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Upcoming Meetings Important to Sonora's Economy

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There are two upcoming public meetings that will be sources of information that could have a significant impact on our local economy. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce along with the Sutton County Extension Service are joining forces to bring you an informative meeting regarding the impact of tourism on our economy. The meeting will be on August 3, at 7:00 PM at the Sutton County Civic Center. We will have speakers from the Texas Department of Economic Development - Tourism Division, as well as the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Agriculture Extension Service. The Department of Agriculture and Ag Extension service will speak specifically on nature tourism and its importance to private landowners. Justin McGeath, Chamber of Commerce Manager, said "with the increase in the popularity of nature based tourism in Texas, Sonora could be pioneers in nature tourism in our region." This meeting is targeting landowners, ranchers, motels, restaurants and retailers.

The next important meeting will be on August 7, at 7:00 PM at the San Angelo TxDOT office on Knickerbocker Rd. This public

meeting will inform land owners and interested parties of the upcoming nature tourism trail that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Department of Transportation are partnering on. This driving trail will cover over 100 Texas Counties including Sutton County. The trail will be modeled after the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail in South Texas, which has generated millions of dollars in commerce for South Texas. This meeting is important because the site nomination process will begin at this meeting. For further information on this exciting new program, please read on...

AUSTIN, Texas -- Nine public meetings will be held during July and August to inform residents and business leaders about a new birding and nature trails encompassing more than 100 counties from Laredo through South and Central Texas through the Panhandle.

Texas Parks and Wildlife will join with the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct public meetings on the proposed trail that would be patterned after the 700-plus-mile Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, which was completed in April. Like the \$1.4 million GTCBT that has helped spur eco-

nomie development in Texas coastal communities, the new nature trail will be funded by federal and state monies.

The first meeting on the new wildlife-viewing auto trail, which will roughly follow U.S. Highway 83 from Laredo to the Oklahoma border just north of Perryton, will be held in Austin July 10. The final meeting is Aug. 17 in Lubbock. In between, TxDOT district offices will host meetings in San Antonio, Laredo, San Angelo, Abilene, Brownwood, Childress, and Amarillo.

Texas Parks and Wildlife earlier this year was awarded \$468,480 in federal Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) funds for the initial phase of the nature-birding trail project. TPW is arranging a \$117,120 match to help launch the nature tourism project.

"Nature tourism is the fastest growing segment of the travel industry," said TPW's Linda Campbell, who is coordinating the new trail project. "We want community leaders, conservation organizations and private landowners to come learn about this exciting opportunity to feature the state's diverse natural history and attract tourist dollars."

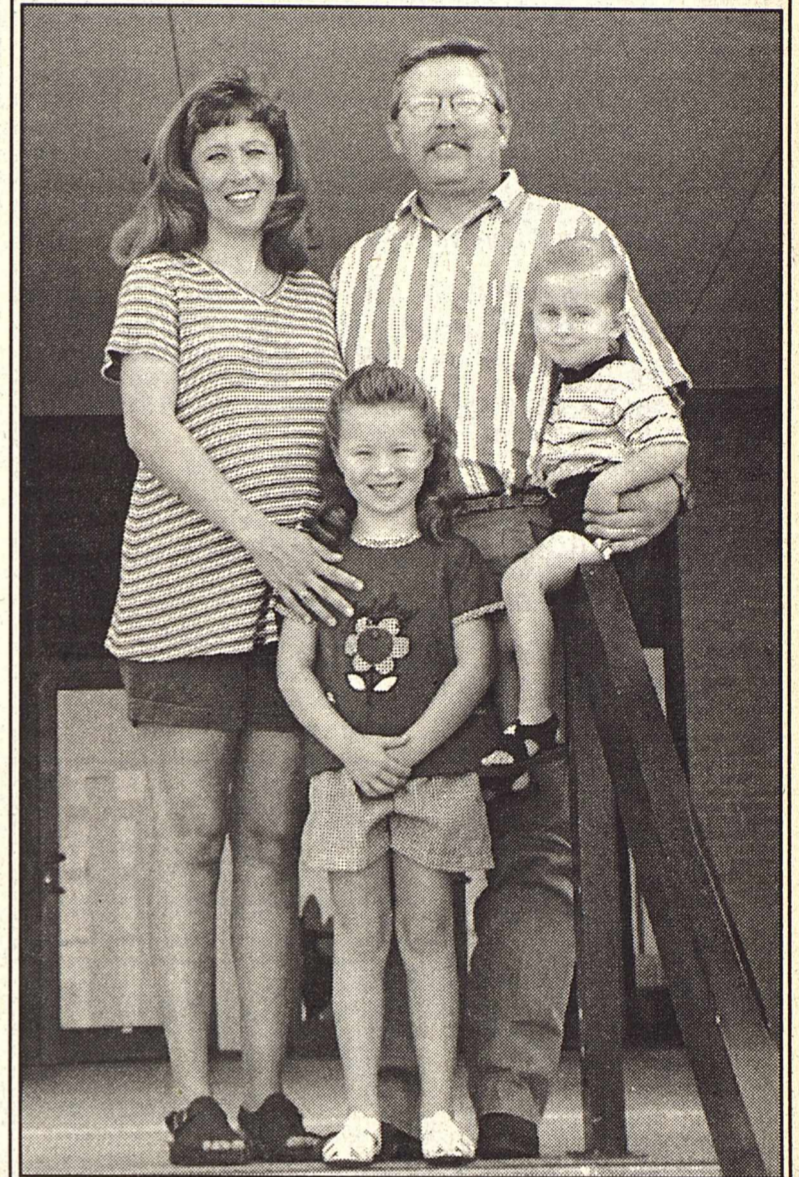
When completed, Campbell said, the driving trail would feature signs denoting wildlife-viewing sites along the main route and numerous loop trails. Federal funding has been approved for planning the trail and producing the maps. TPW will seek additional monies during the second round of funding for signs and local enhancements. Motorists will be able to refer to special maps giving directions to the sites and descriptions of birds and other wildlife and their habitats, along with other information of interest to travelers.

At the public meetings, state officials will encourage community leaders and others to nominate potential nature trail sites on public and private lands. Site nomination forms will be distributed at the meetings, Campbell said.

The trail is expected to encompass a vast area of south and central Texas, as well as the entire Panhandle and the South Texas Plains. Details on the proposed trail and the public input process are on the TPW Website at

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/birdingtrails/>.

Sonora High School Welcomes New Principal



by Storie Sharp

Sonora High School will be under new leadership this year. Mr. Brant Myers has taken the position of High School Principal. Myers comes to Sonora from Collinsville, TX, which is located 35 miles North of Denton, where he was the principal for the last two years. Prior to the Collinsville job, Myers coached in many schools around Texas.

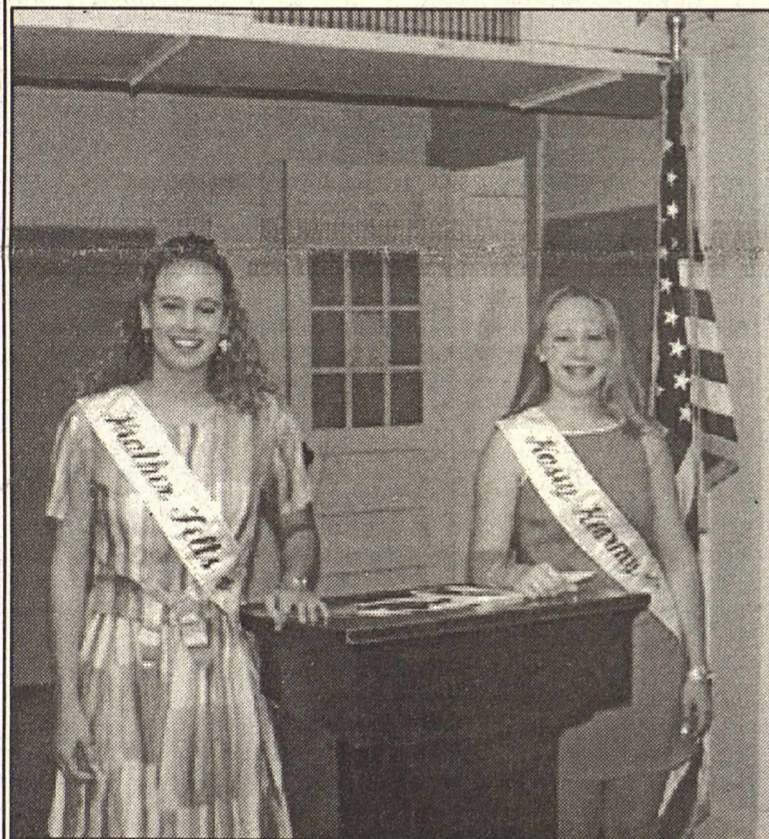
Both Brant and his wife, Tracey, come from a family of educators. Myers' father was in administration, his mother and sister are both teachers and Tracey's family are also all teachers. Myers commented that "Education is all we know."

