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Emergency Order For Sutton County

PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster for wildfire; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Sutton County, Texas, for the duration of the above mentioned declaration:

(1) Actions prohibited:

A person violates this order if he burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others; except that controlled pasture burns scheduled and accomplished under the guidance and participation of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association and/or Texas A&M Experiment Station shall be allowed. Such allowed burns shall be cleared through the office of the Sutton County Judge prior to beginning.

(2) Enforcement:

(a) Upon notification of suspected unauthorized outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.

(b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned police officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire;

(c) If, in the opinion of the officer at the scene and/or the Fire Chief, the goal of the order can be obtained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his discretion, notify the party about the provisions of this order and request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of the notification shall be made into the dispatcher's log containing the time, date and place of the warning, and the name of the person receiving the warning.

(3) At the discretion of the peace officer and/or Fire Chief, second or flagrant violations of this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be the Justice of the Peace Court of Sutton County,

Signed by Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge

Big Year Planned for Sonora FFA

Submitted by Heather Felts

off another new year and we are and an Agricultural Issues team. welcoming back Mr. Michael Kissire to the Ag. Dept.

Agricultural Quiz, and Creed state.

Speaking. In addition to these The Sonora FFA is kicking areas, there will be a Radio team

The students will be working just as hard in the spring as in the We are expecting great fall, participating in the spring things from this group this year. judging contests and stock In the fall they will be traveling shows. Please show your support to compete in Chapter of these students as they repre-Conducting, Farm Skills, sent our community across the

Sutton County Days Silver Anniversary - An Eventful Weekend

The last Sutton County Days of the Millennium was one for the history books this week-end. Although rain is much needed in our area, it was nice to enjoy a week-end of fun & festivities without having to trek through the mud.

All the events appeared to do very well, despite the heat, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves at whatever they decided to do during the busy week-end.

The new Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County were crowned on the Courthouse Lawn on Saturday morning. The competition was very stiff and Mrs. Mattie Nix did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies. Second runner up for 1999-00 Little Miss Sutton County was Shandra Rae Barrett, daughter of Donna & Bryan Barrett, First Runner up was Sidney Dermody, daughter of Dean & Louise Dermody, and the new Little Miss Sutton County is Chanel Martinez, daughter of Cenisa and Paul (Chico) Martinez.

Second runner up for Little Mr. Sutton County was Hagen Pendergrass, son of Stormi & David Pendergrass, First runner up was "Little" Sam Patterson, son of Sam Patterson and Tammi Patterson, and the new Little Mr. Sutton County is Hunter Hughes, son of Shelly and Sam Hughes.

This year Sutton County days lasted a little longer, with activities extending to Sunday afternoon. One of those activities was the talent show. This year's winners were as follows:

Division 1 - Age 13 & Up 1. Regina Yvette Martinez of

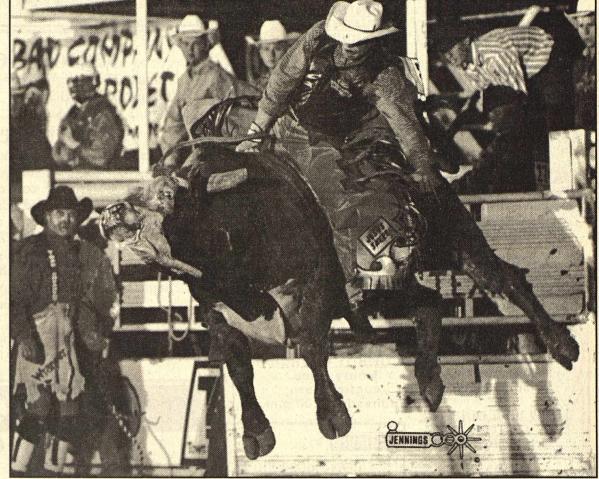
2. Manuel Campos & Chris Green of Sonora. Division 2 - Age 12 & Under

1. Candice Noriega of San Angelo.

2. Brooke Galindo of Ozona. The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo played to a full house on both Friday and Saturday nights, causing the stands to overflow and the cool drinks to run low!

The new Miss Sutton County was crowned before the Saturday night rodeo performance, after making a grand entrance on an authentic "Outlaw" Wild West stagecoach. Most Photogenic, sponsored by David and Beth Jennings, went to Kayla Burkett. Second Runner Up for Miss Sutton County was Rita Lopez, First Runner Up was Daisha Henson and the 1999-00 Miss Sutton County is Andi Allen. Congratulations to all these girls for a job well done!

The crowd definitely did not go home disappointed, thanks to



Darran Robertson went 91 pts. on Bad Company's Copenhagen Bad Leroy Brown in Saturday's Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Photo by David Jennings

top name cowboys competing both nights. Results for the Outlaw Pro Rodeo are as follows:

Bareback Riding: 1.Kirby Berry - 82 pts. on Copenhagen Magic

2. Troy Thompson - 81 pts. 3. Pete Hawkins - 77 pts. Steer Wrestling:

1st round -1.Mickey Gee - 4.6 2.Bubba Paschal - 4. 8

3. Rowdy Cooper - 5. 2 2nd round -1.Shane Paschal - 3.9

2.Kitt Woody - 4.6 3.Brian Bauerle - 4.8 Average -

1.Mickey Gee - 9.9 2.Kitt Woody - 9.9 3.Jeff Corbello - 10.4 Saddle Bronc:

1.Ty Murray - 80 pts. on

2.Kolt Dowdy - 79 pts. 3.Cole Hardin - 77 pts. Calf Roping: 1st Round: 1.Justin Maass - 9.6 2. Nathan Williams - 9.8

2nd Round: 1. Trevor Brazile - 7.9 2.Jerome Schneeberger - 8.0 3. Jason Senior - 8.2

3.Roy Cooper - 9.9

Average: 1. Scott Baker - 19.6 2. Mike Arnold - 19.9 3. Roy Cooper - 20.0 Team Roping: 1st round:

1.Joe Verastegui & Mickey Gomez - 5.6 2.Tee Woolman & Tyler Magnus - 6.6

3.Kelly Wren & Larry Gonzalez - 7.1 2nd round:

1.Speed Williams & Rich Skelton - 6.2 2.Tee Woolman & Tyler

Magnus - 6.5 3. Robert Gonzalez & Zane Bruce - 6.5

Average: 1.Tee Woolman & Tyler Magnus - 13.1 2.Kelly Wren & Larry

Gonzalez - 15.5 Chuck Doebbler & Tom Wren

Steer Roping: 1st Round: 1.Guy Allen - 9.3 2.Delynn Jones - 10.4 3.Buster Record - 10.9

2nd Round: 1.Guy Allen - 8.8 2.Paul Patton - 9.4 3. Leo Campbell - 9.5 3rd Round: 1.Jim Davis - 9.1

2.Buster Record - 9.5 3.Colby Goodwin - 9.8 Average: 1.Guy Allen - 28. 1

2.Arnold Felts - 36.3 3.Tyler Magnus - 36.8 Barrel Racing: 1. Kay Blandford - 17.20 2. Kappy Allen - 17.31 3. Corley Cox - 17.37 Breakaway Calf Roping:

1.Lari D. Guy - 2.6 2. Tammy Noble - 2.7 3.Kelsey Cox - 2.8 Bullriding:

1.Darran Robertson - 91 pts.. on Copenhagen Bad Leroy Brown 2.Sye Jones - 86 pts...

