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Get Healthy at the Fair

Submitted

The Health Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center. There will be a variety of different booths this year. You can still sign up to donate blood by calling Shanna Petty or Juanita Gomez at 387-5666.

The Masonic Lodge will be serving a Bar-B-Que lunch for the public and the vendors.

Some of the different services that will be provided to the public are Cholesterol checks, flu shots (if available), complete blood counts, rabies shots for animals, AirMed One Display, car safety seat checks, bike safety, fingerprinting, blood sugars, and blood pressures. For more information please call Shanna at 387-5666 or Ronnie at 387-2541.

JV Broncos K/O the JV Punchers

by Ray Glasscock

This was the much anticipated game between the undefeated JV Broncos and the once defeated JV Mason Punchers. The game featured the varied passing and running attack that mirrors the Bronco Varsity. The Mason team entered the game with only one defeat to Wall. The Broncos continually stymied the Puncher quarterback and all of their running backs. Mason was able to record only five first downs, and Sonora easily won 50-6.

Mason won the toss, but deferred to the Broncos who elected to receive. The Broncos started on their 20 after the kickoff sailed through the end zone. Emmanuel Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, and Scottie Moore drove the ball down the field to Mason's 33 yard line. Moore then passed 7 yards to Doug Yocham. On the next play, Moore executed a perfect screen pass to Lopez who took the pass and worked his magic for 26 yards through the defenders for the first score. Lopez also scored the two point conversion on a quick pitch.

Mason received the Bronco kickoff and made their only first down of the first half. The Bronco defense quickly mastered the Mason wishbone attack and Jared Parker, Luis Segura, Landon Brockman, and Lopez destroyed the next series. The Broncos took over on downs. Rodriguez, Lopez, and Dustin Martin took the ball down the field. Rodriguez dove over the Punchers' goal line defense for the Broncos' second touchdown. This two point conversion was not successful.

Tom Homra, Wilson Wallace, Mark Gandar, Israel Arevalo, Jared Parks, and Lopez tackled the Mason runners. On third down, the Bronco defense caused a fumble and Arevalo recovered it on their 19 yard line. However, the Broncos were unable to score, as the Mason defense was

able to hold.

Mason was unable to move the ball and punted. Moore opened the drive with a 30 yard pass to Brockman. Dustin Martin ran the counter for a first down. Rodriguez used his blazing speed and ran 12 yards for the next touchdown. Moore executed another screen pass to Lopez for an apparent two point conversion, but it was called back by a penalty.

Mason's wishbone again was completely ineffective. When they tried to pass on fourth down, Arevalo sacked their quarterback for a loss. After a good punt by Mason, the Broncos started on their 37 yard line. Moore attempted a deep pass, but it was just out of reach of the diving Lopez. The Broncos sent Rodriguez, who usually lines up as the fullback, wide right as a receiver. Mason was caught off guard as the speedy "fullback" quickly blew pass the defender, caught a perfect pass from Moore, and ran untouched for a 61 yard touchdown. Emmanuel Lopez ran the pitch. He was hit in the backfield, but he spun away from the tackler. Two more defenders hit him and he bounced backwards, regained his balance, and cut through three more defenders for the two point conversion.

After a very deep kickoff by Zed Snodgrass, Tan Cade and Landon Brockman stopped the Mason return man on their 14 yard line. This series lasted three plays. The last Bronco drive was just as efficient. Moore brought the Broncos to the line of scrimmage in the shotgun formation. Mason spread their defense to cover the four Bronco receivers. Moore took the snap, waited until the receivers started their routes. He pulled the ball down and ran a perfect quarterback keeper up the middle for a 22 yard touchdown. Lopez completed the two point conversion.

See JV Broncos page 5

Terry Family Dedicates Marker to Loved One

A Marker Dedication and Memorial Service was held for Private Joseph Terry at the Sutton County Burial Park on Saturday, October 28, 2000.

A nice crowd was on hand to witness the General Tom Green Camp #1613, SCV post the colors and perform trumpet solos, while dressed in confederate soldier attire.

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 gave the invocation, which included LP Bloodworth reading

the minutes from the actual burial service that took place in 1902.

Joseph's Great-Great Grandson, Christian Baehr gave a biography of Terry and Steven Terry, Great Grandson, gave a brief Unit history of the 11th Texas Cavalry, with which Joseph had served.

Leland Hammer and Ewell Loudermilk gave a Sons of Confederate Veterans Dedication, followed by a Salute to the Confederate Flag.

Gwen Hall Gay and Margaret Gay Charlesworth, members of the Minnie B. Williams Chapter #531

of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, were both dressed in period dresses and presented a memorial wreath to be placed on the grave site.

After a Benediction by Ewell Loudermilk, a rifle salute was sounded by the Confederate Soldiers standing at attention near the grave.

Sharon Terry Baehr, Great Granddaughter, thanked everyone for all they did, with a special thank

you-to JoAnn Palmer, who was the key player in orchestrating the event.

Following the service everyone was treated to a lunch, provided by the Sutton County Steakhouse, at the Cauthorn Memorial Building.