Myers took the job in Sonora because he wanted to get back to West Texas, having been raised in Rankin, TX. Moving to Sonora also brings him closer to his parents, who are now residing in Brady, TX.

Mr. Myers says that his goal for the future of the Broncos is to provide the best education possible to the students that are here. He stated that with eight new teachers and a new principal, this year will be a year of learning and transition. His main focal points will be on safety, discipline and curriculum. He said that everyone has been very nice in welcoming him and his family to Sonora and he looks forward to working here.

The Myers' have two children, Madison, age 6, who will begin 1st grade this year and Tanner, age 3. They also are expecting a baby in September. Tracey Myers will be teaching 5th grade at Sonora Intermediate School. In his spare time, Brant enjoys hunting and fresh water fishing.

Queen Contestants Speak At Lions Club



Sutton County Queen Contestants Heather Felts (left) and Kasey Kearney (right) were the guest speakers at the weekly meeting of the Sonora Lions Club. The girls informed everyone of all the activities that are coming soon, during Sutton County Days, August 16-20. This year's Outlaw Pro Rodeo will start with Special Slack Performances on Wednesday, August 16 and Thursday, August 17. The Rodeo Performances will begin with Pre-show activities at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19, with the crowning of the new Miss Sutton County on Saturday night. A dance will follow each performance. Pre-sale Rodeo and Dance tickets are on sale now from each of these contestants, Heather and Kasey. Buying early will save \$3.00 on each ticket. (\$7.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the gate, for adults.) Look for more information on Sutton County Days in next week's issue of the Devil's River News.

Foster Grandparent Program Celebrates 35th Anniversary

The Foster Grandparent Program of the Concho Valley Council of Governments will celebrate the program's 35th Anniversary. Since its inception in 1965, the Foster Grandparent Program has provided young and old a chance to grow together. Today, nearly 24,000 older Americans volunteer as Foster Grandparents. They give care and attention every day to more than 80,000 children and youth with exceptional needs. In improving the lives of the children they serve, Foster Grandparents also profoundly enrich their own lives.

Foster Grandparents volunteer in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and Head Start and day care centers. They help children who have been abused or neglected, mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers, and care for premature infants and children with physical disabilities. The heart of the program is the one-on-one daily attention that Foster Grandparents provide. This special care helps young people grow,

gain confidence, and become more full and productive members of society. The benefits to individuals and communities are both immediate and lasting.

Foster Grandparents receive a tax-free stipend to cover the cost of serving. They also receive transportation assistance, meals while on duty, an annual physical examination, and supplemental accident and liability coverage while they are serving.

Locally, Foster Grandparents will celebrate the program's anniversary with a fish fry and barbecue at the Johnson Street Church of Christ lake house on July 27. Many more Foster Grandparents are needed in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Sterling, Schleicher, Sutton and Tom Green Counties. Persons interested in obtaining information on the Foster Grandparent Program can contact Cheri Roberts at 915-944-9666 or 1-800-728-2592.

City Council Begins Budget Talks

On the 18th day of June, 2000 the City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session with the following to wit: JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor, James Blackman, Councilmember, Kyle Donaldson, Councilmember, Virgil Polocsek, Councilmember, Gloria Lopez, Councilmember, Brent Gesch, City Manager, Elizabeth Wallace, City Attorney, Becky Covington, City Secretary

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Chris Croy, Tony Lane, James McLaughlin, Ann Kay, Tom Valliant, Tommy Valliant, Travis Valliant Juanita Mesa, Don Sessom, Matt Lewis, Ladonna Wardlaw, Freddie Moore, Sharon Tinsley, and Jim Garrett.

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2000 as written. Councilmember Polocsek made a second to the motion and the motion passed.

Tom Valliant presented his Eagle Scout Service Project advising the council that he would like to paint the interior rooms of the Miers Home Museum. The council supported and commended Tom in his endeavor.

The monthly tax collection report from Sutton County Appraisal District was presented for review. The report showed 92.9% or \$331,194.54 of taxes collected through March.

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation presented their monthly report.

No report was received from

the Fire Department.

The quarterly investment report was presented by the City Secretary. The report showed interest rates going up.

The Chamber of Commerce quarterly report was presented for review.

The council reviewed the Chamber of Commerce annual Financial Statements for Year Ended March 31, 2000, pertaining to the hotel tax contract, and Mr. Freddie Moore, with Armstrong Backus, was present to answer questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve a parade permit, with the route remaining the same as previous years, for Sutton County Days Celebration for August 18, 2000. Councilmember Polocsek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to close a portion of Main Street and Water Street for Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19 to conduct the annual Sutton County Days Celebration and approve the 5K Run/Walk to be held on August 18 at 8:00 a.m. The motion was passed unanimously.

Matt Lewis with TXU Electric advised the council that the company has announced plans to solicit bids for the sale of the pipeline and distribution facilities in the towns of Christoval, Eden, Paint Rock, and Sonora and about 100 miles of pipeline serving the towns.

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve a

See City Council page 6

Volunteers Dig In!



Volunteers were on hand once again this week to help with the new lights being constructed at Bronco Stadium. This crew was hard at work digging the holes for the base of the lights. All manpower and machines have been donated by citizens in our community.

School Board Hires New Technology Director and English Teacher

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a special called meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2000. Those present included President, Tom Payton; Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, and Dr. William J. Harlan, Superintendent. Not present was Tammy Favila. Others present were John Berry, Diane Jacoby, Jason Herring, Cynthia Keel, and Brant Myers.

Business Manager Diane Jacoby presented information regarding bids for student and football insurance and, following her remarks, motion was made by Jesse Bustamante, seconded by Dayton Armke, to approve GM-Southwest as the carrier for student and football insurance for 2000-2001. The motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy budget workshop was conducted over various aspects of the 2000-2001 proposed budget, including revenues, tax rate and collection rate, and expenditures. The Board directed that the Principals and Athletic Director develop a list of co-curricular activities and the number of students per activity so that they could consider adding payment of some student meals to the budget.

In this same area, member Jesse Bustamante requested that the younger students not have to go door to door conducting fundraisers to raise money for elementary field trips and that the Board look at ways to help with these activities.

President Payton stated that the Board would take a short recess and then would enter into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. He stated that all final votes, actions, or decisions would be taken in open meeting.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m. Motion was made by Tryon Fields, seconded by Jesse Bustamante, to employ Deanna Watkins as English IV teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sam David Hernandez, seconded by Dayton Armke, to employ Craig Hudson as Technology Director. Voting aye were Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, and Tom Payton. Abstaining was Scott Jacoby. The motion carried.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The Bronco Spirit Bags have arrived. If you placed an order before school was out, please be advised you may pick it up at your earliest convenience at the High School office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday for the next two weeks.

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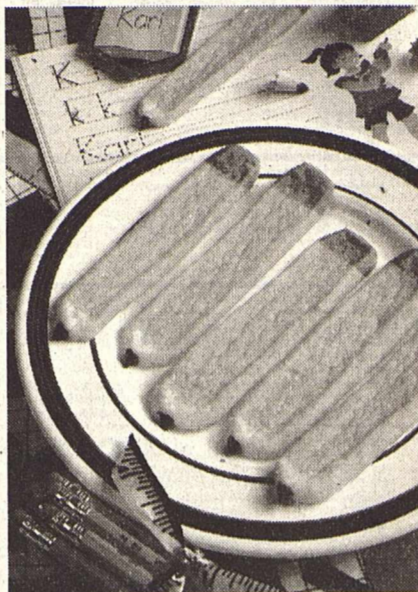
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Recipe BACK-TO-SCHOOL PENCIL COOKIES



You'll be hard-pressed to eat only one of these Number 2 pencils. They'll make you "one sharp cookie."

