croy and her proud Maternal Grandmother Betty Bates of Lewisville, Texas and Paternal Grandparents Betty Smith of Glen Rose, Texas and Kenneth Croy of Fort Stockton, Texas.

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Volunteer Fireman To Attend School



Jesse Paredes will be attending the Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M

Submitted
College Station- Jesse Paredes, volunteer fireman of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department of Sonora, Texas is attending the 70th Annual Texas Firemen's Training School, July 25-30. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, is being held on the Texas A&M University campus this week.

Firemen can choose their course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Training, Fire Department Pump Maintenance, Specialized Fire Protection, and Disaster Rescue Training.

Fireman Jesse Paredes is being sponsored by Tom Green County

Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job of fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe Volunteer Fire Departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said President Bob Stallman of Columbus. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Sonora Volunteer Department to better serve the residents of Sutton County."

Happy Birthday

July 22
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July 23
Yvonne Noriega
Mariso Faz
Brandon West
July 24
Joyce Aaron
Becky Covington
Veronica Garcia
July 25
Nadine Sanchez
Clint Bowers

Cathy Parks
Marcos Perez
July 26
Cyndee Ramirez
July 27
Demetrio Castro
Michael Esquivel
Lynn Marie Onofre
July 28
Marty Gonzales
Ronald Gonzales
Jonathan Nixon
Lola Patton
James Taylor

Pocket Park in Bloom



Submitted

Have you been downtown in Sonora lately? If not, you should make a special trip because you are missing some beautiful flowers and plants that are on display in the Bank Vault Park (Pocket Park). Jo Ann Davis, owner of Poplar Street Greenhouse, in Sonora, maintains the plants in the park and in all the whiskey barrels that line Main Street and the downtown area. Jo Ann spends her Sundays and her evenings watering and caring for the plants to help beautify our community. So your left with this question...Have you stopped to smell the flowers lately??

by Ann Kay, Main Street Mgr.

WOW!! This past Saturday night, July 17, 1999, we had a large, exciting crowd watching *Legends and Lies of Sutton County*, at the Sonora Caverns. Linda Love and the Sutton County Steakhouse served the best Fajita's in this neck of the country. With a crowd of about 100 people every bench was full, we even had to move more benches up close so that everyone could enjoy the play. We kicked the evening off with lovely candle holder door prizes, donated by image apparel. Our

own Kelly Hirt will hopefully light up her Elementary Principal's office with one of these, and a tourist traveling with the Big Lake Baptist Church will use the other one to light up her world. Again, Brent Jenkins, his crew of actors and actresses, and the local Sonora folks, made the play different and funny. They left the crowd anticipating the next act or scene. The intermission entertainment was outstanding. Luan King came up to demonstrate just how a champion Peacock Dancer dances and she passed her title

F.Y.I.

Sutton County Committee on Aging will provide their Annual Bar-B-Que during Sutton County Days. It will be from 5 - 7 p.m. on Friday Aug. 20, 1999 in the Civic Center. Admission is a \$5.00 donation for a meal of brisket, goat, sausage, beans, potato salad, cobbler, and iced tea. Proceeds enable services and activities for Sutton County senior citizens.

The Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be held on July 29, 1999 at 12:00 p.m. at Los Jarritos. The featured speaker will be Micci Carter of Micci Carter Landscape Co., Mr. Carter will be discussing possible volunteer community beautification projects.

Sheffield's Old Timer's Reunion will be held Saturday, July 31st. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Street Dance - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Cost is \$3.00 in advance and \$4.00 at entrance. A softball tournament, raffle and booths are all scheduled as part of the festivities. For more information call Cindy Morris at 915-836-4516 or Teresa Rodriguez at 915-836-4315.

Bronco Band to meet 8:00 a.m. August 2, 1999 at Sonora High School Band Hall. We look forward to seeing you promptly at 8:00 a.m. Don't be late. Practices will be from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please note - NO REHEARSAL on Friday evening.