Not only was the service a moving way to honor a lost loved one, it was also an educational learning experience for all that attended.



Gary Bates, Adjutant Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp #1441, SCV played "Rock of Ages" solo on his trumpet.



Family members of Joseph Terry unveiled the marker for their loved one.

Continuing Education Computer Classes Still Available

Submitted

There are still openings for the upcoming computer classes here in Sonora. Introduction to Windows 98 for People over 50, and Intermediate Windows 98 will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from November 14-28 (excluding November 23).

Introduction to Windows 98 for People over 50 is designed for older adults who would like to learn how to manage and set up programs, basic computer set up and internet access. Classes will meet at the First National Bank Annex Building from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost for the class will be \$54.

Intermediate Windows 98 is designed for people who have a basic understanding of computers and Windows, but would like to become more proficient. Specific topics include advanced operations such as file structure, disk management, DOS mode operations correcting problems, and using keyboard shortcuts to save time. Classes will meet at the First National Bank Annex Building from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. The cost for the class will be \$79.

To sign up for the classes, please come by the Chamber of Commerce office to pick up a registration form.

Golf Tournament Rescheduled

The benefit golf tournament for the Sonora volunteer fire department is rescheduled for Saturday November 4th at 1:00 P.M. This is the fourth time this event has been rescheduled due to rain (we're not griping). This ABCD scramble is sponsored by Baker Petrolite to help our fire department purchase a water truck to supply their units in the field.

Entry fee for the scramble is \$20.00 and donations will be accepted from those who just want to come eat at the fajita supper after the scramble.

The fajita supper will be served at 6:00 P.M. Regardless of the weather. If we are rained out again we will give away all the tournament prizes as door prizes during the supper.

If you want to enter, or have questions, call the Sonora Golf Club at 387-3680 or John Adams at 277-5741. Come and have fun while supporting our firefighters.

Broncos Render Punchers Punchless

by Tryon Fields

Last Friday, with the win over the Mason Punchers, the Sonora Broncos took another step toward their second consecutive District Championship and their fourth straight play-off bid. The win over the Punchers moved the Broncos record to 8 and 0 and 3 and 0 in District 2-2A. This game could possibly have been the best game that the Broncos have played since starting district play. The Broncos used an all out effort from each team member to completely dominate a team that possibly out weighed the Broncos in almost every position. Ultimately the Broncos speed and team unity dictated the outcome of the game.

In winning the coin toss, the Punchers elected to receive the opening kick-off. It did not take long for the Punchers to experience what the seven previous Bronco opponents had experienced. A very tenacious defense that has limited most of its opponents to less than a hundred and fifty total yards of offense. Normally using a ball control offense, the Punchers began the game by going to the passing game to try and loosen up the Bronco defense. Unrelenting pressure by the Bronco front four and excellent coverage by the secondary forced Mason to punt the football after four plays. The Red Hosses would begin their first possession at the Puncher forty-one.

Bronco quarterback, Bryce Williams immediately went to work alternating between the passing game and the power running of fullback, Tom Jacoby. Passes to Riley Crain and James Elliott as well as the running of Tom Jacoby would move the ball to the Puncher six.

At the six, Bronco tailback, William Renfro would get to the outside on student body right and dive into the end-zone scoring his first of four touchdowns. Bronco place-kicker, Javier Gayton would add to his point total by splitting the uprights to give the Broncos a 7 point lead with eight minutes and twelve seconds left in the first quarter. The Punchers second possession met with the same Bronco resistance. Anthony Sanchez, Chris Green, and Jared Solis led the Bronco pursuit that forced the Punchers to punt the ball after only three downs. Going back to the "Air Williams" game plan, the Broncos started at the Puncher forty-eight and took a little over four minutes and seven plays to put the game out of reach. Passes to Crain and Elliott as well as a screen play to William Renfro moved the ball to the Puncher ten yard line. Bronco wingback, Chance Armke would score the Bronco's second touchdown on the wingback counter at the three minute and fifty-two second mark of

the first quarter. A miscue between the center and the holder would force Gayton to miss the mark on the PAT, thus giving the Broncos only a thirteen point lead.

Broncos 13 - Punchers 0. Mason's next possession would begin on their own twenty-one.

Going to the running game, the Punchers began to inch the football down the field. Runs by Zac Langehenning, Will Lehmborg, and Daniel Worden would finish out the first quarter. The second quarter would find the Punchers in Bronco territory at the Red Hoss thirty-six. Adopting a bend but don't break policy, the Bronco defense began to stiffen at the thirty-six. On a fourth and three, the Punchers elected to go for the first down. Tremendous pressure by Riley Crain, Anthony Sanchez, Cole Cearley, and Danny Solis; the Bronco defense was successful in stopping the Punchers short of the first down marker. Taking its cue from the defense, the Mighty Bronco offense once again took the field with nothing but end-zone on its mind.