3. Josh Pierce - 85 pts.. The All-Around Cowboy, winner of a Lee Silversmith handmade buckle set, was Tyler Magnus.

Lots of volunteers worked very hard to make the 25th Annual Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo bigger and better than ever before and are already making plans for next year.

A big thanks goes to everyone that helped make this Silver Anniversary such a success.

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Bonilla Visits Sonora To Talk About Taxes and the IRS

Henry Bonilla held a community event in Sonora Tuesday. He met with residents of Sonora and the surrounding area to discuss the accomplishments of the 106th Congress. Bonilla used the opportunity to underscore his commitment to eliminating the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and replacing it with a tax system that is fairer and simpler.

Bonilla emphasized a piece of legislation he introduced in Congress earlier this year that "puts us on the road to abolishing the IRS as we know it." he said. "Taxpayers have had enough of a system that treats us, the taxpayers, as criminals rather than customers."

"The current tax code is overwhelmingly complex," Bonilla said. "Taxes are higher now than ever before in the peacetime history of this country. It is time to get rid of

Sonora - U.S. Congressman today's tyrant, the IRS, and replace it with a system that treats us, the taxpayers, fairly.'

Bonilla also spoke about the tax relief package passed by Congress. The tax cut plan, which is aimed at providing tax relief for every taxpayer in America, provides nearly \$800 billion in tax relief over

the next 10 years. "We have too many taxes in this country," Bonilla said. "We get taxed because we get married. We get taxed when we try to save for our own retirement. We work hard to provide for our families, and we get taxed for it. We even get taxed because we die. This Congress has said enough is

enough." "This tax cut package eliminates the death tax, which has ravaged farmers, ranchers and small business owners for too long,"



Congressman Bonilla visited with Sonora residents on the Courthouse lawn.

marriage penalty tax. It is because they are married." grotesquely unfair that couples

Bonilla said. "It also eliminates the have to pay higher taxes just

GO TEXAN Program Featured for Chamber Luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce luncheon for August will be Thursday, August 26, at 12:00 p.m. at Rosie's Café. The featured guest for the Luncheon will be Brad Roeder. Mr. Roeder is a representative from the Agriculture Commissioner's office who will be discussing the GO TEXAN pro-

Thanks to new legislation consumers will soon start finding it easier to spot Texas grown fruits, vegetables and other Ag products in local stores.

The new program, called the "GO TEXAN Partner Program," will help shoppers quickly find Texas agriculture products with a trademark label in the outline of a glowing Texas-shaped "brand."

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs praised the authors of the new law saying they have given shoppers what they're looking for an easy way to spot the best!

"Looking for Texas grown products in a store filled with so many choices can be difficult. The GO TEXAN logo will eliminate that problem by clearly identifying items from Texas," Susan said.

"The GO TEXAN Partner Program will provide a tremendous boost to shoppers and to the state's second largest industry, agriculture," Combs said.

Governor Bush, Lieutenant Governor Perry, Speaker Pete Laney and baseball legend Nolan Ryan joined Combs in April to introduce the marketing campaign at the State Capitol. Also, a Go TEXAN public service announcement featuring pitching great Nolan Ryan released to Texas television stations. Another PSA, featuring actor Tommy Lee Jones, will be released this fall. Both Ryan and Jones have donated their time to promote Texas agriculture and deserve a big round of applause.

"Using nationally recognized celebrities to promote GO TEXAN will give Texas agriculture a highprofile presence, making it uncool and unTexan to buy anything but Texas products," Combs said.

If you have any questions regarding the GO TEXAN Program or any other programs that the Ag Commission offers, please make your plans to be at Rosie's Café on Thursday, August 26.

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903 N. Crockett Ave. 387-2169

School Lunch Menu August 30 - Sept 2

Breakfast

Mon.-Cheese toast, juice, fruit. Tues.-Waffle sticks, syrup, fruit, juice. Wed. - Sweet rolls, juice, fruit.

Thurs.-Biscuits, eggs, ham or sausage, fruit, juice. Fri.-Egg & chorizo burritos, fruit, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts. Lunch

Mon.-Corn dogs, corn, fruit, tator tots, cake.

Tues.-Sub sandwiches, ham & cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, cookies. Wed.-Beef & Bean Burritos, Spanish rice, cheese, lettuce & tomato salad, cobbler.

Thurs.-Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, cake.

Fri.-Salisbury steak, brown gravy, broccoli, egg noodles, rolls,

Senior Center News August 27 -Run errands & Pay Bills.

August 30 -BINGO! Sept. 2 - Crafts...Anyone?

Senior Center Menu

August 27 - Fried catfish, hominy, okra, tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp, milk.

August 30 -Frito pie, corn chips, chili, cheese, spinach, bread, tossed salad with croutons, applesauce. August 31 -Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach, garlic

bread, fruit cocktail, pound cake, milk. Sept. 1 -Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk.

Sept. 2 -Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad,

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

Obituaries

Josefa Gonzales

Services for Josefa P. Gonzales, 99, of Lamesa were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

The Rosary was said from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Branon Funeral Home. Lamesa Burial was in

Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Mrs. Gonzales died Monday,

Aug. 2, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born Dec. 9, 1899, in

Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico. She married Ignacio M. Gonzales on June 27, 1920. He died Dec. 26, 1968. She was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church for 50 years. She was a housewife. She was preceded in death by

two daughters, Esperanza Hernandez of California in 1996 and Consuelo Rodriguez of Lamesa

Survivors include three sons, Frank P. Gonzales, Fidencio Gonzales and Ignacio Gonzales, all of Lamesa; four daughters, Sophie Galindo and Gloria Barron, both of Lamesa, Cleofas Bailon of Stafford, Ariz., and Mary Menjares of Sacramento, Calif.; 41 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren; and 67 great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews in Sonora, TX.