The next Sutton County 4-H Playday will be held on July 22, 1999 at the Sutton County Arena. Sign up is at 6:00 p.m. and the first event will start at

6:30 p.m.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora from 9:30 - 10:30 on July 27, Aug. 31, and Sept. 28. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free by dialing 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Legend and Lies of Sutton County - Come see the Melodrama at the Sonora Caverns. Time - 6:30 for meal and 7:15 for show. Cost for meal & show is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 8 yrs. and under, show only = adults \$10 and children \$5. Games and fun for everyone - prizes will be given every night.

It's Summer Time Again - If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Drama Camp at Methodist Church or swimming lessons please make reservations by calling 387-2509. Thanks for your support, Thunderbird Transit.

The Sonora Municipal Pool is booking pool parties. All parties will be booked at the pool! The number is 387-5377.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

Tony Evans with the Urban Alternative can be heard Mon. - Fri. at 7:08 p.m. on KHOS - 92.1 & KYXX - 94.3, sponsored by Lighthouse Baptist Church and other anonymous sponsors.

Melodrama Continues at the Dinner Theatre

down to Ron and Patsy Callnan from Bracketville, TX. All the children, plus some daring adults, attempted the new "Twisting" contest. Everyone walked away with either a Sutton County pen or hat. The true twisters, Jack and Norma Schram, from Bracketville, TX, walked away with Sutton County Days T-shirts!

Once again the play was a success, and there are a few businesses we would like to thank for their continual support and donations to *Legends and Lies of Sutton County*. The businesses

spotlighted this Saturday were: The Bank & Trust, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Program, and image apparel. With their support we had an outstanding crowd. Again I would like to challenge the local Sonora people to come out and enjoy the beautiful environment and wonderful entertainment the Sonora Caverns is offering to our community. This Saturday Sutton County Steakhouse will be serving all-you-can-eat Fried Chicken.

Notice of Public Hearing on Sutton County Appraisal District Year 2000 Budget

The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year.

The Public hearing will be held on August 3, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sutton county Annex Building meeting room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget \$217,620

The total amount of **decrease** over the current year's budget \$ 40,300

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget 2

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school, city, water and hospital served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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- 2 BOXES KLEENEX
- 1 PKG. CONSTRUCTION PAPER (SIZE 9" X 12')
- 6 POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS
- 1 ZIPPER PENCIL POUCH (ZIPPER TYPE ONLY)
- 1 PLASTIC SUPPLY BOX (SMALL)
- 1 PKG. INEXPENSIVE PAPER PLATES
- 1 BACKPACK
- 1 LARGE TOWEL FOR REST TIME (NO MATS)
- 1 WATERCOLOR PAINT SET
- 1 BOX CLASSIC CRAYOLA MARKERS
- 1 OLD T-SHIRT (MOM OR DAD-SIZE)
- 1 BOX FREEZER ZIP LOCK BAGS (PINT SIZE)
- 1 BOX COLORED PENCILS
- 1 MEAD COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK
- 1 WATER BOTTLE WITH LID

FIRST GRADE

- 1 BOX SUPPLIES (NO LARGER THAN 6" X 9")
- 1 BOX 24 COUNT CRAYOLA CRAYONS
- 12 - #2 LEAD PENCILS (REGULAR SIZE)
- 1 PAIR METAL FISCAR CHILDREN'S SCISSORS
- 1 LARGE ERASER
- 1 - 12" RULER
- 1 BOX CLASSIC COLORS WASHABLE CRAYOLA MARKERS

- 1 SET OF 24 CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS
- 1 MEAD COMPOSITION BOOK (HARDCOVER)
- 1 LARGE BOTTLE ELMER'S GLUE
- 1 WATERCOLOR SET (CRAYOLA OR PRANG)
- 3 POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX (200 COUNT)
- 1 LARGE PKG. OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER (12" X 9")
- 1 BOX RECLOSABLE PLASTIC FREEZER BAGS (ZIP-LOCK TYPE-ANY SIZE)
- 2 ALADDIN GUIDE LINE TABLETS #2112
- 1 BACKPACK
- 1 PKG. INEXPENSIVE PAPER PLATES (WHITE)