Short runs by Renfro and Jacoby along with a pass to Elliott moved the ball to the Bronco forty-eight. At the forty-eight, the Bronco front line would clear a path to the outside for William Renfro and the rest would be poetry in motion as Renfro would leave purple clad players laying in his wake; as he would score his second touchdown with eight minutes and forty-five seconds left in the second quarter. Wanting to regain the lost extra point, the Broncos elected to go for two. Bryce Williams would roll to his right and find his go to receiver Riley Crain in the end-zone for the two points giving the Broncos a twenty-one point advantage: Sonora 21 - Mason 0.

Mason's lack of success on offense would continue on their next possession. Bronco defensemen James Elliott, Jared Solis, Chris Green, Thomas Bloodworth, and Anthony Sanchez would continue to apply the pressure and force the

Punchers to punt for the third time in the ball game. Having had several thunderstorms during the week, one would think that Mason would be used to thunder and lightning! What they did not expect was lightning without the thunder. The lightning attack of the Broncos put their next touchdown on the board.

After a short pass to Riley Crain; Bryce Williams would keep the football on the option play and advance the ball into Puncher territory at the Mason forty-seven. "Mr. Lightning", William Renfro would handle the next carry and behind the blocking of Sean Fields would break to the outside and out race the Punchers into the end-zone for his third touchdown of the game. After three plays and forty-five seconds and the extra point by Gayton, the Broncos would hold a commanding 28 to 0 lead over the Mason Punchers. The remainder of the second quarter would be much of the same for the Mason Punchers; as they would be able to advance the ball into Bronco territory, but a very stingy Red Hoss defense would force them to turn the ball over on downs. With two minutes left in the half, the Bronco offense was unable to come up with key plays to advance the football and were forced to punt for the first time of the game. With only thirteen seconds left in the half, the Punchers were content to run the clock out and go to the locker room down by twenty-eight. Halftime: Sonora 28 - Mason 0.

Sonora would receive the second half kick-off and set up shop at their own twenty-seven. Who said lightning doesn't strike twice in the same spot. The Mason faithful would attest otherwise.

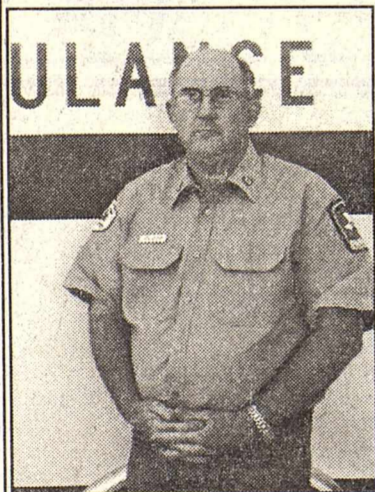
Once again what seems to be becoming a Bronco trademark; not three plays and out, but three plays and score occurred. A short run by Tom Jacoby and a fifty yard run by "The Energizer", Sean Fields would set up a twenty one yard scoring run

See Varsity Broncos page 5



William Renfro evades the tackle to run with the ball.

Spotlight on Sutton Co. EMS



Tim Thorp
EMT - Paramedic



Leslie Thorp
EMT - Intermediate

Meet EMS Charter Members, Tim and Leslie Thorp. Tim joined the organization in March of 1982 and Leslie joined in 1984. They have two children, a son, T.J. who is a paramedic with the Washington Co. EMS in Brenham, TX where he lives and is going to school at Blinn and a daughter, Joni, who also is a student at Blinn University.

During his time with the EMS Tim has held the position of President, Vice President, and is presently a Training Officer. Leslie has also been President, as well as Secretary and is the current Vice President. Other certifications Tim has achieved are Instructor and Examiner, Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTL), Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) and EMT of the Year in 1991. Leslie was EMT of the year in 1989 and is a Skills Instructor and

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
Pastor
Hector A. Portillo
807 Orient Ave.
387-6065

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-5207

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BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks



Eliseo C. Guerra, Sr.

The family of Eliseo C. Guerra, Sr. acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kindness and expressions of sympathy. Our most sincere thanks to everyone for the food, flowers, plants, calls, cards and prayers.

Thanks to Father Bill, the ladies who prepared the meal at the Catholic Church and also to the church choir.

Thanks to the Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home staff for the six years of loving care given to our Daddy, Grandpa and Great Grandfather. God bless you, thanks again.

Juanita, Valente Guerra, Maria, Joey, Tristen Guerra, Trinidad and Gloria Guerra & Family, Maggie and Alex Noriega & Family, Cruz G. Herrera & Family, Angie G. Ramirez & Family, Hilda and Luis Rivas and Family, Carolina and Joe Roland & Family and Grandchildren.

God Saw You
God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arm around you
and whispered "come to me".
With tearful eyes, we watched you
and saw you pass away
and though we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

The Sonora Middle School Student Council wants to thank everyone who helped raise money for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center this past Saturday. Your support is appreciated. Special thanks go out to Bob and Janice Caruthers for the use of the Sombreros Laserwash facilities and for donating to WTRC as well. We also want to say thank you to Lisa Galindo, Lindy Valkonen, Lisa Karnes, and John Berry for their time and support.

Sonora Intermediate School would like to thank the P.T.A. for sponsoring the Hot Air Balloon presentation on October 25. We learned a great deal about balloon flight, the different kinds of balloons, the history of ballooning and balloon pilots. Your financial support helped make this learning experience possible. We appreciate you! THANK YOU!