Send your kids off to school this fall with some cookies that will surely "draw" attention from their friends and teachers. These pencil-shaped cookies are almost too cute to eat; however, these crisp, almond-flavored "Number 2 pencils" are too tasty to "write off."

"Too many people limit their use of biscuit and baking mix to only making biscuits, muffins or pancakes, but there are many other uses for this convenient product," says Margi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. "Biscuit and baking mix makes this cookie dough simple to stir together." The cookies are easy to shape, too: Either roll the colored dough into pencils with your fingers, or pack it into an empty butter box. Once the box of dough is chilled, it is sliced and trimmed to make individual pencil-shaped cookies. A miniature chocolate chip at the end of each cookie is the lead. Just follow the simple instructions given by the culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand.

Back-to-School Pencil Cookies
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened (do not use margarine; reserve butter box)
1 large egg
1/4 teaspoon almond extract

2 1/4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1 drop of red food coloring
1/2 teaspoon yellow food coloring
About 1/2 cup miniature chocolate chips

In large mixer bowl, beat sugar and butter until creamy. Add egg and almond extract; beat until light and fluffy. Add biscuit and baking mix, beating on low speed to combine. Remove two 1/4-cup portions of the dough. Stir red food coloring into one 1/4-cup portion to make pink dough for the pencil erasers; reserve other 1/4-cup portion to make sharpened tips of pencils. Add yellow food coloring to remaining dough to make the yellow length of the pencils. Shape cookies using one of the options below. Place pencils about 1 inch apart on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Place a chocolate chip at the end of each white dough point for pencil lead. Bake at 350° for 7 to 9 minutes or until cookies just begin to brown. Cool on pan before removing to wire rack. Makes 5 to 6 dozen pencil-shaped cookies.

Sliced Pencil Option: Press white dough firmly and evenly in bottom of empty butter box (coated with cooking spray). Repeat with yellow dough and finally pink dough. Close box. Chill for at least 2 hours or until dough is very firm. Carefully remove box from around dough. Using a long, thin-bladed knife, slice dough lengthwise into 1/4-inch slices. Cut each slice into 6 "pencils." Trim white dough on each pencil to create a point.

Rolled Pencil Option: Wrap each dough (white, yellow and pink) in plastic wrap; chill until firm. Use measuring spoons to measure dough for each cookie: 1 teaspoon yellow dough, rolled with fingers to make 4 1/2-inch-long length of pencil; 1/8 teaspoon white dough, shaped to make sharpened point; and 1/8 teaspoon pink dough, rolled to make eraser.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site: www.pioneerbrands.com

Charlotte,
*I will miss you this week,
but I will think of
you only twice...
every day and every night.*
**Love,
Don**

Births

Shelbi, Sharee and Shainah are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby sister
Jac Kilyn Jules Sykes
born July 14, 2000 at 12:43 p.m.
at Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital. Jac Kilyn weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19" long.
Proud parents are
Jenny and Jack Sykes of Eldorado, TX
Maternal Grandmother
is Joyce Harris of Sonora, TX
and
Paternal Grandparents are
Barbara and Alfred Sykes of Eldorado, TX

Trina Jo (T.J.) Galvan and Freddie Chavez, of Midland, are proud to announce the birth of their little miracle
Sylver Marie
who was born at Midland Memorial Hospital. She came into the world at 7:43 a.m. on July 11, 2000 weighing 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and measuring 17" long.
Sylver Marie is welcomed by
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Paternal Grandparents
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387-5552

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387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Senior Center News

July 31 - Bingo!
August 1 - Bingo!
August 2 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509
August 3 - AAA Reports due...
August 4 - Run Errands and Pay Bills! Call Lilia 387-3941

Senior Menu

July 31 - Chicken strips, baked potato, broccoli with cheese sauce, roll, peach cobbler.
August 1 - Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, macaroni salad, cantaloupe cubes.
August 2 - Beef Tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, tossed salad with tomatoes, banana pudding.
August 3 - Spaghetti, spinach, garlic toast, fruit cocktail, cake.
August 4 - Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, roll, strawberry/ banana mix, bread pudding.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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Community Calendar

June 24 - August 5
Covered Wagon Dinner Theater
Saturday Evenings
July 27
Angora Goat Show & Sale
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August 9
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Historical Society



This view of Main Street, looking toward the draw, shows the Barton's Saloon

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
 Q. Do you have any information on the Carrell family in Sutton County?

A. The Census of 1900 shows a Louise Carrell with the following children, John 21, Dotty 13 and Monroe 16. The Devil's River News of August 30, 1902 had the following: Fattay Moore and Miss Dottie Carrell were married by D. B. Woodruff, Justice of the Peace, on Wednesday, August 27, 1902. Marriage records list Fate Moore and Dotty Carrell in Volume 1, page 83. Louise is listed in Mitchell County in 1910 Census. No Carrell is buried in the Sutton County Burial Park and I did not find Fate or Dotty listed as being buried there.

Q. Do you have any information on the Click family?

A. Devil's River News, January 10, 1891 - Tom Snyder and W. H. Click, were out on a hunt last week and killed 18 deer and some smaller game. They reported sheep and stock in fine condition. Wm. H. Click of Sonora was in town this week attending district court now in session.

April 18, 1891 - J. E. Click the tank builder, is at work on a tank for J. M. Taylor.

April 25, 1891 - J. E. Click the tank builder was in town for supplies Wednesday.

May 23, 1891 - J. C. Click the contractor has been busy this week grading Concho Avenue. And still the good work goes on.

May 30, 1891 - J. E. Click, Sonora, Texas, will contract by the yard or job to build dirt tanks for ranchmen in any part of the Stockman's Paradise. Will guarantee satisfaction.

We have no record of when the Click family left this area or where they went.

Q. Have you ever heard a story about a young Sonoran seeing Will Carver and some of the Wild Bunch before Will was killed?

A. Yes and the story was told by Mason Rountree. He stated in 1957 and 1962 in letters to John Eaton "about a week before Will Carver was shot, he and two men, supposed to be Ben Kilpatrick and Butch Cassidy, stopped at our ranch to buy a frying pan. I was there alone. I thought they were Rangers. They had on six shooters and carried rifles. They had a dun horse named Charlie, that had once belonged to Froggy Morris. I recognized him immediately and told them that I knew that horse. Carver said, "Son, you don't know that horse, he has never been in this country before." But I knew his brand. A lazy P on the left shoulder. I knew it was Charlie I had ridden him." Rountree was living at the old VanderStucken Ranch

at the time. In another version he tells the same story but states his mother was home and the men wanted some bread. She gave them a sack of fresh bread and they wanted to pay her but she refused. They gave Mason some money instead and left. SCHS note: G. W. Morris bought back his horse at the auction of Will Carver's estate.

Rountree also told a story about Carver being at the ranch of Jim Barksdale (Sawyer 6 mile). The people were preparing a big feed, probably a wedding feast, when the nicely dressed strangers rode up and stated they were hungry; they were gentlemen and would start no trouble and did not want any started. They ate and left. SCHS note: Barksdale had a daughter that married in 1896, he sold the ranch in 1902 to Word and Word had a daughter that married in October of that year. Neither of these marriages fit the time frame for Carver and the Wild Bunch being in this area so we don't know what the celebration was they supposedly attended.

Q. Is there an obituary in the paper on the 1948 death of Mrs. Pomposa Silvas?

A. Devil's River News, October 1, 1948

103 Year Old Sonoran Dies Thursday Morning
 Death came early Thursday

morning to Mrs. Pomposa R. Silvas, Sonora resident, at age of 103 years. Until she fell and broke her hip a week ago, Mrs. Silvas had been active around the house of her son, Victor Rodriguez, employee of the city.

Mrs. Silvas was born in Mexico on May 20, 1845, some seven months before Texas joined the Union, and sixteen years before the Civil War was begun. Texas had been a republic only nine years at the time of her birth. Her son is the only local survivor.

The "Sonora Burial Park" by Nelson Diversified lists Pomposa R. Silvas Rodriguez, 5-20-1845 to 9-30-1948, as being buried in block E, the old Mexican section of the cemetery. We don't know why her name is spelled with an N in the newspaper articles.

Q. Do you have any information on a Henry Stein?

A. Devil's River News, November 29, 1890 - Henry Stein, the postmaster of Juno, bought several thousand sheep from J. A. Bonnett of Eagle Pass.