SECOND GRADE

- 1 SCISSORS (FISCAR SHARP, POINTED IF POSSIBLE)
- 1 RULER (CM. AND IN. WOODEN)
- #2 PENCILS
- 2 BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 1 BOX CRAYONS
- 1 BOX MAP COLORS
- 1 PKG. 9" X 12" ASSORTED CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- 2 PKGS. NOTEBOOK PAPER
- 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK
- 1 MEAD COMPOSITION BOOK
- 1 ERASER
- 2 COLORED PENS FOR GRADING
- 1 ELMER'S GLUE (BLACK LABEL)
- 2 FOLDERS WITH POCKETS (NO BRADS)
- 1 BOX BAGGIES (ZIP LOCK QT. SIZE)
- 1 SUPPLY BOX (SMALL ONE, DUE TO DESK SIZE)
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- 1 - 2 IN. BINDER (3 RING) DIVIDERS
- 1 WATERCOLOR SET
- 1 OLD T-SHIRT FOR PAINT COVER UP

THIRD GRADE

- PENCILS (1 PKG. OF NON - MECHANICAL)
- SCHOOL GLUE
- SCISSORS
- RULER (WITH CENTIMETER/INCHES)
- 2 ERASERS
- COMPOSITION BOOK (MEAD WIDE RULED)
- 1 SPIRAL
- 1 BOX KLEENEX
- 2 POCKET FOLDERS
- ASSORTED CONSTRUCTION PAPER (9" X 12")
- WATER COLOR PAINTS
- CRAYONS OR MAP COLORS
- 1 PACKAGE OF MANILA PAPER MARKERS
- 2 (CURSIVE) WRITING TABLETS
- 1 PACKAGE OF RED GRADING PENCILS
- 1 PERSONAL PENCIL SHARPENER

FOURTH GRADE

- RULER (METRIC AND STANDARD)
- FISCAR SCISSORS
- 2 HIGHLIGHTERS
- MAP COLORS
- GLUE
- NOTEBOOK PAPER
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
- #2 PENCILS
- GRADING PENCILS
- SPIRAL
- 2 INCH, 3 RING BINDER (NOT A TRAPPER KEEPER)
- DIVIDERS
- 3 POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS
- WATER COLORS
- CRAYONS
- SCHOOL BOX (ONE THAT FITS IN A DESK)

FIFTH GRADE

- POINTED FISCAR SCISSORS
- GLUE
- CRAYONS
- 1 PKG. MAP COLORS
- NOTEBOOK PAPER
- 2 SPIRALS
- 4 POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS
- 1 PKG. ASSORTED COLORED BOND PAPER (NOT CONSTRUCTION)
- 1 HIGHLIGHTER
- RULER (CENTIMETERS AND INCHES)
- #2 PENCILS
- 1 BLUE OR BLACK PEN
- 2 BOXES OF KLEENEX

SIXTH GRADE

- TRAPPER KEEPER/NOTEBOOK
- NOTEBOOK PAPER
- 2 - HIGHLIGHTERS
- 2 - RED PENS / PENCILS
- BLUE OR BLACK PENS
- #2 PENCILS
- SCISSORS
- 4 - POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS
- 1 - 12 INCH/CM RULER
- 4 - SPIRALS
- 1 - LARGE BOX KLEENEX
- MAP COLORS
- SEVENTH GRADE**
- HIGHLIGHTERS (AT LEAST TWO COLORS)
- WASHABLE MARKER SET (CRAYOLA)
- MAP COLORS
- #2 PENCILS
- BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS

RULER (12", INCHES/CM)

- SCISSORS
- 1 - GLUE STICK
- WHITE NOTEBOOK PAPER (OR WIRELESS NEATBOOK)
- 1 LARGE BOX KLEENEX
- 1 - PKG. OF 4 AAA BATTERIES
- 6 - POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS