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

In Memory

Glinda Ann Castro



It's been seven years since you left our world to join our heavenly Father in His. Our minds understand this transition, but our hearts don't want to let go. We miss your smile, your laugh, your touch. We have memories of good times and bad, and only dreams of what could have been. We love you, Glinda and miss you so much! Your Loving Family

Obituaries

Alejandro "Alex" Escamilla

Alejandro "Alex" Escamilla, 47, of Monahans and formerly of Sonora passed away October 25, 2000 in Midland Memorial Hospital.

A Rosary was held Friday, October 27, 2000 with a Mass on Saturday, October 28, 2000 at St. John's Catholic Church, burial followed in Monahans Memorial Cemetery with Father John Lucido. Alejandro was born November 24, 1952 in Sanderson, Texas. He was a Pumper and a Catholic.

Alejandro is survived by his wife, Lourdes Escamilla of Monahans, Texas; 2 daughters, Christina Escamilla and Tracy Lynn Escamilla of College Station; parents Mario and Amalia Escamilla of Monahans, Texas and 3 brothers, Mario Escamilla, JJ "Caboose" Escamilla and Tommy Escamilla of Monahans, Texas.

School News

Sonora Intermediate Faculty Garage Sale

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Elementary Cafeteria.
Proceeds go to the student activities/incentives

School Lunch Menu Nov. 6 - Nov. 10

Breakfast
Mon. - Waffles, syrup, assorted juice.
Tues. - Grilled cheese, tator tots, assorted juice.
Wed. - Oatmeal, muffin, assorted juice.
Thurs. - French toast, peaches, assorted juice.
Fri. - Potato & egg burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Corn dog, nacho chips/cheese, pork & beans, sliced pears.
Tues. - Barbeque on bun, chips, pickles, salad, peach cobbler.
Wed. - Chili & beans, celery & carrot sticks, orange wedges, cornbread.
Thurs. - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, pudding.
Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, oatmeal cookie.

Baby Announcement

A sweet little treasure sent from above
A coo and a smile wrapped up in love.

Mason Foster McGeath

October 18, 2000

7 lbs. 10 oz.

20" long

Proud parents are

Justin and Michele McGeath

Senior Center News

Nov. 6 - Bingo after lunch!
Nov. 7 - Election Day! Get out and vote.
Nov. 8 - Health Fair Civic Center. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 9 - Holiday Crafts for those who sign up!
Nov. 10 - Center closed. Veterans Day Holiday.

Senior Menu

Nov. 6 - Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce, spinach, tossed salad, french bread, banana pudding.
Nov. 7 - Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, coleslaw, fruit cocktail.
Nov. 8 - BBQ chicken breast, pinto beans, cornbread, sliced tomatoes, mustard greens, peaches.
Nov. 9 - Pork roast with gravy, French green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, prunes.
Nov. 10 - Center closed for Veteran's Day. **Fly the Flag!**

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

Dining Out Directory

El Torito #2

1005 N. Crockett

387-9525

La Mexicana

240 N. Hwy 277

387-3401

Los Jarritos

605 S. Crockett

387-2838

Pizza Hut

401 Hwy. 277 N.

387-3540

Rosie's Cafe

207 Glasscock Ave

387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse

1306 N. Service Rd

387-3833

Town & Country Subway

610 S. Crockett

387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen

903 N. Crockett Ave.

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Community

Nov. 3
Last day of early voting by personal appearance for Nov. 7 general election, Sutton County Annex.

Nov. 4
Benefit Golf Scramble for the Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept. 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 5
BSA Pack 19 Food Drive

Nov. 7
General Election Day

Nov. 8
S.I.S.D. Early Dismissal • 1:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar



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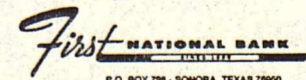
Calendar

Nov. 11
Sutton County Game Dinner
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center

Nov. 11
County Team Roping Challenge Finals

Nov. 12
County Team Roping
All-Anon Meeting
Held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Basement

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Historical Society



Homestead of W.C. Mabray, July 1902, Vander Stucken Ranch, Sutton County

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

I would like to start my column this week by thanking all those who participated in the Joseph Terry Memorial Ceremony at the Sonora Cemetery, his family members, the Texas Army, the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, for their presentations; members of the Sutton County Historical Society for organizing the event, setting up seating and tables, Main Street for tablecloths, desserts and helping serve, the wonderful cooks who donated desserts and the loan of the podium from the Methodist Church. The Sutton County Steak House, home of the best food in West Texas, served everyone a delicious meal after the ceremony, Linda Love, everyone loved the food; Sutton County Sheriffs Department, Sonora Police Department, all did a wonderful job. We were the lead story on KLST-TV newscast at 6:00 PM and on again at 10:00 PM. The people who attended enjoyed the whole event and Sonora you did yourself proud. Thank You!

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

A. Devil's River News, March 11, 1949: W. C. Mabry, died at the

age of 89 in San Angelo and was buried, with graveside services conducted by the Baptist Church, in the Sonora Cemetery. His wife had died several years before and he was buried beside her. Mr. Mabry was born in Texas in 1860 and moved to Kimble County in 1888. He came to Sutton County in 1902 and was connected with the ranching industry. (Note error in spelling in paper.)