December 27, 1890 - Henry Stein of Juno was in town buying Christmas goods. He says Juno continues lively. Reprint from the Del Rio Record.

We suggest you check with Val Verde Co. for any information on Mr. Stein.

Q. Was there anything in the Sonora papers on the death of Hattie Beavers in 1900?

A. Devil's River News, December 22, 1900 - Miss Hattie Beavers, niece of Mrs. J. Q. Sharp of Sonora, died at the Kings Daughters Hospital at Temple, Texas on November 22, 1900 in her 23rd year. Deceased is well remembered in Sonora where she resided with relatives for several years. Her parents died when she was quite young and she was buried from the home of her uncle, James P. Murrah at Holland, Tex. On November 24.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may also drop them off at the Devil's River News office on Main Street or call me at 915-387-2855 any day but Wednesday.

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Senior Center News

The Senior Center has been very busy with new seniors and paper work. There is a new Senior Citizen for July - Maria Carrasco (TDHS) is now legally a Senior Citizen. Happy Belated Birthday from all of the staff and friends at the Center.

Others celebrating a birthday this month were Maria Ortega, Amelia Ramos, Marie Curtis, Doris Grantland, Jean Humphreys, LoDessa Pope, Juaniece Powers, Jimmy Harris, George Brockman, Dorothy Baker, Elfida Martinez, & Jeanne Davenport. Happy Birthday and many more.

We are still doing sugar and blood pressure checks once a month. Thanks to TDHS, Maria Carrasco, Noemi Samaniego and Anna Jimenez. In August they will be here on the 9th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Beltone is at our Sr. Center every second Friday of the month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call and make an appointment with Wil Boyer at 1-888-297-1963 in San Angelo.

We took a group of seniors to the open house in Ozona, TX. They have a brand new Center and it is very pretty. We were welcomed by their Director Janet McDaniels and their staff. They had a live country band, Line Dancers, and refreshments. Thanks to helpers Lilia Flores and Amelia Ramos, the seniors had a great time. The seniors were Eulojia Flores, Pablo Favela, Marie Allen, Olivia Longoria, Lucy Ramos, Lupe Mendez, Maria Leija, Barbara Urbanski, Aurora Carenas, Rosa Galindo, Juanita Chavez, Odell Flores, Juaniece Powers, Doris Grantland and Juanita Mesa. The group also got to visit the new Dollar General store and went to eat at Burger King. The group got back around 8 p.m., very tired but happy and already making plans for another trip. This same group of seniors got a chance to go to the Art Exhibit in Sonora. Thanks to Mary Lou Gilly for giving us the grand tour - we have so many talented people right here in town and didn't even know it!

CEAP energy assist program were here from San Angelo for July but they will be back on August 15th, so sign up or call the Center so they can help in any way needed.

The van to San Angelo is going on August 16th. Sign up now because it gets full very quickly. Call Lilia at 387-3941.

More seniors are needed for the exercise class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Come join in and see how much fun they are.

There is Bingo every Monday

and also Kooking with Kelly, Nutritional Education, every month. Check the newspaper or call the Center for the exact date.

The Birthday party for August babies will be on August 30th at Noon. Those celebrating birthdays in August will be Marie Aldwell, Lura Sawyer, Lidia Reina, Jacinto Garza, Bernardo Solis, Sr., Juanita Chavez and John Flores. Also celebrating an August Birthday is our City Manager, Brent Gesch, Florie M. Gonzales and Ronnie Cox. Class of ?? Reunion! Ha

If your name was not mentioned in the birthdays, maybe you need to register with the Senior Center. Let one of the staff or Juanita get the information for the computer. Remember though, if you are not an "active" visitor at the center the computer doesn't know. Same goes for volunteers. If you aren't "active" and only visit the center once a year, the computer won't pick up your name. Please let us know any change of addresses, phone #s or other important information that needs to be changed.

The Center would like to say "Thank You" to the summer volunteers, Aaron Gaytan. Aaron is 10 years old and will be in the 5th grade this year. He is the son of Raul and Ninfa Gaytan. We hope he learned some things about working. We know the seniors thought he was very special to have spent his summer days helping at the Senior Center. His parents should be very proud of him. Aaron has an older brother Javier, who will be a senior in High School this year. Good luck in school. Aaron, we hope to see you again soon at the Center.

Donations are very important to continue the nutrition program. A



Lucy Ramos, Aaron Gaytan and Victoria Romero help make the Senior Center run smooth.

donation of \$1.50 per meal is suggested for those who are 60+. Guest meals are \$4.00 for those under 60 or for to go plates, unless you are a homebound senior. You cannot be denied services due to your inability to pay or for refusal to contribute towards the cost, but the contributions are greatly appreciated and needed. If you wish to make a contribution please make your check or money order payable to the Sutton Co. Sr. Center or the City of Sonora. All donations are confidential.

The Center is in need of some things that the community might be able to donate. We need some new tablecloths, a good camera to use when we go on trips and do programs or activities (one for the Center to keep handy). We could also use some folding chairs in the dining room and we are always in need of

Bingo prizes. Please call the Center or come by if you or your organization would like to help. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and our phone number is 387-5657 or 387-3941.

We would also like to take a moment to welcome our new Green Thumb Worker to the program - Lucy Ramos. Lucy has lived in Sonora for 65 years and was married to the late Willie Ramos. She has three sons, Johnny, Robert and George and one daughter, Rebecca. She has 14 grandchildren and 3 great - grand children. She loves to work with seniors and children and her hobbies are reading, watching TV, traveling and spending time with family.

Until next month,
 Juanita Mesa

| REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM April 1, 2000 TO June 30, 2000 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| FUND | BEGINNING BALANCE | RECEIPTS | TRANSFER IN | DISBURSEMENTS | TRANSFERRED OUT | BALANCE |
| General | 1,548,253.23 | 214,257.52 | | 562,205.35 | 11,100.00 | 1,289,205.40 |
| PHPC | 556,332.83 | 126,245.17 | | 185,828.91 | 9,900.00 | 486,849.09 |
| Flood Control | 28,256.60 | -0- | | 14,325.00 | | 14,381.60 |
| Law Library | 10,005.52 | 1,085.00 | | 770.15 | | 10,320.37 |
| Lateral Road | 12,596.75 | -0- | | 12,996.75 | | -0- |
| State Trust Funds | 67,212.15 | 53,575.73 | | 68,364.66 | | 52,423.22 |
| State Assess Fees | 3,470.08 | 4,446.05 | | 6,363.88 | | 2,552.26 |
| Employee Benefit Fund | 223,291.66 | -0- | 23,000.00 | -0- | | 246,291.66 |
| Sutton County 911 | 6,804.78 | 43.40 | | -0- | | 6,848.18 |
| Appellate Fund | 633.51 | 355.58 | | 758.41 | | 230.68 |
| Sheriff Seizure Fund | 4,831.89 | 22.34 | | 300.00 | | 4,554.23 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | 2,111,476.19 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNTS | | | | | | |
| State Assess Fees | 2,552.26 | PHPC | 47,720.19 | General | 86,890.43 | |
| Appellate Fund | 230.38 | Sutton County 911 | 6,848.18 | Sheriff Seizure | 4,354.03 | 148,995.67 |
| Money Market Accounts | (General) | 423,751.62 | (PHPC) | 439,128.90 | | 862,880.52 |
| CD Accounts | (General) | 1,000,000.00 | (PHPC) | | | 1,100,000.00 |
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| TOTAL | | | | | | 2,111,476.19 |

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First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt held weekly press conferences but invited only women reporters in an effort to encourage newspapers to hire more female reporters.

Bake Sale To Benefit Tyler Webb

A Bake Sale will be held Saturday, July 29th at the T&C Village Market. This is to help with expenses during the family's stay in Lubbock while Tyler Webb will be having surgery on his hands. Tyler was severely burned in the Rafter L Restaurant fire last year and is still undergoing treatment. The family will be there for a week and needs help with lodging & meals. The sale is being given by family and friends.

F.Y.I.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a raffle for 16 de Septiembre Celebration (September 16, 2000). A \$1.00 donation can win you a 27 inch RCA Color Television with Remote Control. Contact any member or call 387-5300 for tickets.