Jerry Neill Shurley Jr.

son, brother, father and friend, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999, in Tampa, Fla.

Jerry was born June 2, 1948, in San Angelo to Jerry Neill Shurley and Jacquelyn Friend Shurley, descendants of early West Texas ranching families. He attended Sonora public schools and Texas A & M University and obtained a degree in marketing from the University of Texas at Austin.

During Jerry's career he was involved in residential construction and development and real estate publishing in Houston, Austin, and Florida. he received state and national recognition for excellence throughout his career for professional results in sales and marketing including awards for Marketing Director of the Year from the Greater Houston Builders Association and Sales Manager of the Year from the Greater Houston Builders, Texas Association of Builders and the National Homebuilder's Association.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Jacquelyn Thomas, and a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Kathy Shurley, all of Kerrville; children, Janet Hovland of Streamwood, Ill.,

Jerry Neill Shurley Jr., beloved Roxanne Davis of San Antonio, Kelly Story of Grapevine, Shea Shurley of Del Rio, Summer Shurley of Carrollton and Taylor Shurley of Houston; Uncle Gene Shurley, Aunt, Midge Shurley and cousins, Scott Shurley and Suzanne Huddleston, all of Sonora; nephews, Drake Shurley of Austin, Michael and Dana Stewart of Houston; and eight grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father, Jerry Neill Shurley.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the First United Methodist Church with private burial in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral home.

Memorials may be made to 3H Therapeutic Camp for Boys, Box 239 Mountain Home,

Texas 78058 Attn: Monte Osborne.

Jerry will be remembered in the hearts of his loved ones and many dear friends for his laughter and sense of humor and we are comforted in the knowledge that he has at last found peace and comfort which had lately escaped him in life. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Jerry Boy.

Wedding



Wuest - Wolff

Shanda Marshay Wuest and Gregory Ray Wolff were united in marriage on Saturday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Wallis J. Stiles of D'Hanis and the Rt. Rev. Robert B. Hibbs of San Antonio officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Sandy Wuest of Fredericksburg and the granddaughter of Oliver and Annabel Wuest of Sonora and the late Floyd and Beth Marshall of Melvin. She is a 1992 graduate of Fredericksburg High School and received a bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University in 1996 and a master's degree from The University of Texas at San Antonio in 1999. She is currently employed as a teacher for Comal ISD.

The groom is the son of Ray and Dorothy Wolff and the grandson of Jean Weynand and the late Lawrence Weynand and Raymond and Mary Wolff, all of D'Hanis. He is a 1989 graduate of D'Hanis High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas A & M university. He is currently employed as a project manager for Pipelayers, Inc. in San Antonio.

Arrangements of roses, gladiolas, sunflowers, lilies, delphinium, and daisies next to the altar formed the church decor.

Mary Ann Murchison was the organist for the ceremony. Soloists included Mary Ann Marshall with "Ave Maria", Marcus Hendry with "In This Very Room"; and Christina Raymond with Psalm 103 "The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

The bride's white gown featured a bodice of alencon lace scattered with sequins and pearls. Strands of pearls trimmed the scooped neckline and outlined the sleeveless dress. The pleated skirt of Italian matte satin was trimmed with lace, pearls, and

sequins and fell into a semi-cathedral train. Her elbow-length veil of tulle was gathered to a braided satin headband adorned with pearls. She carried a bouquet of roses, stephanotis, and small orchids."

Maurie Duderstadt of Houston was the maid of honor and Mary Standley of San Antonio was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Hendry of San Marcos, Mandy Wolff of College Station, Lisa Trammel of San Antonio, Kimberly Burton of Houston, and Kelly Rainey of Pearland.

They wore sleeveless, champagne floor length dresses. The satin bodice featured a boxed neckline with empire waists and straight, crepe skirts. They carried a mixed spring bouquet of delphinium, sunflowers, roses, lilies, and mums.

Hannah Wuest, daughter of Gary and Jill Wuest of New Braunfels, was the Junior Bridesmaid. She wore a sleeveless dress of floral weave patterned fabric. Brad Wolff of Austin was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Mike Carle

of Austin, James Howell of Houston, Vincent Callicoate of Midland, Scott Wuest of College Station, Tony Bortoni of San Antonio, Joby Langfeld of San Antonio, and Leightori Stovall of Garden City. Ushers were Rick Burrell of Houston, Troy Langfeld of D'Hanis, Clay Boone of Waxahachie, and William Schlortt of Germany. Cord and Trey Mumme of D'Hanis were the altar boys.

A reception, dinner, and dance followed at the Adelsverien on the Marketplatz. The couple was chauffeured from the church to the reception in a 1920 Model T.

Within the hall, white lights wrapped with tulle were draped throughout the ceiling and along the poles. Large ferns accented the decorations. White cloths covered the tables, which were centered with votives surrounded with grapevine wreaths and gold stars. Guests lit gold sparklers as the couple left the reception.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered white colonnade with rolled fondant frosting and raspberry filling set on a silver pedestal. It was decorated with fresh flowers like those used in the bridesmaids' bouquets. The German chocolate groom's cake was baked by the groom's mother and fea-

tured a Texas A & M shield surrounded with purple grapes. Following a wedding trip to Ixtapa, Mexico, the couple is making their home

in San Antonio.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Parish Hall on July 2.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Card of Thanks

I want to say "Thank You" to all of my friends & the community of Sonora thinking of me at the time of loss of my beloved son, Inez Mendez. Your remembrance of us in your prayers, your telephone calls, your cards and every act of kindness is deeply appreciated.

Thanks to these who donated money so I could go to California to be by my son's side on his last days. God bless each of you.

Family of Inez Mendez

Guadalupe "Lupe" Mendez - Mother

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August 26

Sonora Broncos vs. Colorado City J.V. - Home 6:30 p.m. August 27

Sonora Broncos vs. Colorado City Varsity - There - 8:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

Sept. 20

Sonora Schools P.T.A. 6:30 p.m.

Elementary Auditorium Sept. 11 Sonora Soccer

starts with SASA in San Angelo

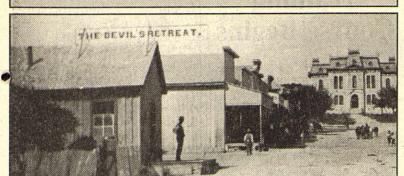


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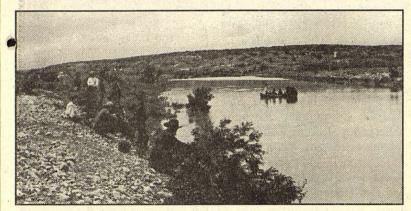
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Ask The Historical Society



The old Devil's River News office with the Devil's Retreat on its sign. Founder of the Newspaper Mike Murphy on the porch.