EIGHTH GRADE

- MAP COLORS - PENCIL TYPE
- 5 - POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS
- PENS - BLUE OR BLACK
- 1 - RED PEN
- 2 - HIGHLIGHTERS (DIFFERENT COLORS)
- NOTEBOOK PAPER - WIDE RULED
- 1 - 12" RULER
- 1 - LARGE BOX KLEENEX
- #2 PENCILS
- 1 - LARGE SPIRAL
- 1 PKG. OF 4 AAA BATTERIES

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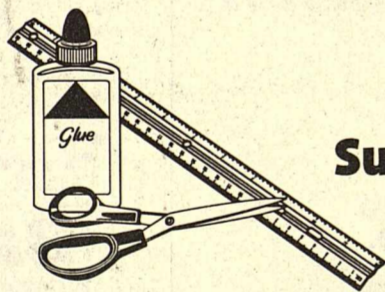
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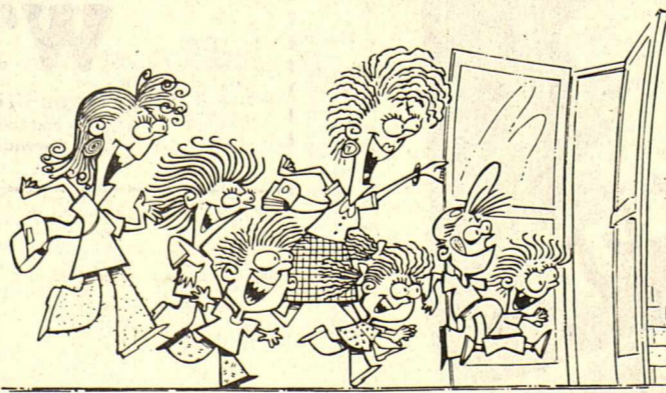
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Back Row: (12 and under) - Kat Ibarra, Christine Sanchez, Sandra Yorba, Laura Word, Debra Martinez, Deidra Warden, Adrianna Castillo, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Angi Ibarra, Felicia Castillo.
 Coaches: Sam Hughes, Mike Krieg, Regina Burris, and Rachel Duran. *In last weeks article Amanda Word was left out of the 12 & under July 9th & 19th Softball Tournament Results.*

Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure Where The Bible Is The Map And Jesus Is The Treasure

by Storie Sharp
 The Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure Finale was held July 16, 1999. There were about 63 children that attended the Bible School all week and learned that the Bible shows the way to Jesus, to Trust, to Love, to Pray, and to Live. Treasure Hunt Director, Linda Fisher gave a special thanks to everyone that helped make the event such a success. Discovery Site Leaders were: Lewis Allen - Bible Exploration, Emma Harris - Music, Ted Harris & Darla McKissac - Chadder's Theater, Rhesa Lang - Craft Cave, Lesa Miller & Susan Nicholas - Jungle Gym Games, Suzanne Steves - Treasure Hunt Finale, Kristen Hicks & Sherry Joy - Preschool Treasure Land. Clue Crew Leaders were: Jackie Crawford, Jimalee Dutton,

Clayton Hicks, Kate Higdon, Suzanne Huddleston, Darla McKissac, Thia McKissac, Mattie Nix, Amanda Sinders and Tori Valliant. Special Helpers were: Sarah Ball, Genny Cramer, Julie Martin, and Ashley Doran. Decorations were

done by Kathy Jones, Tammy Fisher Jung, and Charlotte Higdon. Refreshments were provided by Anita Hudson, Kay Friess and Lindy Valkonen. The kids sang songs and participated in the Treasure Chest Quest for their parents.



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The Water Rights Rebellion

By J. Zane Walley, The Paragon Foundation

The Clean Water Action Plan (CWAP) is a tortuous read. It is so wearisome it's likened to taking a sleeping pill, but perhaps that was the idea when it was written. Bore the reader with innocuous vague language so the normal observer dismisses the document as just another rambling piece of inscrutable government-speak. Luckily for resource-based industries, Bobbie Frank, the Director of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, got stuck in a blizzard with not much more to read than CWAP. She dug into it, and discovered deep in its guarded text lies an enormous threat to American agriculture.