John Eaton left notes stating that Ratliff Funeral Home conducted the funeral and were paid, according to the County Commissioners Minutes, Vol. 3, Page 486, \$163.46 for the burial.

There is a reddish cement block on the grave with the name W. C. Mabray, 1860-1949, his wife's grave is unmarked. We also have a note that Jasper Newton Mabray died in Sonora while visiting his nephew, James Mabray, and was buried in the Sonora Cemetery. Mr. Mabray died on October 26, 1904 at the age of 83. Jasper Mabray was one of the organizers of Bosque County, a veteran frontiersman and former Texas Ranger. His letters recalling his experiences along the Texas frontier during the days of the Republic and early statehood of Texas were printed in the Clifton Record on January 6, 1904 and in the book Bosque Ter-

ritory, A History of an Agrarian Community by William C. Pool, printer Chaparral Press.

Q. Do you have any information on Dick Walker?

A. Dick Walker was born in Del Rio on September 7, 1886. His father, Frederick Walker who had come west for respiratory problems, while working for Robert W. Prosser, died in 1899 leaving the young Dick to start work when he was 13. His mother cooked for the outfit. He handled sheep, goats and cattle, built fences and helped drill water wells for Robert W. Prosser on Devil's River just north of Camp Hudson, near Baker's Crossing. In 1904, at the age of 18, he brought back, in 6 months, a drove of 16 thousand sheep from New Mexico for Mr. Prosser. He managed different ranches for Mr. Prosser over the years, winding up at the Continental Ranch, 16 miles west of Comstock.

Dick Walker married Florence Holland, a teacher in San Antonio, on September 7, 1910 and brought her out to the ranch. They homesteaded 8 sections of the Continental Ranch. Two children were born to them on the Continental Ranch, Elizabeth and Alfred. They then moved, in 1919 to the No. 5 Ranch,

five miles to the east, where another son Herbert was born. In 1926 the Prosser and Walker Ranch was formed. Walker was also a partner in the Guinn Blue Hills Ranch lease. Mr. Walker believed in big boned cattle, lots of livestock water, high quality sheep, plenty of small pastures with rotated grazing and correct stocking. He bred 1/8 Short-horn and 7/8 Hereford with big bone, muscle and size over a period of 15 years. His sheep were known to shear at least 10 pounds of wool a year and his lambs and ewes sold at premium because of their weight and quality.

Dick Walker was a member of the Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association and served on the Executive Committee. He served as President of the Comstock School Board for many years and was a County Commissioner for four years. He died in 1957.

Q. Frank Walker died in 1895, did your paper pick up his obituary?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, October 12, 1895: Frank Walker of Del Rio, was thrown from his freight wagon near Ross' water hole in Kinney County, last week. His mules ran away breaking the pole of the wagon and one of the front wheels. One of the wheels passed over Mr. Walker's head crushing it terribly. He was taken to Brackett and everything that could be was done for him. He died from his injuries the next day. Mr. Walker was a well driller and leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss.

Q. Do you have anything on the death of John Blalock?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, October 3, 1891: John T. Blalock who has been practicing law in Sonora for a short while, dropped dead in front of Mayer & Hagerlund's store last Saturday night. He came originally from East Texas, and was at one time a prominent railroad lawyer.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 any day but Wednesday. You may also drop off your questions at the Devil's River News office on Main Street.

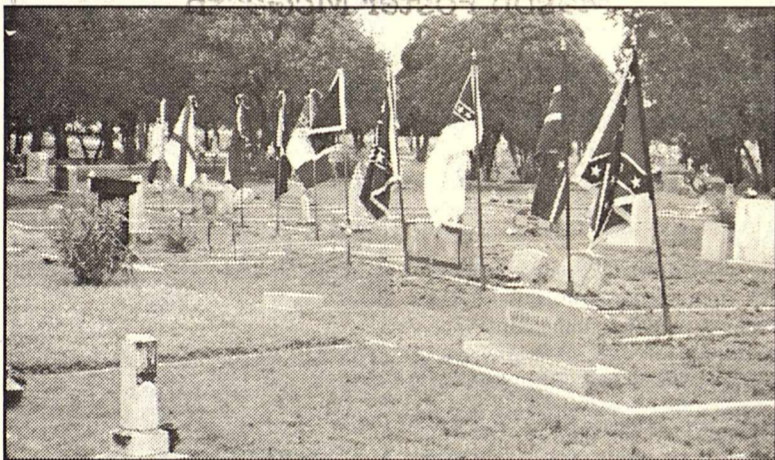
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Tedford Jewelry
Bridal Registry
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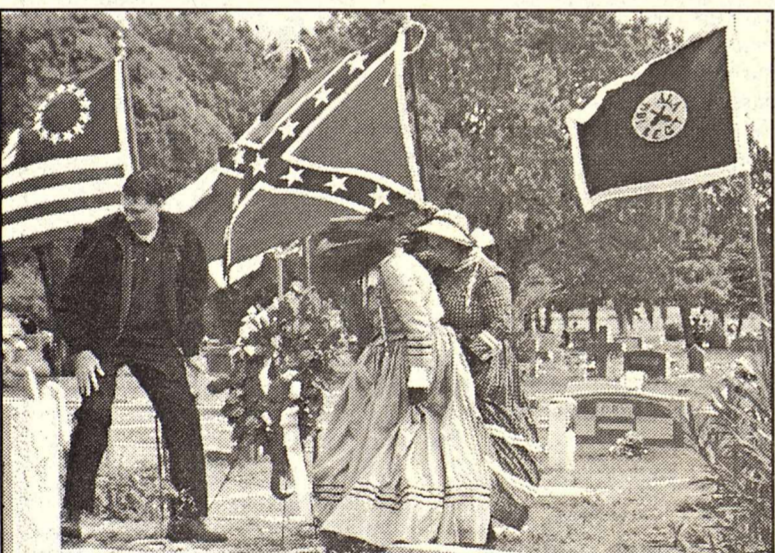
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Local residents participated by appearing in period clothing.