The Devil's River at flood stage, where an enterprising young man made money rowing people across.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Will you please explain again how the Devil's River got its name? A. Frontier Times of Feb 1938 has the most concise story on this.

Early in 1848 some thirty-five citizens of San Antonio organized an expedition to mark out a route to El Paso and Chihuahua. The famous Captain Jack Hays was to command the expedition and he employed John Conner, a Delaware Indian, and one Lorenzo, a Mexican, to act as guides and interpreters for the expedition.

There was stationed on the Llano a ranger company of about 35 men. The combined party of rangers and citizens from San Antonio left their camp on the Llano on August 1, 1848. The men were supplied with only thirty days rations. They traveled up the South Llano to its headwaters and then crossed to the headwaters of the Nueces, and then across the divide to the headwaters of the Devil's River, then known as he San Pedro. It required three long days to cross this river, and the party

changed its name from San Pedro and christened it the Devil's River.

The party headed across the Pecos and started for the Rio Grande, but the guides became lost in this rugged region, the provisions ran low and very little game could be found, and they finally had to eat mule meat. Two weeks later the caravan met a party of Mescalero Indians, who, in exchange for presents, supplied them with food and conducted them to the Rancho San Carlos, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. From there the party went to the present town of Presidio and rested for two weeks.

The story goes on to tell about how with winter approaching the party decided to return to San Antonio. The encountered a severe snow storm on Brady's Creek and severe hardships and hunger, even though they had split up and taken two different routes. Their tales of hardship proved to act as a "wet blanket" for anyone else that had thought of exploring the region.

In 1849, W. F. Smith of the

Topographical Engineers was ordered to locate or blaze a route or per office was the brain child of trail from San Antonio to El Paso, across Texas.

After crossing the South Concho he had a nearly waterless trip all the way to about 8 miles above the head of Howard's Creek.

In 1850 when J. Frank Bowles was traveling with a group going to California he described the Devil's River in the following way:

"When we reached Devil's River it was a very dry time, and the water was very low in the river. We camped and prepared to stay there a few days to rest the stock. There being lots of catfish, all we had to do was to tie a butcher knife on a stick and we could get all the fish we wanted out of the crevices in the rock bed of the river. About the fourth day cholera broke out in camp and seven people died. The captain and after burying the dead, we start-

My friend and partner was one of the unfortunate ones, and I helped bury him on the bank of Devil's River, and placed large rocks over the grave to keep the wolves from uncovering and eating the body."

In 1872 Mr. Bowles returned through this area and located his friend's grave. Seeing that 7 people were buried in the same area there should be some remainder of these burial grounds. Readers, have any of you ever come across this place or heard any stories of these graves from your ancestors?

Early Spanish maps of the area confirm that the Devil's River was called the San Pedro River, along with about half a dozen other rivers they had named San Pedro. It really would have been quite confusing if the names had not been changed, especially with several of them in

Since 1848 the Devil's River has been officially the Devil's River. The name existed over 50 years before the town of Sonora was started here. Sonora has existed on the banks of the Dry Devil's River, a branch of the Devil's River, for over a hundred years.

Mike Murphy proprietor, knew that they could serve several small communities around them and wisely took the name from the Devil's River not Sonora. In this way more people bought the paper as it covered a broader area. Mike was a smart man.

The devil up over the newspa-John Eaton and was put up there years ago when the paper was remodeled.

In the early days of the paper there was a large sign over the first building that said "Devil's River News" on one side and "Devil's Retreat" on the other. Mike liked to be referred to as the "man from the Devil" and made use of the play on the newspapers term of "devils" for a man who had to set type. In the earliest days of the paper he wrote stories, set type and printed the paper himself. He was later joined by his brother and as the town grew they hired different young people in town and trained them setting type, devil's apprentices.

The river was named because men had the "devil of a time crossing not St. Peters calm waters but ordered us to break camp at once, the devilishly swollen and tortuous river that held them up for days and because there were too many rivers named the San Pedro.

The Devil's River News is a play on the name of the river and the term devil, which was used to describe the back breaking job of setting print. The print setter had the devil of a job, a back breaking, eye straining chore. If you had to lean over a table by lantern or candle light, using little tiny type and setting it backward, so that when it was printed it was right, you would understand the term. Then you had to help with the old hand operated printing press. This involved rolling out the ink, turning the press, flipping the paper so it could be printed on both sides. Changing out large heavy trays of set type on the press. All I can say that being a newspaper person really was a devil of a job in the early days.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to drop them off at the Devil's River News office on Main Street or give me a call afternoons or evenings at 915-387-2855. Don't forget it is time to pay dues again. Please send them in or drop Note: The Devil's River News, them of at Al Elliott's office.

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Sutton County Hospital District Meeting

Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, August 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr., President, Ray Smith, Vice-President, Lewis Allen, Virginia Epps, Paul 'Chevalier, Harold McEwen, and Sherrill Dannheim. Also present were Al Elliott, Hudspeth Corporate Board, Dianne Ashcraft, Administrator, Beverlee Williams, RN, DON, Nursing Home, Carolyn Lara, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order. Upon motion by Harold McEwen, seconded by Virginia Epps, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of July 12, 1999

Dr. Johnson reported that the Appraisal District Board had met for the purpose of a budget hearing and had reduced their budget by 15% over last year. Discussion was held regarding the tax base. Dr. Johnson stated that the tax base is down by nearly half since the creation of the Hospital District.

Al Elliott, Hudspeth Corporate Board, addressed the Board stating that the Corporation has paid off the indebtedness of the Corporate Board, due to the gift from the VanderStuckens Trust that they had established some time prior to their deaths. The Hospital Ranch is generating some income and will continue to help the Hospital with capital improvements. Mr. Elliott advised that the Corporate Board appears annually at the District's Board meeting to answer any questions they would have. Mr. Elliott advised that any of the District's Directors are invited to attend their meetings. The Board thanked Mr. Elliott for attending the meeting.

Dr. Johnson presented the grant application for new x-ray equipment. Dr. Johnson advised that the application will be submitted to the San Angelo Health Foundation. Upon motion by Paul Chevalier, sec-

The regular meeting of the onded by Virginia Epps, the Board 40 hours per week. Paul Chevalier Board approved the July expendiapproved the submission of the grant application to the San Angelo Health Foundation.