Soccer Anyone? Sonora soccer players will once again join SASA (San Angelo Soccer Association) for the fall season. The season runs from Sept. 9th - Oct 28th with games every Saturday. At present we have a U-6 and a U-8 team. Registration will be open until Wednesday, Aug. 2. Applications may be picked up at the DRN office and fees are due with application. Fees this fall are \$55.00 per player. This covers the cost of uniforms, player insurance and field maintenance. For more information or to sign up, please contact Bonnie Lou at 387-3174.

The West Side Lions Club will be having a BAKE SALE on Saturday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. 'till all gone at the T&C Village Market (Food Center). This is to benefit the community in various ways. Help support the West Side Lions Club.

All High School Band Members need to meet at the High School Band Hall on Monday July 31st. Band "Two A Days" will begin at 8:00 a.m. until 10:0 a.m. and then from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All Middle School and High School Band Members and parents are invited to the Band Booster Meeting on Monday, August 7th at the Commons Area of the High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. We need everyone to participate so that the Mighty Bronco Band can have a great year!

4-H/FFA Members exhibiting Meat Goats & Lambs at Major Shows - It is time to order validation ear tags for lambs and meat goats (new requirement this year). The cost of each tag is \$6. Lambs and goats being exhibited only in the county show will not be required to have the state validation tag. Please call the Extension Office (387-3101) before Wednesday, August 16, 2000 with the head count of your lambs and/or meat goats that you intend to exhibit at the major shows so that we will know how many tags to order for you.

Sonora Family Faith Center, formerly the Cowboy Church of the American West, meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonora Livestock Auction. There will be a guest speaker every Sunday.

It's summer time again! If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Swimming Lessons or any other event, please make reservations by calling Thun-

Happy Birthday

- July 27**
Daniel Ozuna, Demetrio Castro, Michael Esquivel, Lynn Marie Onofre, Arianna Zook, Blanca Virgen, Trent Wall
- July 28**
Marty Gonzales, Ronald Gonzales, Jonathan Nixon, Lola Patton, James Taylor
- July 29**
Beatrice Artiaga, Christi Adams, Robert Murillo
- July 30**
Heather Felts, Angilita Trevino, Rebecca Castillo, Claudia Perez, Nancho Romero, Doug Skolaut,
- July 31**
Laura Martin, Jerrilyn Ward
- August 1**
Allyse Edmondson, Laura Lopez, Ike Whitten, Frankie Gonzales, Vivian Miears
- August 2**
Kendra Vyvlecka, Calvin Cole, Sam Dillard, Michael Oscar Galindo, Charles Graves, Francisco Jasieczk

Main Street Traffic

Sewing Exhibit Looking for Crafters

Wanted: sewn items, knitted items, quilts, crocheted items, cross stitch, needle point, or anything done with a needle.

A sewing exhibit will hold its Grand Opening on August 14, 2000 in the Old First National Bank Building (next to the Pocket Park Downtown). The exhibit will be from August 14 - September 15. The exhibit will be open daily.

If you are interested in displaying your items in this exhibit call Ann Kay at the Sonora Main Street Program, 915-387-2248 or Vivian Miears at KHOS Radio, 915-387-5553.

The work will be gathered from August 9 - 11, 2000.

KHOS Radio is holding a 9 Minutes & 21 Seconds Contest. In order to participate in the new contest, just register at any of the following merchants. Then tune your radio to KHOS 92.1 FM. If your name is called on the air, you will have 9 minutes and 21 seconds to claim your prize.

Play all during the month of August!

Participating Merchants are: Sonora Dairy Queen, KHOS Radio, AEP West Texas Utilities, Devil's River News, Busy Bee Department Store, Sonora True Value, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Westerman Drug, First National Bank of Sonora, image apparel, The Bank & Trust, Business Basics, B&C Department Store, Main Street Mercantile, Sonora Main Street Program at City Hall.

Weaver Makes the Dean's List

Carla Markette Weaver has been included on the Dean's List with Distinction, for the Spring 2000 semester. Trinity College recognizes students who, in a program of four or more course credits, have placed in the highest ten percent of its undergraduates for that semester.

Congratulations Carla.

Business Tip of the Week - Satisfying Upset Customers

Most businesses have unsatisfied customers to some extent. It is very difficult in any business environment to satisfy everyone all the time. As I mentioned in an earlier article, one of the keys to business success and profitability is retaining as many of your current customers as you can. It is less expensive to retain a customer than it is to acquire a new one and in most cases a long-term customer is a profitable customer.

This will mean having a process to satisfy upset customers. Below are some tips to help you do this.

One of the best ways to satisfy upset customers is to empower the front-line employees to solve as many problems as they can on the spot. Front-line employees usually have the best information and the best chance to turn an upset customer into a satisfied customer. This has many benefits including employees taking ownership and responsibility to retain customers and keep them happy. Nothing upsets customers more than facing a front-line employee who doesn't have the training or the responsibility to solve even the smallest of problems.

In all cases show empathy when dealing with an upset customer. Try to convey that you understand their problem and that you understand why they are upset. This alone will usually calm down

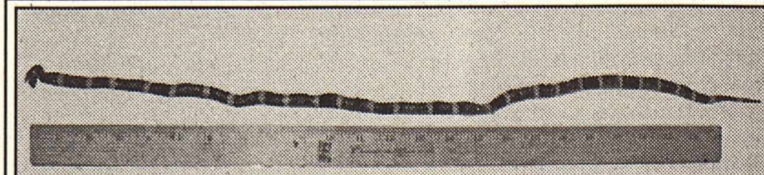
upset customers so they can be receptive to the solution of their problem.

Showing empathy to the upset customer means to listen carefully and to not interrupt the customer as they are explaining a problem. Above all, don't be defensive or take any harsh words personally. In reality, an upset customer is doing you a big favor by bringing their problem to you to solve. Studies show that in most cases upset customers just take their business elsewhere.

Explain to the customer the steps you will take to solve their problem and get their agreement on the solution. It is effective to go beyond the customer's expectations in what you will do to resolve their problem. Most importantly, do what you say you will do in resolving the problem.

Finally, it is important to realize that an upset customer is usually an indication of a problem somewhere in the business. It is vital that the owner/manager take the steps necessary to get to the root of the problem and fix it to avoid having future upset customers. Taking this step will solve many of those "fires" that business people have to spend so much time trying to put out.

Business Tips is provided by Dave Erickson, Business Development Specialist at Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center.



This Coral Snake was found last week in the 200 block of Edgemont. Eastern Coral Snakes (*Micrurus fulvius fulvius*) are skinny snakes about 2 feet long. They have rings of red, yellow and black all along their bodies. Their noses are always black. They do not have long fangs and have to actually chew on you to get the venom in. Many snakes look like the coral snake. A rhyme about the order of the colored stripes helps you tell them apart, but don't get too close! Rhyme: Red and yellow kills a fellow. Red and black is safe for Jack. Coral snakes [venomous] have red and yellow touching; scarlet king snakes [non-venomous] have red and black.

Police Reports

- July 17 - Accident** - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Cactus in reference to a minor accident. Upon arrival officer contacted individual involved and no injuries were reported.
- July 19 - Dog Bite** - Officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of Savell St. in reference to a dog bite.

- Upon arrival he contacted the complainant who advised that a stray dog had bitten his Grandmother on the left leg. ACO located the dog and placed it in quarantine.
- July 19 - Burglary** - Officer was dispatched to speak to a complainant in reference to a burglary. Complainant advised that someone

- unknown to her had entered her home and removed some appliances. Investigation pending.
- July 23 - Criminal Mischief** - Officer was on routine patrol when he noticed a vehicle belonging to the Wool & Mohair Co. had been damaged. Investigation continues.

THE BANK & TRUST COMMUNITY APPRECIATION FIESTA



The Bank & Trust will hold their annual "Community Appreciation Fiesta" on Thursday, July 27 @ 6pm in the bank parking lot.

Entertainment will be provided by local recording artist, ARNOLD B HEAD and dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

Please bring your lawn chairs. To go plates will not be allowed!



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Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Kimble Electric Cooperative Finalize Merger

With the final agreement signed, Kimble Electric Cooperative (KEC) ratepayers have become the newest members of Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PEC) - the electric service cooperative with the largest membership in Texas.

The completion of the merger was announced in Junction on Friday, July 14 by PEC Board President Judge W.W. "Bud" Burnett and KEC Board President Duwan Ruff.

The 5,000 meters currently served by KEC will be incorporated into the more than 143,000 membership of PEC. PEC has headquarters in Johnson City and already serves a large portion of the Texas Hill Country.