CWAP (pronounced CRAP in Wyoming) is perhaps the strongest anti-agriculture document Washington has ever produced. It literally puts all land users in the entire United States, private and public, under the inconsiderate thumb of a massive and overwhelming blanket of powerful federal agencies. Included are: the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Park Service. Even the formerly toothless U.S. Geological Survey is empowered to make decisions concerning water use.

If you think anything could be more alarming than water rights being ruled by a Federal cabal, think again. CWAP invites environmental groups into the contrivance as a water watchdog on public and private lands. It literally gives Greens police powers. The EPA is the CWAP kingpin so the Green involvement should come as no surprise. EPA under Carol Browner obviously has made American agriculture the whipping boy of the environment and declared an unofficial and unjust war on ranchers and farmers. She is in no small degree aided and abetted in her efforts by Vice President Gore. Gore's National Performance Review observed: "Historically EPA has primarily focused on the protection of human health with less consideration of the impacts on ecosystem issues. Henceforth, however, EPA must make ecosystem protection a primary goal of the Agency". The provisions of CWAP give EPA, acting in concert with environmental interests, the power to administer a paralyzing blow to agriculture and all resource-based industries.

The Clean Water Action Plan is Gore's baby and its successful implementation is seen by some as the cornerstone of his bid for the presidency. The Holy Trinity of environmentalism, Gore, Babbitt, and Browner, is in a frenzy to add it to his eco-accolades to appease the environmental vote. In October 1997, Gore directed the EPA, USDA and other federal agencies to develop a plan to meet President Clinton's Clean Water Initiative. In a memorandum to the heads of departments and agencies involved, the Vice President directed them to develop within 90 days, an aggressive plan of action covering 11 high-priority areas. Gore also challenged Congress to help strengthen the Clean Water Act, especially for control of non-point sources of pollution, and to abandon proposals such as recent "property rights" bills that would hamper the ability of state and local governments to protect water quality.

Public land users are immediately threatened by CWAP. Provisions in the document call for all public land agencies to "implement an accelerated program to improve or restore 25,000 miles of stream corridor by 2005," and to "accelerate range planning, allotment planning, implement management changes and accelerate restoration actions to restore sustainability, function and diversity of range land ecosystems. This process will be accomplished through improved allotment management decisions by the year 2000." No doubt "improved allotment management" simply means, get the livestock off the land, and it doesn't take an avid imagination to clearly see that the restoration of 25,000 miles of stream corridor means the same thing. CWAP simply justifies the Clinton administration agenda to block the use of public lands not only by agriculture but also by mining, logging, and petroleum.

Again, this should not be a surprise. Sen. Frank H. Murkowski, Alaska Republican and chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee stated in a recent Washington Post article, "in the next 19 months we will see a significant movement to

usurp congressional authority." How true. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has long been using his regulatory authority to halt mining, grazing, logging, oil and gas exploration on public lands. In a May 22 National Review article, Mr. Babbitt is quoted as saying: "We've switched the rules of the game. We're not trying to do anything legislatively." Babbitt has constantly sought to strengthen the arsenal of federal land-grabbers. CWAP adds the equivalent of a nuclear weapon to his armory.

CWAP inflicts huge woe on private land users. Two million miles of river protection corridor will be taken almost entirely from private lands. 80 percent of private land that have riparian areas could have federally designated stream and river corridors by 2002. Emphasis is on "strong enforcement." Private land owners would face fines of up to \$25,000 for each day that EPA concludes they are in violation of CWAP.

Gee whiz Al, Carol, and Bruce. It was almost a slick move. Bill couldn't have done better. You have learned how to make an end-run around Congress and avoid any public input into your actions. No doubt the implementation of CWAP could have been green icing on the election cake. It's too bad, and so sad that your grand scheme was unearched and thwarted by the folks in Wyoming. Why if Bobbie Frank hadn't got snowed in, you might have gotten away with it, but it looks like you have stirred up a beehive or at least got caught with your hand in the honey jar. Wyoming sued you and working folks across America are lining up to sign on the litigation.