Paul Chevalier made the motion to officially thank Patricia Johnson for the time and dedication in writing the grant for the x-ray equipment for the Hospital. Virginia Epps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dianne Ashcraft presented the preliminary budget for 2000 and the three year capital budget. Ms. Ashcraft advised that after going over the budget again, there are several areas that still needed to be worked with. Ms. Ashcraft pointed out the tax revenue for 1999 was \$1,019,950 and staying at the same tax rate would be \$887,789. Ms. Ashcraft also pointed out that we would be getting some tobacco settlement money, but at the present time we are not aware of how much. Ms. Ashcraft advised that we should be receiving the letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding the disproportionate share later this month. Ms. Ashcraft advised that we did take out the shortfall that was budgeted last year. Discussion was held regarding the present tax rate and what the effective tax rate is for this year. No action was taken on the budget at this time. The final budget will be presented at the next

Discussion was held regarding the bad debt list presented for approval. Upon motion by Ray Smith, seconded by Lewis Allen, the Board approved the bad debt list in the amount of \$29,766,93.

The Board then went into Executive Session, under Article #6252-17 (VATS), as amended by Citation #496. Purpose of said session - personnel, under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 2, subsection G

The Board reconvened into open session. Dr. Johnson advised that discussions of personnel and RN's salaries were held. Ray Smith made the motion, effective immediately, to pay the RN's, in a nonsupervisory position, overtime after

seconded the motion. Motion car-

Upon motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Ray Smith, the Board approved the Medical Staff's recommendation for consultant staff privileges for Desiree D'Orsogna, M.D. and Mark Burton M.D. to serve as peer review physicians for the Hospital.

records. She also reported that accounts receivable is down to \$391,837.73 as of August 1, 1999. July 1, started at \$427,778.00. The office staff continues to work on getting the older accounts collected.

had talked with the Administrator at Junction and they highly recommended Kathy McDaniel's firm, for the Chargemaster review. Ms. McDaniel is scheduled to do a presentation at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Ashcraft advised that she is still working with Premier Therapy. She is also getting a competitive bid from another reliable company for physical therapy services. Ms. Ashcraft advised that she will have the information for the next Board

Beverlee Williams, RN, DON, Nursing Home, reported to the Board that there was no decubitus as of August 1. Mrs. Williams advised that she was still looking for CNA's. Mrs. Williams advised that she has had several inquiries for placement in the facility and once the renovations are completed we should be able to admit some new residents.

Kathy Knight gave the financial report for June, 1999. Mrs. Knight reported that the Hospital had a net loss of \$62,967.59. Mrs. Knight advised that the Nursing Home came to a stop with vehicle. As offishowed a loss of \$25,710.05. Mrs. Knight reported that there was \$252,525.10 remaining in CD's. The facility will use \$36,427.00 for August, with \$216,098 remaining for the last 4 months.

Upon motion by Ray Smith. seconded by Sherrill Dannheim, the

Lewis Allen advised that Stetson Hall will have his Court of Honor, Eagle Scouts, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Presbyterian Church. Stetson built the heli-pad for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Allen invited everyone to come if they could.

With no further business, Ray Smith made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Ashcraft reported that both Harold McEwen seconded the physicians were current with their motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Police Report 8/11 - 8/20

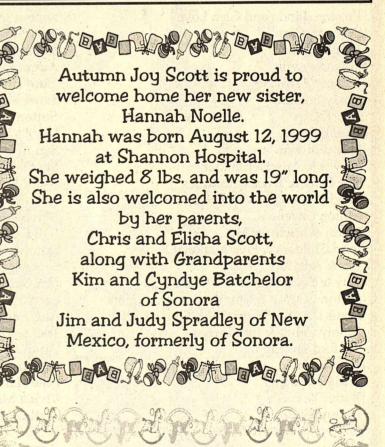
August 11 - Accident - Officer Ms. Ashcraft advised that she was dispatched to the 500 blk of W. Carver in reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.

> August 13 - Burglary - Officer was dispatched to Sutton Co. Sheriff's Office to speak to complainant. Complainant advised unknown persons had stolen some personal items from her vehicle. Investigation pending.

August 14 - Theft - Officer was contacted by a complainant in reference to a bicycle theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had stolen a bicycle from her residence.

August 16 - Assault - Officer was contacted by a complainant wanting to file assault charges. Officer gathered information. Investigation pending.

August 20 - Impound-Officer was on routine patrol in the 200 block of Menard St. when he observed a white chevy pickup playing excessively loud music. Officer cer approached the vehicle, the driver sped away. Officer then located vehicle in the 700 block of Fay St. The driver of the vehicle had abandoned it. Officer was unable to locate the driver. Investigation pend-



Dylan Guy Leach was born July 20th at St. David's Hospital in Austin. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. After a 2 week hospital stay he's welcomed home by proud parents, Steve & Kelley Leach, scores of aunts, uncles & cousins. Grandparents are Bill & Judy Webster of Sonora and Bob & Frances Leach of Victoria.

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Sacred Heart of Mary Gears Up for Annual Diez y Seis Festival

The temperatures may be hot, but it won't put a daze on the upcoming annual Diez y Seis Festival being planned by Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Rocksprings.

Set for September 11, the festi-val promises to have lots of fun activities throughout the day for the entire family.

All day activities include pony rides by Arturo and Estella Ortiz, a coke bottle booth with Yesenia and Juan Barerra, a fishing booth by Lupe Perez, a jail house by Pancho

Carrillo and Letti Gonzales, basketball throw by Annette Perez, blanket pockets with Rosa Arredondo, ringer for kids with Mildred Arebalos and a dunking booth with Amanda and Frankie Carrillo.

Other events are scheduled on the hour and half hour. They include a baseball tournament, organized by Tano Ramirez, which begins at 8:00 a.m. At 10 a.m., a parade will take place followed by a basketball tournament at 10:30 and a baby contest, also at 10:30 a.m. Bingo games begin at 11:30 and the Menudo Contest starts at 12:30 p.m. Sack races begin at 1:00 p.m. and a cake walk is set for 1:30 p.m.

Alicia Avila will be hosting the quilts contest which is set to take place at 2:30 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. past queens will be presented.