The merger was approved by KEC members by a 910-30 vote in a special meeting last month in Junction. The action by the two cooperatives insures that members who

were served by Kimble Electric will continue to receive community-oriented service in the restructured electric utility marketplace mandated by the Texas Legislature last year. With its new members, PEC will add increased market leverage in the changing utility environment.

One of the first advantages the former KEC members will receive will be the integration of the existing system into PEC's computer-monitored Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System, which allows the cooperative to quickly identify and respond to power interruptions and reduce their duration.

New members will receive the lower PEC rates for their classification until the area is opened for competition under provisions of the restructuring act.

In addition to KEC's members

becoming PEC members, the Kimble Electric employees will become PEC employees with no reduction in wage scale or benefits as they are integrated into PEC's personnel policies.

Representation in the decision-making process of their electric service provider will continue as an officer of the KEC Board of Directors will be appointed to the PEC Board as an Advisory Director. The present KEC Board of Directors will serve as an Advisory Committee for at least three years.

At a time when many utilities are moving away from localized service, PEC continues to add and upgrade its service locations in the communities in which it serves, a factor which combined with its reputation for reliable service and outstanding customer service made the merger attractive to KEC officials.

College-Bound High School Students Should Register for ACT Exam by August 18

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 23, 2000. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by August 18-- the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 1, but an extra fee is charged for late registration.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used along with other student information such as high school grade point average, for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate courses for their academic achievement. The test fee is \$23 (\$26 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or online at ACT's website -- www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Class of 2002:
I just wanted you to know that I am here "on my mountain"! In fact, yesterday, I climbed about a 1/2 mile UP the mountain -- quite an achievement considering my bad knees when I left in May. I think of all of you daily -- and I am still working on "our book" -- it goes slowly, but maybe I want to make it last a little while -- helps me to keep reliving the wonderful semester we shared this spring. I am so sad that my daughter won't be your senior teacher after all -- she is such a great teacher and you would have loved her, but I am also sad that SHE will not have the JOY of having all of you in her classes. But life has a way of carrying us away - when we least expect, I suppose. Have a great school year -- and think of me every now and then - I may have to rename that book - MAYBE?? THE LAST CLASS!
With love,
Jan Ethridge (Mrs. E.)

Dear Sonora,
I live in South Texas and subscribe to the Devil's River News because I have family in Sonora. I thoroughly enjoy reading it each week, even if it is a week late. I was extremely saddened to read of the Caverns of Sonora losing the Soda Straw. I had the pleasure of visiting the Caverns many, many years ago when the Tomahawk was still there and was amazed at its pristine beauty. It was one of the most beautiful caverns that I had visited, and I had been to many around the United States. I visited again several years later and found that the Tomahawk had been broken and several other pieces had been damaged by human touch and disregard. Although the cave was still beautiful, it was sad to see what had been done. If we aren't careful these thoughtless people will ruin something beautiful and irreplaceable. Do we want to deprive our future generations from enjoying such splendid acts of nature that we were fortunate to get to enjoy? I really hope not. I do hope that whoever did this will return the pieces.
Sincerely,
S. Hall

Hummingbird Home In Sonora



Hummingbird nests aren't seen just everyday, in fact they are hardly seen at all. But this little family of hummingbirds can be seen next to the Church of the Good Shepherd. At the time that this picture was taken no eggs could be seen, but that must have been because they were so small. As of this week there are two little baby hummingbirds peeking their heads out at Sonora.

The typical hummingbird nest is tiny, about the size of half an English walnut shell. The outer part is covered with moss and plant fibers. Sometimes it is shingled with lichens. The rest is made of plant down and spider webs.

A hummingbird's nest usually has two white eggs. They are less than half an inch long.

It is a remarkable sight when the mother hummingbird comes with food and two little heads pop up. The mother perches on the side of the nest, arches her back, stretches her neck, lifts her head, and holds her bill down to regurgitate nectar and half-digested insects to her babies. Her throat swells and she pumps her beak like a sewing needle.

In general, male hummingbirds contribute in no way to the building of nests or the care of young. (There are a few rare reports of male Ruby-throated and Male Rufous Hummingbirds incubating eggs. There is one report of a male Anna's Hummingbird feeding young.)

Hummingbirds can fly right, left, up, down, backwards, even upside down. While other birds get their flight power from the downstroke only, hummingbirds have strength on the up-stroke, as well. A hummingbird's wing is flexible at the shoulder, but inflexible at the wrist.

When hovering, hummingbirds hold their bodies upright and flap their wings horizontally in a shallow figure-8. As the wings swing back they tilt flat for a moment before the wings are drawn.

Most hummingbirds flap their wings about 50 or so times a second. This means all we can see is a blur. The Magnificent Hummingbird is an exception; sometimes it flaps its wings slow enough for individual wing beats to be perceived. In courtship rituals, when they are doing a power dive, some hummingbirds can flap as many as 200 times in a single second.

The tiny feet of hummingbirds are almost useless except for perching; if hummers want to travel two inches, they must fly. Hummingbirds lift from perches without pushing off; they rise entirely on their own power, flapping their wings at almost full speed before lifting off. Though they fly very fast, they can suddenly stop and make a soft landing. They are so light they do not build up much momentum.

Summertime and the Working is Easy

by Fredi Franki

Most teenagers begin their working careers during the summer months, and with the booming economy, employers are now begging for new hires. This is the time that many young people are first exposed to Social Security and they need to know certain facts about the program to understand the role it plays in their lives and even to Begin their retirement planning.

Young people need to know how Social Security, benefits are earned. For any job covered by Social Security, wages are posted to a worker's Social Security record, and he/she receives credits based on these wages. Credits are used to determine eligibility for Social Security retirement, disability or survivor benefits. In 2000, a worker receives one Social Security credit for each \$780 of earnings, up to a maximum of four credits per year.

Two important points are: (1) credits earned remain on a worker's Social Security record even if he/she changes jobs or has a period of no earnings; and (2) the number of credits needed to be eligible for benefits depends on a worker's age and

the type of Social Security benefit.

Many summer jobs involve tips. Teens need to know that tips totaling \$20 or more a month need to be reported to the employer. The employer then is responsible for withholding Social Security, Medicare and income taxes due on the tips.

Finally, as a teen, make sure that your employers have your correct name and Social Security number. The best way to do this is to show any new employer your Social Security card. Failure to do so could cause problems later. An incorrect Social Security number on a W-2 could cause a delay in processing a tax return and sending any refund due. Also, earnings may not be credited to your Social Security records, which could affect your future benefits.

You may want to check out Social Security's website, www.ssa.gov, and subscribe to e-news, our monthly electronic newsletter full of the latest information on Social Security. Additional information is also available by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

SUTTON COUNTY STEAKHOUSE

(Located Right Next Door To The Days Inn - Devil's River)

Friday Evening Special 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

July 28 • Steak & Seafood Platter

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Saturday Evening Special 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

July 29 • Sirloin Steak Bits for Two (2)

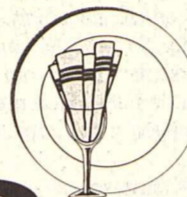
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Welcome to Pedernales Electric Cooperative! As of July 14, 2000, Kimble Electric Cooperative and PEC have merged. We're happy to welcome our new neighbors. Your first bill will have a new look. Here's an explanation.

Account and meter information, including your most recent meter reading.

Since the meter is read automatically, disregard these boxes and the "date read" line.

Total amount due and payment due date.

SAMPLE

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| ACCOUNT NO. 9999-9999-99 | DATE READ |
| DISTRICT KIMBLE | |
| METER NO. 11111111 | |
| CURRENT RDG. 2011 | |

MR JACK SMITH
P O BOX 4444
JUNCTION TX 76849

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BY 08/16/00

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P.O. Box 1
Johnson City, Texas 78038-0001
RETURN TOP PORTION WITH PAYMENT AND METER READING

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| JACK SMITH | | | |
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| 9999-9999-99 | 06/20/00 | 07/20/00 | |
| DISTRICT: KIMBLE | (915) 446-2625 | | |
| MAILING DATE | 07/26/00 | | |

| PEDERNALES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. SUMMARY OF CHARGES | |
|--|-----------------|
| ENERGY USED | \$126.22 |
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El distrito escolar de Sonora ofrece programas vocacionales en DCP y cursos preparativos de tecnica. La admision a estos programas se basa en caso de necesidad, deseo en participar, y en espacio necesario para conducir los programas.