The population of Wyoming is less than half a million people, but that tiny mouse roared loudly enough to create a rebellion against CWAP and the agencies behind it. The minuscule Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, backed by a match grant from the Alamogordo, New Mexico based Paragon Foundation, and represented by well-known property rights attorney Karen Budd-Falen, recently sued the mammoth EPA and USDA agencies. Wyoming claims that they violated the National Environmental Policy Act, Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act,

Unfunded Mandates Act, The Fifth Amendment, and The Clean Water Act. "It is pure and simple thievery of the most precious resource, our water!" stated Bobbie Frank. "The Gore mandated Clean Water Action has nothing to do with clean water. It is simply a thickly veiled move for the Environmental Protection Agency to seize control of our water."

Twenty-four organizations representing land users in Wyoming, Colorado, Arkansas, South Dakota, Florida, New Mexico, Missouri, Mississippi and Idaho have since joined the lawsuit and the momentum promises to be an avalanche as more people across America learn that they almost lost their water rights to the Federal Government. Mrs. Frank explains the delayed reaction by other land users. "They simply were blindsided! The Clean Water Action Plan is so complicated, and was forced on us so fast, that other state conservation districts didn't have time to see through the smoke-screen. We are happy to have them join us in this action. We have a comprehensive information package we'll send anyone who would like more details."

The Clean Water Action Plan "Bare-bone" Facts CWAP Calls for:

1. The creation or restoration of nearly one million acres of wetlands.
2. Two million miles of river protection corridors taken in large part from private lands. Stream and river corridors are defined in CWAP as "ranging in size from a few feet on each side of a small stream to several miles wide on large river systems. Each corridor should extend across the stream banks, the floodplain, and the valley slopes. It should also include a portion of upland for the entire stream length to maintain functional integrity."
3. Restoration to include "Blockage of artificial drainage systems, removal or setback of artificial levees, and restoration of natural pater of floodplain topography"
4. Implementation of federal authority over almost one-half of all watersheds in America.
5. Closure of 20,000 miles of road on public lands to commercial and recreational use.
6. Restoration of 25,000 miles of stream corridors on public lands.
7. Authority for the EPA to lump "impaired" run-off from several ranching and farming operations on the same watershed together for the purpose of imposing fines and requiring federal permits.

These are only a few of

the alarming elements of CWAP. The entire document has to be scrutinized to realize its monumental impact on all resource-based industries.

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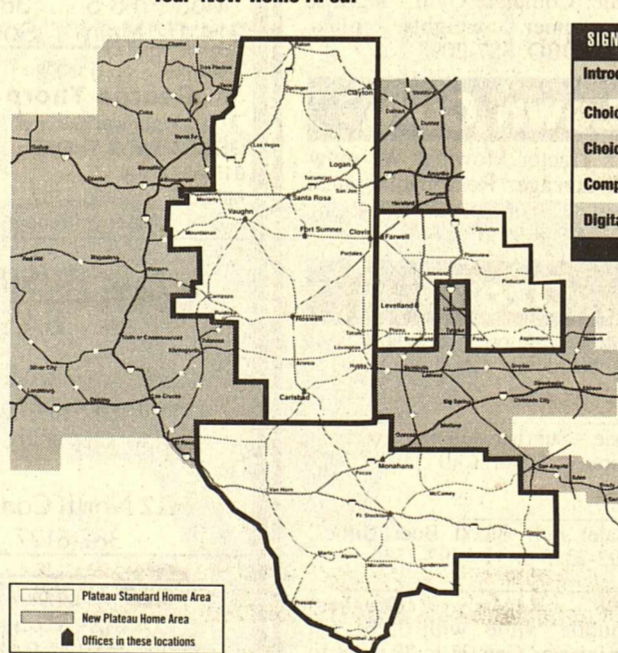


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