A real crowd pleaser is sure to the Rocksprings Folklorico Dancers, who will perform their colorful dances for the audience at

And guys, it'll be time to roll up your sleeves and show some muscle at the arm wrestling contest scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and organized by Gabe Longoria. Other planned booths and

games include football throwing,

duck pond, dart throwing, musical chairs and horseshoe pitching. D.J. Jesse Rios will entertain during the day and the dance is set

to begin at 9:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and be there to join the fun. For more information about the festival, please contact Adella Spurlock at 830-683-2354 or Rosa Ramiro at 830-683-

EMT Training Course Begins

On Monday, August 16th the EMTs met for their regular training meeting. A very informative program on infectious diseases was presented by Pat Campbell. All who attended found the program to be a great review and they all learned some new information.

On August 3, 1999 the emergency medical services started a course for the training required for certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate. The course is a 72 hour course requiring the students to attend lectures twice a week, 50 hrs. on board an ambulance and 50 hrs. in the San Angelo Community Hospital Emergency Room. Instructors for the course are Keith Butler, Pat Campbell, and Carla Garner. Pascal Allison, Leslie Thorp, and Tim Thorp are assisting with skills.

There are 18 students enrolled in the class. The students are from Ozona, Eldorado, Rocksprings, and Sonora.

F.Y.I.

Broncos VS Colorado City Aug. 26, 1999 J.V - Home - 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27, 1999 Varsity - There - 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Peppermint Ball meeting for members on Sunday, Aug. 29, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room. All members need to try to attend. Purpose to elect new officers and plan this year's dance.

Pre-K - 11th grade and All employees of Sonora I.S.D. school pictures will be August 26th. Picture order forms will be passed out on your child's campus. You must have the correct amount of cash or a check made out for the correct amount to the Blunk's company. CHANGE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. For questions please call Kristen

The Class of 1989 is looking for addresses to contact classmates for their 10 year reunion. Please call Kay Friess at 387 2997 (evenings) with informa-

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!

New Director at Sylvan

Brian Valliant was hired as the Center Director at the Sylvan Learning Center of San Angelo. Valliant replaces Scott Self, who is moving to Dallas.

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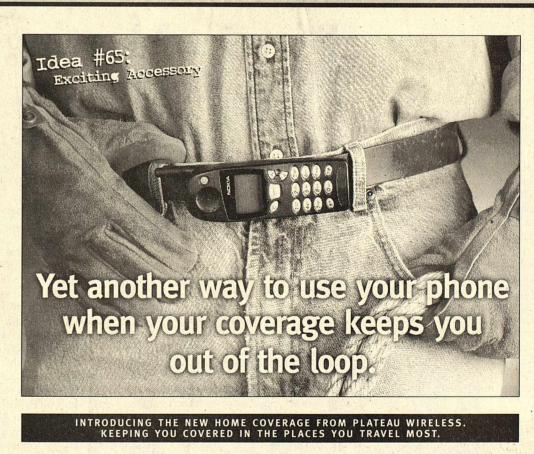
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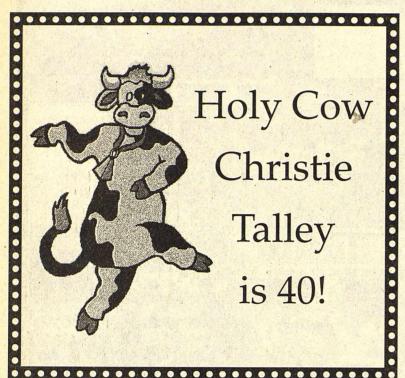
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A special thanks for ice donations from Exxon, Chevron, Town and Country, Louis Dreyfuss and Smitty's. Thanks also to the City and County for their help and to Tommy and Brenda Valliant for the use of the snowcone machine and snowcone syrup.

Dear Sutton County,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in Sutton County for all your help and support throughout my run for Miss Sutton County. Everybody was so kind, thoughtful, and overwhelmingly generous to me. This race, more than anything, made me realize how fortunate I am to live in such a wonderful community. I hope I can give back to each of you as much as you have given me.

> Sincerely, Andi Allen, Miss Sutton County, 1999-2000



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Friday evening at the Civic Center was delicious! A mere thank you to all seems inadequate. The Old Tyme Band and their great music was a "toe-tapping" SPECIAL treat. Sonora is fortunate to have this group to enjoy.
Those great chefs who gave of

their experience, time, energy and sleep to prepare the tender, tasty meats can never be complimented enough!

The Committee members, plus other hard working volunteers, had a lot of fun and fellowship cooking in the air-conditioned well appointed kitchen. We are so grateful to have this superior facility.

Thanks to the planning, this year we had plenty of beans and potato salad- a first for us! In the next issue of the Devil's River News we shall recognize our many benefactors. They made our annual Bar-B-Que the biggest success ever! Everyone's generosity enables us to continue the activities and the service we provide to benefit Sutton County senior citizens. A nuge thank you to each of you. Sutton County Committee on

> Aging P.O. Box 152 Sonora, TX 76950

by Ann Kay, Main Street Cordinator

Wow! The Sonora Main Street Advisory Board and I would like to express our appreciation to everyone that attended the Gand Opening of The Bank Vault Park and the Miers Home Museum. If you missed the opening and the wonderful speech that House of Rep. Bob Turner gave you missed a day not to be forgotten. There were about thirty-five people at the openings, even though it was very hot, with lots of smiles and happy folks. The people who received awards were:

The Bank Vault Park Appreciation Awards: Judy Edmondson Sharon Kemp

Jamie Chavez Duncan Disposal The Poplar Street Green House - Jo Nell Davis Newton Electric The Texas Downtown Association Awards:

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Matt Young Spokesman for the Texas Downtown Association Sonora Chamber of Commerce

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First National Bank

Wayne Sawyer

I would like to thank the radio station KHOS for the live coverage and for all the help that the Main Street Advisory Board and Chairperson Shelly Hughes does for the city of Sonora, Texas.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people of Sonora and those of you from Eldorado that supported me in the Miss Sutton County Queen Contest. I would also like to thank my sponsors Location Builders and Pizza Hut.

Although it was hard work at times, it was also fun being in the Fashion Show, and on the Pat Atteberry show, and especially taking part in the Outlaw Pro Rodeo. I also enjoyed getting to meet a lot of people I would otherwise never have met.

Now that it's over, I realize it was an experience and an honor that I shall never forget. Again thanks to all of you for your support. Sincerely,

Rita Espinosa Lopez

The Lady Bronco Basketball Team would like to thank all of the following for their generous donations and sponsorship during Sutton County Days: Alco, American Sales and Service, Rushing Enterprises, T&C Village Market.