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El distrito escolar de Sonora tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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Just For Fun... Things You Might Need to Know

The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; "7" was selected because the original containers were 7 ounces. "UP" indicated the direction of the bubbles. Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (That makes it tough to rinse them off)

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as substitute for blood plasma.

American car horns beep in the tone of F. No piece of paper can be folded more than 7 times. Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

1 in every 4 Americans has appeared on television. You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television. Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum. The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache. (I'll bet the queen doesn't have one either)

A Boeing 747s wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight. American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class. (Could have saved millions by leaving them out of Martinis, too).

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA."

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning. The 57 on the Heinz ketchup bottle represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.

The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets. Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin. (Who makes them?)

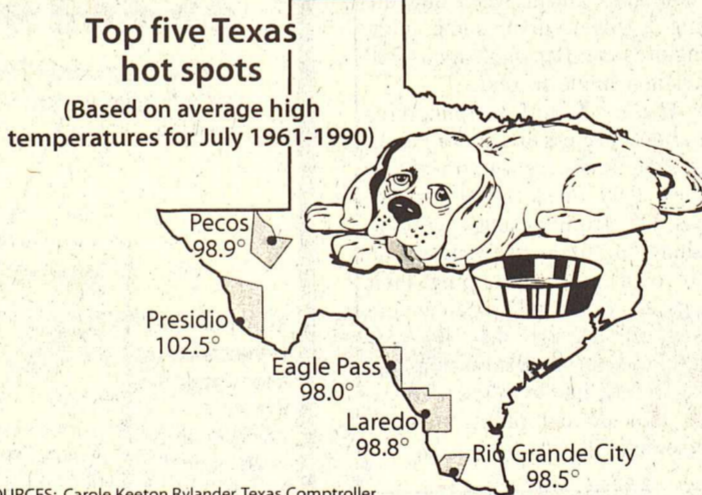
The first owner of the Marlboro company died of lung cancer. (Poetic Justice)

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts. (But what is her phone #) Betsy Ross is the only real person to ever have been the head on a Pez dispenser.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Dog days of summer

As Texans begin to endure the dog days of summer, consider that on an average day in July in Presidio, Texas, the temperature is expected to rise to 102.5 degrees. That's 8.3 degrees higher than the state's average high for July—94.2 degrees.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), National Weather Service, Texas Weather by George W. Bomar, published by University of Texas Press, 1995.

City Council from page 1

RESOLUTION engaging Gary R. Traylor and Associates, Inc. for the performance to grant management services arising from grant(s) awarded under the Texas Community Development Program. Councilmember Poloczek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Poloczek to approve a RESOLUTION engaging Hibbs and Todd, Inc. for the performance of Engineering services arising from grant(s) awarded under the Texas Community Development Program. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Poloczek to reimburse employees \$10.00 per meal for business travel expense while on assignments away from the normal work location. Councilmember Donaldson made a second to the motion and all members present voted to pass the motion.

A draft copy of the proposed 2000-2001 budget was presented to the council for review. City Manager Gesch informed them that Street Paving, Police Department Building and Water Storage Improvements were included in the budget, per their recommendation for being a priority for the upcoming budget. A budget workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, at 5:30 p.m. for further review.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, advised that a Jury Trial has been scheduled for Tuesday and another trial has been scheduled for the next week. Beth explained a new opinion on the notice of open v. closed sessions and the procedure you can now use on the agenda. The council preferred the new notice procedure and advised the city secretary to go with it.

Judge Sessom advised on the upcoming jury trials. He reported that the court had received a lot of seat belt violations.

Tony Lane, Airport Manager, advised that fuel was going up and other airport business was as usual.

Jim Garrett, Public Works, advised that he has been busy spraying mosquitoes, sweeping and clean-

ing streets, mowing draws and measuring streets for the upcoming paving project. Jim reported that he has +/- 18.69 miles of street to pave.

Juanita Mesa, Senior Center Director, reported serving 1864 meals and providing 587 van trips. She advised submitting her budget to the Area on Aging, commended Wilson Wallace for completion of the landscape work at the Senior Center for his Eagle Scout Project, the birthday party scheduled for July 25, and the energy assistance program.

Ann Kay, Main Street Manager, reported on plans for Sutton County Days, the upcoming stitch exhibit, an upcoming cultural music show, plans to build a rock planter box at the intersection of 277, Daddy Olympics and the SCAT play. Also, she advised on the Texas Community Arts designation of Sonora being culturally deprived and the possibility of receiving a grant. Ann reminded everyone to examine the web page, reported on the new flower pots downtown, and the community artist show and veteran's exhibit.

Chris Croy, Chief of Police, presented design plans for the new police department building, advised on the computer update, the police department web page and the TxDOT safety grant program.

Sue Moore, Public Housing, reported 19 families housed.

James McLaughlin, Public Utilities, reported fixing water leaks, repairing meters, and on the sewer plant inspection.

Brent Gesch, City Manager, presented a letter from the engineer regarding the amount of land needed for the water project. He also advised that Duncan Disposal will be conducting the quarterly trash pickup for the next four weeks.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Blackman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Poloczek, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting.

News from the Neighbors

USA Women's Olympic Softball Team to Play Top ASA Major Team in Exhibition Doubleheader

Team USA, the defending Gold Medal Olympic Softball champion, as part of their National Exhibition Tour prior to this Fall's Sydney Olympics, will play the Phoenix Storm who many experts consider to be the top ASA Women's Major Fastpitch team in a nighttime doubleheader Saturday, August 5th in Midland, Texas.

The games will be at the Bill Williams Softball Complex in Hogan Park, off Loop 250 on Lamesa Road just south of the Midland Rock Hounds' baseball park. The complex was named for the Midland man who spearheaded putting Softball on the map in West Texas.

The first game is slated to get under way at 6:30 p.m.

The Storm, managed by Amateur Softball Association Commissioner Rick Beach, and coached by Robert Swan, are composed of outstanding college players including the double play combination of shortstop Kara Brun and second baseman Missy Hixon, both of Arizona State, and third baseman/catch-

er Tairia Mims of UCLA's College World Series finalists.

The team has already played four of the world's Olympic teams, China, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, and went three and three against them. They topped off this international play by beating the Aussie team, ranked #2 in the world, in the June 2-9, Canada Cup.

Team USA features a great group of players including veterans from the '96 Olympics such as pitchers Lisa Fernandez and Michele Smith, first baseman Sheila Cornell-Douty and second baseman Dr. Dot Richardson plus talented newcomers such as catcher Stacey Nuvevan from UCLA's 1999 College World Series champions.

All tickets are \$10.00 General Admission, all ages, and are on sale at the Bill Williams Tire Center at 1500 Rankin Highway in Midland, hours 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, phone 915-682-1671, and at the Midland United Girls Softball Association (MUGS) office in Ulmer Park, phone 915-684-7312.

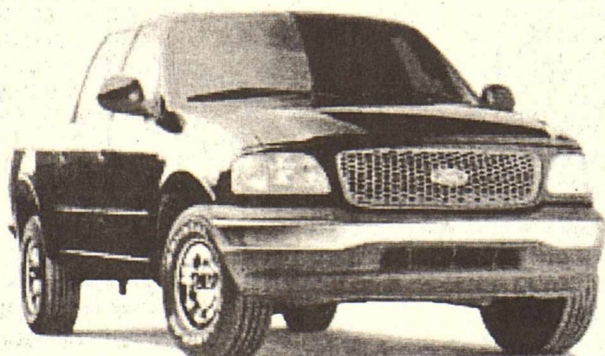
To arrange interviews with Team USA players either before or after the games contact Brian McCall, Team Coordinator, at Amateur Softball Association headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, phone 405-425-3463.

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Continuing the Tax Cutting Crusade



Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-Texas

This week conservatives in Congress will continue to cut your taxes by voting for the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act of 2000 (H.R. 4865).

If passed, this bill will repeal the Social Security tax hike contained in the 1993 budget bill. The Administration's tax hike raised the amount of Social Security benefits subject to taxation from 50 percent to 85 percent.