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The Sonora Elementary P.T.A. will host the pre-game dinner on Friday, November 3rd, when the mighty Broncos take on long time rivals the Wall Hawks. Make plans to join us in the High School Commons from 5-7 p.m. for a delicious Sausage dinner including tortillas, beans, salad, dessert and a beverage. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and will be available in advance from any of the P.T.A. board members and either of the Elementary School offices. Take-out plates will also be available.

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November 6

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November 7

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November 8

Kesha Frasier, Rosa Hernandez, Dustin Martin, Cindy Swanson, Cole Cearley, Jacob Lipham, Tissie Wagoner, Kade Creek, Morgan Martinez

Sonora Middle School Recognizes Perfect Attendance

6th Grade

Berry, Amanda; Buitron, David; Capuchina, Cristal; Carroll, Alison; Galindo, Julio; Gloria, Pedro; Gonzales, Jennifer; Guerra, Robert; Gulley, Evan; Hernandez, Erica; Hernandez, Marc; Higdon, Madeline; Ibarra, Jacob; Lipham, Curtis; Lira, Luis; Lopez, Melinda; Love, Clayton Shane; Luna, Aureliano; Madrill, Anthony; Martinez, Ryan; McGee, Aric; Mungia, Nathan; Neff, Brandy; Ortiz, Alexie; Perez, Alejandro; Perez, Cody; Perez, Daisy; Perez, Mackenzie; Ramos, Caleb; Randolph, Tracey; Rivera, Abraham; Sanchez, Rudy; Sanchez, Stacy; Sandoval, Steven; Teasley, Jena; Tovar, Delma; Valliant, Travis; Zuniga, Justin

7th Grade

Aparicio, Carlos; Arispe, Chantel; Barthelemy, Steven; Boldt, Desirae; Brister, Mandy; Coronado, Yasmin Covey, Tina; Cox, Cameron; Crittendon, William; Draper, Perry Swade; Frye, Lisa; Gallegos, Frank; Garza, Filemon; Gulley, Jillian; Gutierrez, Emmanuel; Hedgecock, Cerissa; Hernandez, Kristina; Hunt, Jeb; Ibarra, Katherine; Hillary, Lawson; Longoria, Anthony Joe; Love, David Ty; Lozano, Bianca; Lozano, Blanca; Luna, David; Martinez, Christina; Maxwell, Megan; McBride, Kayla; McGee, Deangelina; Moreno, Maricela; Munn, Brandon; Parker, Cullen; Rodriguez, Jose; Romo, Federico; Samaniego, Kaleena; Smith, Embre; Smith, Lauren; Solis, Juan Roland; Talley, Tyler; Traylor, Nash; Turney, Charles Jack; Vaquera, Miguel; Velardez, Kathy

8th Grade

Barthelemy, Andrew; Borders, Delilah; Brown, Margaret J.; Cardona, Diego; Castilleja, Angel; Castillo, Jacquelynn; Castro, John Chris; Creek, Dustin; Dominguez, Vanessa; Garza, Jesus; Herrera, Catherine; Ibarra, Alyssa; Ibarra, Angelica; Kinder, Whitney; Northcott, Brooke; Perez, Stetson; Samaniego, Amanda; Seaton, Chelsea; Segura, Roland; Solis, Jesse R.; Vara, Victoria; Word, Amanda

Dempsey Moves to Rehab

Claudia Dempsey has been moved to Vencor Hospital in Denver. The rehabilitation center at this hospital specializes in removing patients from the ventilator. Claudia is making improvements, and her weaning from the ventilator are lasting longer each day. Claudia's new address is:

Claudia Dempsey--Room #512
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F.Y.I.

The Scouts will have their annual food drive on Sunday, November 5, 2000 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The Ministerial Alliance will distribute the prepared gift baskets during the holidays. There will also be a collection box set up at the Village Market for those who miss the food drive.

The County Team Roping Challenge Finals that were scheduled to take place during the Dalé Gas Pro Rodeo has been rescheduled for November 11, 2000 at the Sutton County Arena. Look for more information in next weeks issue.

Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc. will be having its annual meeting to discuss what kinds of cases to accept for the coming year, on Monday, November 13, 2000, from 6 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Salvation Army Bldg., 855 Hays St., Kerrville, Texas. All are invited to attend this meeting. For further information, please call (830) 896-4316 or 1-800-369-0453.

Sonora Middle School will be having a Bookfair in the Library on Monday, Nov. 6th through Friday, Nov. 10th from 7:45 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 7th the Bookfair will be open 'till 6:00 p.m. Parents are welcome at anytime. Remember books make great gifts and Christmas is just around the corner. SMS appreciates your support.

The Cub Scouts are now selling popcorn through Nov. 10th. If you would like to buy popcorn and are not contacted, please call Tibba at 387-3988 or Patsy at 387-5332.

Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 19, 2000 at the Civic Center. Senior Citizens eat FREE! Everyone is Welcome- Donations Accepted. For more information contact Mike Villanueva with the Knights of Columbus at 387-5300. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 Main Street, San Angelo, Texas. The program will be Paul Martin talking about using Digital Cameras, and Leroy Sedgwick telling us how to use Scanners to make copies of other pictures. There will be no beginners class until a later date. All visitors are welcome. For more information call 655-6494.

Donate Blood! There will be a Blood Drive at the Health Fair on November 8, 2000, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Donate the Gift of Life. For appointments call Shanna Petty 387-5666.

Sonora Elementary PTA will be selling raffle tickets for a Super Bowl cap autographed by Dallas Cowboy quarterback Troy Aikman. Tickets will be sold by Sonora Elementary students and will also be available at home football games. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00. The drawing will be held November 3 during the Sonora vs. Wall game at Bronco Stadium. Proceeds will go to Sonora Elementary PTA, which supports programs at the elementary school both financially and with volunteers. Programs such as reading, UIL and incentives to encourage students to perform at their best are supported. Buy your tickets and help support our future!

The new Sutton County book on World War II is now available at Westerman Drug, the DRN office, and Al Elliott's office. Proceeds go to the New Historical Society Archival Storage Facility.

The S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class is selling all varsity and junior varsity football game tapes. Each game tape is only \$6. Call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315.

Former Sonoran to Teach at ASU

Kaye Johanson recently was appointed adjunct professor of physical therapy at Angelo State University.

She will supervise ASU students who pursue their clinical laboratory work in the department of physical therapy.

Johanson also is a full-time staff physical therapist at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center where she serves as the center coordinator for clinical education and is a clinical physical therapy instructor for Physical Therapy students who come to WTRC from throughout the United States.

Mrs. Johanson is a former Sonoran and is the daughter of Marie Aldwell.

Local Students Included In The National Dean's List

Two former Sonora students are among approximately 140,000 students included in the 23rd Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 1999-2000*. The National Dean's List is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.

Tryon Fields, Howard Payne University and Daisy Mireles, Angelo State University, are featured in the 23rd Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 1999-2000*.

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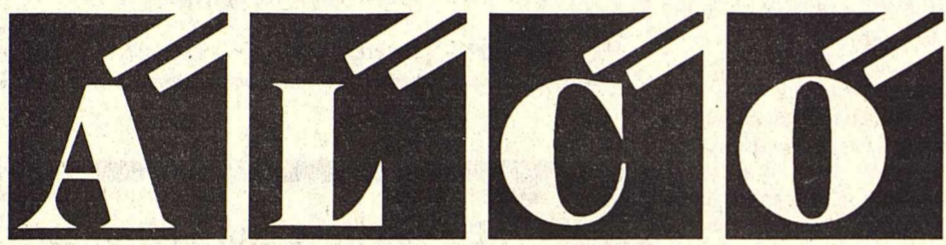
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by William Renfro. (This would be Renfro's fourth touchdown on five carries.) Javier Gayton remained true to form and split the uprights to give the Broncos thirty-five points: Sonora 35 - Mason 0. On Mason's first offensive possession in the second half, the Punchers went to a ball control offense.

Using four and a half minutes of the clock, the Punchers moved the football twenty-five yards. The Bronco defense with a thirty-five point cushion obliged the Punchers and let them inch the ball forward. As the Punchers crossed into Bronco territory, the middle of the Bronco defense turned the valve off and forced the Punchers into a punting situation. Mason thinking they would catch the Broncos off guard elected to go for the fake. Once again the entire middle of the defense rose to the occasion and stopped the Puncher short of the yardage needed. The Bronco's next possession met with a Puncher defense that seemed to say enough is enough! The Red Hosses could not get anything going and were forced to punt for only the second time of the game.

On the ensuing punt, the Punchers were able to return the ball deep into Bronco territory at the Bronco thirty-nine. Using the ground game, the Punchers were finally able to put six points on the board. It would take four minutes and ten plays to accomplish the feat. Using the fullback, Langehenning primarily, the Punchers inched the ball to the Bronco six yard line. With twenty-six seconds left in the third quarter, the Punchers would get their only touchdown of the game on a six yard run by Manuel Gonzalez. Fullback/place-kicker Zac Langehenning would boom the ball thru the uprights to give Mason 7 points. Sonora 35 - Mason 7.