Special thanks go to all who participated in or sponsored the bed racing teams: Bank & Trust, Devil's River News, Main Street, KHOS, Steakhouse, Sonic, Class of 89 (sponsored by American Sales and Service), Shotgun (Sponsored by George and Martha Wallace), Cool Guys, Chamber of Commerce, and our football coaches who not only entertained us with their team but gave up their usual work-out time. Thank you to Tryon Fields for changing our flats. Hugs and kiss-

es to Tom Payton who helped us put the race together. We truly appreciate each and every one of you

Your Lady Broncos

The Sonora Bronco Tennis Team would like to thank Teaff Oil Company for donating the helium for their balloon booth at Sutton County Days. They would also like to thank the parents of the Bronco Tennis Team for their time, support, and donation of supplies. Thanks Again!

Congratulations

David Reyna, former Sonora High School graduate, was honored with a supper on Saturday at Frank & Yolanda Avila's residence. David is employed with the United States Border Patrol and is stationed in Carrizo Springs, where he was

recently promoted to Supervisor.

His sister Delma Reyna is also a Border Partol agent and she too was promoted to a GS-11, but was not able to attend the supper. She is stationed in Laredo, TX.



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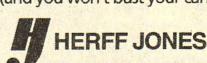
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Scorecard of Congress' **Achievements This Year**

for August and members are able to tour their districts for an entire sions of this tax cut plan will go a month, it's a good time to take a look back at what this Congress has accomplished so far this year. For those of you scoring at home, here's a brief rundown of some of the accomplishments of this Congress since the beginning of the year. Keep in mind, this is a brief rundown. There are many more achievements, but because space is limited, here are some highlights: Surplus

Because of the responsible choices we have made, we have a federal budget surplus for the first time in a generation. And because of this surplus we are now able to focus on issues important to every American - issues like preserving Social Security, improving our national defense, providing tax relief, eliminating the death tax and the marriage penalty tax and improving education.

Education We are ending Washington's control over our children's education. The "Ed Flex" law returns power where it belongs - to the parents, teachers and local communities. Parents and teachers now have the flexibility to use federal education dollars where they need it. Local communities can now gear their programs to meet their students' education needs instead of meeting burdensome and unnecessary federal regulations.

Improving Military Readiness Congress has taken the steps necessary to improve our military readiness and begin replenishing our hollowed-out military forces. We provided our military with nearly \$2 billion to improve the quality of military life with a much needed pay raise. We are providing the resources our armed forces need to replace aging equipment, provide spare parts and improve retention and recruitment rates. For too many years we've watched our military be ignored. This Congress is making a strong commitment to rebuilding our national defense and improving the readiness of our forces.

National Missile Defense In addition to improving the readiness of our troops, we passed legislation that makes it "the official policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense". For far too long, Americans have been completely vulnerable to foreign missile attacks. If a rogue nation decided to launch a nuclear, biological or chemical missile at us today, we have no way of shooting that missile down and stopping it from obliterating a city full of innocent people. But just because we don't have a ballistic missile defense system now, doesn't mean we can't develop the technology to deploy one. Congress is on record for developing a system that protects Americans against foreign missile attacks. We will not allow our country and the American people to continue to be at risk. Tax Relief

Congress passed a broad and far reaching tax relief package that will benefit every taxpayer in America. Our taxes are too high and too many. The Financial Freedom Act provides

Now that Congress has recessed nearly \$800 billion in tax relief over the next decade. The various provilong way in putting money back into the pockets of hardworking Americans.

> This tax cut package eliminates the death tax, which has ravaged farmers, ranchers and small business owners for too long. It also eliminates the marriage penalty tax. Married couples should not have to pay higher taxes just because they are married. The plan encourages parents to save money for their children's education and their own retirement. Americans can put away more tax free money each year into Education Savings Accounts and 401(k) retirement plans. We are cutting income taxes by 10% across the board over the next 10 years. You know better how to spend your money than Washington does. It's time taxpayers got to keep more of their own money.
>
> Increased Border Patrol

> We are continuing the battle for control of our borders. Even though the President did not ask for a single additional U.S. Border Patrol agent, we provided the Border Patrol with the resources to hire 1,000 new agents this year. Protecting our borders is a priority. For too long the Border Patrol has been undermanned. Those of us in border communities know what a crucial role the Border Patrol plays in protecting

> our borders daily. These are only a few highlights of the tremendous accomplishments of Congress so far this year. And we have a long way yet to go. Other priorities we will continue to work on when we return to Washington include: Abolishing the Internal Revenue Service and replacing it with a simple, fair and low tax rate; Overhauling the Immigration and Naturalization Service to make it more efficient and more customer service oriented; Securing the future of Social Security and Medicare.

Natural Gas Suppliers Tests Backup Communications **Systems**

Results of a Year 2000 (Y2K) drill carried out today by Sempra Energy and seven other natural gas supply firms in the western United States and Canada demonstrate that backup communications systems are ready to be activated.

That will happen if primary voice and data communications systems fail for any reason -- Y2K or otherwise.

Sempra Energy is the parent company of Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), which together provide natural gas service to 21 milion consumers in central and Southern California.

Other firms that took part in today's drill included: BC Gas of British Columbia, Canada; El Paso Natural Gas Co. of El Paso, Texas; Pacific Gas and Electric Co.(PG&E) and PG&E Gas Transmission, two separate businesses owned by PG&E Corp. of San Francisco; TransCanada Pipelines Limited; Transwestern Pipeline Co., a subsidiary of Enron Corp. of Houston; and Williams Gas Pipeline West, of Salt Lake City.

85-90%

75-80%

80-85%

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1

1400-2000 lb 46.00-49.00; low-

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and

Medium and Large 1-2 570.00-610.00. Medium 1-2 430.00-530.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 cows with

Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb

Stocker and Feeder Cows:

700-1000 lb 50.00-57.00 cwt; (young

and middle age) 800-1100 lb 41.00-

46.50 cwt; (middle age) 850-1200 lb

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag

Extended Forecast

8/25-8/29

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a

20 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s.

Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. High near

Thursday Night through Sunday -

Mostly clear. Lows 70 to 75. Highs

East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Low around 70.

around 100.

Medium and Large 1-2 (young)

100-300 lb calves 700.00-730.00.

calves 580.00-700.00.

32.00-38.50 cwt.

Market News

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per

dressing 1100-1600 lb 42.50-46.00.

Heifers: All sold by the head.

29.00-33.50.

31.00-39.00.

33.00-39.00.