In 1993, liberals in Congress talked about raising taxes on the rich but instead launched an unfair assault on seniors, specifically targeting those seniors who choose to work or have saved for their retirement. The measure increased the amount of taxable income on Social Security benefits from 50 percent to 85 percent for those seniors who earn \$44,000 as a couple or \$34,000 as individuals. The cruelest aspect of the 1993 tax hike is the income levels that are taxed don't take inflation into consideration, which means that each year more elderly Americans have their Social Security benefits taxed.

The 1993 Social Security tax hike was initiated as an effort to balance the budget. Yet rather than use fiscal responsibility-save more and spend less-the liberals in Congress

felt it was necessary to do it on the backs of our parents and grandparents. Now that we have eliminated the deficit, conservatives want to repeal the ill-conceived tax on Social Security benefits and return portions of the surplus back to retirees whose work and savings created it.

Tax lovers will attempt to make the arguments that repealing the tax hike will threaten Medicare. However, it will have no effect on the Medicare trust fund at all. Any money which would have been raised by the tax will be replaced in the Medicare trust fund from the budget surplus.

This is not the first attempt by anti-tax representatives to reduce this unnecessary tax on Social Security benefits. In 1995, House leaders offered a modest tax cut package which included a repeal of this tax. The measure passed but was later vetoed by the President.

Our nation's seniors still contribute a great deal to the prosperity of our country. There is no excuse why they should be targets of unfair taxes. As sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, we should reward and protect our seniors in their golden years. Today there are literally millions of seniors who not only want to continue working but are contributing to our economy like never before. The government should give them the same economic freedom to do as they wish.

Letter to the Editor

Dear News Editor:

It has been little more than one month since Carlos Ibarra Perez, a Mexican National, placed a \$10,000 bounty on U.S. Border Patrol agents patrolling the Texas-Mexico border. A long time advocate of Border Patrol issues, Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23rd) was greatly angered by Mr. Perez' threat on the men and women who protect the security of the border.

In hopes of a solution to this incident, Mr. Bonilla expressed his concerns in a letter to President Clinton. "Our government must immediately act to safeguard the lives of our Border Patrol agents. I urge you to tell the Mexican government in the strongest possible terms that full prosecution of this criminal act is essential," wrote Mr. Bonilla.

This week, Mr. Bonilla received a letter of response from President Clinton. In the letter, the president thanked Mr. Bonilla for raising these serious concerns and expressed his desire to continue working on the issue at hand. Clinton also detailed his plan of action, which included urging the Mexican government to continue investigating the incident and bring the perpetrator to justice. This plan of action includes several of the same suggestions Mr. Bonilla made to the president in his June 6, 2000 letter.

Sincerely,
Taryn L. Fritz
Press Secretary for Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23rd)

Schleicher County Readies For Annual Supermarket Ram Sale

by: Steve Byrns

ELDORADO - Need a good ram? There will be plenty of the Rambouillet and Suffolk varieties available here Aug. 5 during the annual Schleicher County "Supermarket" Range Ram Sale.

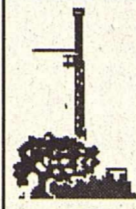
Ram viewing of the lambs and yearlings starts at 9 a.m. in the Eldorado Ag Barn located one mile south of town on U.S. Highway 277. The sale starts at 11 a.m. followed by a

free barbecue lunch that will complete the day's activities.

"These rams are from ranches with reputation flocks in the county," said Scott Edmonson, Schleicher County Extension agent and an event coordinator. "They are all pre-priced starting at \$150 and ready to go to work this fall. We will offer about 50 Rambouillet rams with the balance being Suffolks. If you need one or a hundred good rams at vol-

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- 9:00 Mohair Grading - hands on
- 10:00 Welcome - Dr. Butch Taylor, Research Station Superintendent and Professor
- 10:05 How New Scrapie and TB Regulation May Affect the Sheep and Goat Industry in the Future - Dr. William Edmiston, Eldorado Vet Clinic
- 10:20 Reasons for Staying with Angoras -Producers Panel
- 10:40 TSGRA & Mohair Council Updates
- 10:50 Observations on Goat Meat Carcass Deliveries - Glen Hanson
- 11:10 Why Conformation & Legs are Important - Preston Faris, Sutton County Extension Agent
- 11:30 Low Stress Livestock Handling - Joel Hamm
- 12:00 Jackpot Goat & Fleece Selection Contest - Junior and Adult Division \$5 entry fee, and \$100 added money
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Performance Test Data and Recognition of Certified Bucks - Frank Craddock
- 2:00 Angora Billy Goat Sale - Frank Craddock

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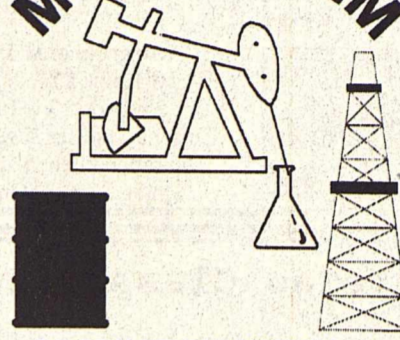
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13th Annual Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck Angora Sale Termed Barn Burner

Recent sales of spring kid and young goat mohair at record prices have stimulated the interest in fine haired Angoras as shown by the number of buyers and prices paid at the 13th Annual HLRS Angora Sale at the Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center at Kerrville on July 22nd. Twenty eight does and seventy bucks were auctioned and sold by Mark Tillman, auctioneer from Junction. Buyers from Canada, Nevada, Virginia, North Carolina, and New Mexico as well as Texas purchased goats. The sale grossed \$65,950. Sale averages on the does was \$518 and \$735 for the bucks.

The sale began with the dedication of the sale by Jesse Lockhart Jr. to the Bob Davis family of Uvalde, who pioneered the development of the mohair industry in the USA. Jad Davis, a Midland attorney and grandson of Bob Davis, is still an active breeder of registered Angoras. The family continues to make cash premiums at the Texas Angora Goat Show in memory of Bob Davis. This has been a tradition for many years. Representing the family were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Taff, and Gail Nichols.

There was keen competition from the commercial mohair growers, registered goat breeders, 4-H and FFA youth, and the Canadian and out of state breeders.

The Assn. des Eleveurs du Quebec, Canada bought the highest priced doe from Speck for \$1500 and the highest priced buck from Speck for \$3800. Landon Brockman from Sonora got the 2nd highest selling Speck buck for \$3700. Freddie Flach of Pipe Creek was the high bidder on the third high buck at \$3600. A Ross doe went to Lawy Lawwill of Virginia for \$725. A Lockhart went to Sue Ann Nissen of North Carolina for \$1000. Pat Ross of Nevada bought three of the full South African bucks for \$800, \$725, and \$500. Meg McInnis of North Carolina got the other South African buck for \$950.

Volume buyers included the Quebec, Canada Association represented by Margrit Mulhaupt, who bought 7 head for \$9050. Edward Earwood of Sonora - 5 goats for \$5200, L.C. Hengst, Jr. - 8 head for \$4375 and Betty Stewart - 4 head for \$3850.

The family sincerely appreciates the buyers faith in the mohair industry and their confidence in HLRS fine haired Angoras. We thank auctioneer, Mark Tillman, ring men Eddie Holland, and Steve Nelson, order buyers Dr. Gil Engdahl and Mac Gilliat, general helper Lorinda Boyd, the clerks and everyone who attended and helped make the sale a success.

ume prices, this is the place to be."

Edmonson explained the supermarket method as follows: during the viewing period prospective buyers may write their buyer's number on the individual card provided for each ram they like. This does not obligate them to buy the ram, but only indicates their interest.

At 11 a.m. organizers will go through the barn, one pen at a time, auctioning off all rams with more than one buyer's number on their individual cards. If only one buyer's number is on a card, that buyer has the option to buy or refuse the ani-

mal at that time.

Once the auction is completed, all rams still having cards are for sale at the price on each individual ram's card. Prospective buyers can then just pull the cards and go to the bookkeeper to purchase the animal. These remaining rams will be sold on a first come basis.

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Public Notice

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 Sutton County is giving notice of the county's intent to submit a Colonia Construction Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$454,513.50 for drainage and street improvements benefiting persons located in the Loma Alta and Sinaloa Colonias. The application is available for review at County Courthouse during regular business hours. 1727b

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Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the following positions: (1) part-time Elementary P.E. Aide and (2) full time Middle School Aide. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 387-2545. EOE

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for Discovery Zone Aide. This is a part time position school days from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 387-2545.