Producers Livestock Auction

850-1050 lb

1050-1250 lb

900-1200 lb

Breakers

Boners

To Mexico:

8/19/99

Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts: 2050: Week: 2140: Last Year: 2229:

Compared with last week feeder steers and heifers weak. Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 lower, slaughter bulls weak to 1.00 lower. Stock cows and pairs weak in light test. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average to mostly plain. Many feeders carrying moderate flesh. Supply included 60 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs, of the feeders 60 percent steers and 40 percent heifers.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 116.00-120.00; 300-400 lb 97.00-104.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-94.00; 500-600 lb 77.00-84.50; 600-700 lb 73.00-78.50; 700-800 lb 73.00-75.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 102.00-110.00; 300-400 lb 84.00-97.00; 400-500 lb 78.00-87.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-77.00; 600-700 lb 67.00-73.50; 700-900 lb 62.00-

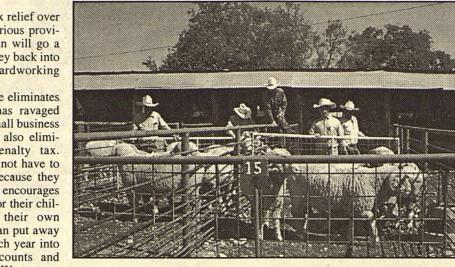
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 90.00-98.00; 300-400 lb 86.00-95.00; 400-500 lb 77.00-87.00, few 89.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-80.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-78.00; 700-800 lb 66.50-71.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 85.00-90.00; 300-400 lb 74.00-86.00; 400-500 lb 69.00-77.00; 500-

700 lb 64.00-70.00; 700-900 lb

63.00-66.00. Slaughter Cows:

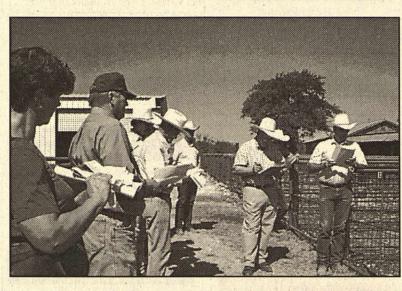
Percent Lean **Breakers** 1000-1350 lb Boners 850-1300 lb

75-80% 35.00-39.00. 80-85% 32.50-39.50.



Preston Faris and Butch Taylor auction off animals at the Texas A&M Research Station Rambouillet sheep and goat sale.

AGRIBUSINESS



Junction Livestock Auction

8/23/99

Sheep and Goats: 7,400 Week Ago: 5,537 Year Ago: 1,511

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 2.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and bucks mostly steady. Stocker Spanish nannies 2.00 higher. Slaughter Spanish muttons steady. All other classes slaughter Spanish 3.00-5.00 lower. Stocker Angora nannies mostly steady. Slaughter Angora nannies and muttons 5.00-6.00 lower. All other classes slaughter Angora 1.00 lower. Supply included around 6 percent sheep including near 150 lambs. Stock and Feeder Sheep:

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 50-95 lbs 77.00-81.00

Barbadoes: Bucks 60.00-100.00 per head. Slaughter Sheep:

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 95-110 lbs 66.00-76.50

Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3 33.00-37.00; Good 2-3 47.00-51.00; Bucks 25.00-45.00 CWT.

Barbados: 30-65 lb lambs 57.00-61.00; 70-75 lb ewes 35.00-45.00 CWT. Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: Nannies 32.00-45.50 per head; Half Boer nannies 50.00-67.00 per head; Half Boer kids 35-90 lbs 85.00-105.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 40-70 lb nannies 35.00-54.00 CWT.

Slaughter Goats: Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 65.00-72.00; 35-65 lbs 71.00-80.00, Good 35-65 lbs 60.00-70.00 CWT.

Nannies: 75-155 lb fat nannies 43.00-50.50, thin nannies 29.00-42.00 CWT.

Muttons and Billies: 75-140 lb muttons 73.00-81.00; 75-190 lb bil-

lies 50.00-67.00 CWT. Angora Goats: 90-100 lb fat muttons and billies 43.00-45.00; 65-85 lb fat nannies 30.00-37.00; 25-55 lb kids 59.00-69.00; 45-55 lb yearlings 52.00-55.00; thin nannies and muttons 20.00-32.00 CWT. Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USDA Market News,

Junction Livestock Auction Special Steer Sale

Junction Stockyards on Friday August 13, 1999. We sold 643 head of cattle with buyer attendance being good. Choice heavy and medium weight steers & heifers sold steady. Choice light steers were steady with choice light heifers selling \$1.00 higher. Yearling calves sold steady. Pen of Steers

Foster & Foster - Friendswood 7 Angus steers, avg. 708# @ 76.75 Perry Bushong - Mt. Home 5 Brangus steers, avg. 719# @ 70.00 W.W. Cattle Co. - Junction 7 Hereford steers, avg. 625# @

Perry Bushong - Mt Home 5 Brangus steers, avg. 593# @ 73.00 Dillingham Rch. - Junction 7 Simmental cross steers, avg. 543#

@ 78.50 Pen of 10 Steers Davis Paterson - Junction 10 Hereford steers, avg. 591# @ 75.00

Crawford Rch. - Junction 10 Brangus, avg. 539# @ 78.50 Crawford Rch. - Junction 10 Brangus steers, avg. 503# @ 83.00

Pen of 20 Steers Foster & Foster - Friendswood 21 Angus steers, avg. 562# @ 85.25 Foster & Foster - Friendswood 21 Angus steers, avg. 610# @ 76.75

Rig Locations as of August 20, 1999

Crockett County Belco Energy/Dallas; 8400', Conoco Powell GMS Deep #7 Patterson Drilling.

WTG Exploration; 7500', Amacker B-#3, Rod Ric Corporation.

Sutton County

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Schleicher County

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The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will conduct a budget hearing for FY00 at 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 1999 at the Water District Office, Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave.

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting immediately followthe budget hearing on September 2, 1999 at the Water District Office, Edwards Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax' rate is 0.03619 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Sutton County Underground Water conservation District by two(2) percent. 2(8-19-99)b

Public Notice of Adoption to **Biological Father**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, all unknown, unnamed, legal, putative and/or biological fathers of a female child born September 17, 1993, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 9th day of July, 1999, Mark David Brinson filed a petition in the Superior Court of Gwinnett county in the State of Georgia seeking the adoption of a female child born in Snellville, Georgia on September 17, 1993, to Christie Marie Krenk and seeking to terminate your parental rights in and to said female child. The biological mother of the aforementioned child has consented to the adoption of the child by Petitioner.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED that a hearing will be held on the 28th of October, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chambers of Judge Jackson of Gwinnett County Superior Court to determine why the prayers of the Petitioner should not be granted.

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