The fourth quarter would begin with the Big Red Machine in control of the football at their own forty-five. Using three running plays and two passing plays, the Broncos moved the fifty-five yards in one and a half minutes to their last points of the game. A short run by Chance Armke, an eighteen yard "never give up" catch and run by Riley Crain, two runs by Sean Fields totaling twenty-five yards plus a major face mask penalty moved the ball to the Mason eight yard line. At the eight, quarterback Bryce Williams took the snap and rolled to his right. Under pressure, Williams fired a bullet into the end-zone; a

diving James Elliott made a one handed catch for the Broncos last score of the game. Gayton added his fourth point of the game to give the Broncos a 42 to 7 advantage over the Punchers. For the remainder of the fourth quarter (eleven minutes), both teams suffered turnovers that kept both teams from sustaining a drive. Mason suffered the first turnover with Bronco linebacker Danny Solis recovering at the Puncher twenty-six. The Broncos returned the favor on the ensuing series; as backup quarterback, Sean Fields suffered his first interception of the year. Mason taking over at their own fourteen began to drive the football down the field with five and a half minutes left in the game. The Bronco defense led by Shane Mathews, Ryan Hardgrave, Byron Williams, Stetson Hall, Ricky Lumbreras, and Cameron Sims continued the bend but not break scheme. At the Bronco thirty-two, the Punchers suffered their second turnover. Puncher running back Daniel Worden was separated from the pigskin with Bronco linebacker Jacob Percifull coming up with the loose pigskin at the Bronco thirty-three. With a minute and twenty-nine seconds left in the game, the Broncos were satisfied to run out the clock and preserve their eighth win of the season.

Final Score: Sonora 42 - Mason 7.

This victory over the Punchers was pure and simple A Team Win. If the Broncos will continue to play with this attitude - There is no telling where this train ride will end. All that this reporter can say is - Beware of the Bronco Express - Because it is on track; however, the train still has several stops to make, but if the Broncos stay focused on the goal that is fueling this train; then there is no reason why this group of young men can not achieve that goal.

The next stop for the Bronco Express will be this Friday as they will entertain the Hawks from Wall. The Hawks are coming off of two straight losses to Mason and Eldorado, but they are still a formidable team and will still be a test for the Broncos. Game time is 8:00 p.m. at Bronco Stadium. So come on out and support the Broncos as they go for Victory Number 9.

Good Luck Broncos!
BEAT WALL!

7th Grade Colts Get Punched

The Seventh Grade Colts traveled to Mason last Thursday to battle the Punchers. On that night it was indeed a battle, as the game produced some of the hardest hits of the season. The first half showed moments of offensive highlights as the Colts were able to move the ball down the field, even though they never could quite make it to the endzone.

Defensively, the Colts also put forth a sizeable effort, stopping most of the Puncher drives. Mason scored only on two drives which consisted of a bouncing football that ended up in their hands.

The second half showed the character of the Colts as they overcame the Mason defense to produce an impressive drive of their own. Once again, the Colt defense proved to be very tough and the final score stood 22-6 in favor of the Punchers.

8th Grade Colts Take Hard Hit From the Punchers

The Sonora Eighth Grade Colts fought until the bitter end on Thursday night against the Mason Punchers.

Sonora's first possession began at the Mason 45 yard line. It didn't take long for the Colts to score with runs of 24 and 3 yards by Diego Cardona. Clint Cearley then hit Cardona in the endzone for an 18 yard touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed and Sonora took an early lead of 6-0.

On the pursuing kickoff a hard hitting Cardona caused a fumble and Sonora's Garrett Watkins recovered the loose ball. Several plays later Cardona will score on a 45 yard touchdown run. The 2 point conversion failed and the score was Sonora 12 Mason 0.

On Mason's first possession the Punchers were able to march the ball down the field and score despite good defensive plays by Eloy Esquivel, Brian Payton and Jesse Garza. Their 2 point conversion attempt was unsuccessful and Sonora lead 12-6.

The Colts couldn't get their next series going and were forced to punt. Laramie Hall had an excellent punt of 36 yards with the Punchers taking over at their own 24 yard line. After several plays Mason was able to score on a 54 yard run with the 2 point conversion failing.

With the score all tied up, Sonora did some play making of their own. Diego Cardona scored once again with a 30 yard run. Stetson Perez was able to score the 2 point conversion and Sonora took the lead 20-12.

Mason was able to cut into Sonora's lead on their next drive with another touchdown. The Punchers then took over at Sonora's 46 yard line. With the half winding

down, Austin Wagoner stopped the aggressive Punchers from scoring once again with an interception deep in Sonora's territory. The half ended Sonora 20 and Mason 18.

The third quarter began with a scoring drive by the Punchers. The Colts found themselves behind for the first time in the game. Sonora did answer though with the help of a 25 yard return by Stetson Perez. Cardona was called upon once again and on a 38 yard run he was able to score his fourth touchdown of the night. Perez scored the 2 point conversion and Sonora was back on top 28-26.

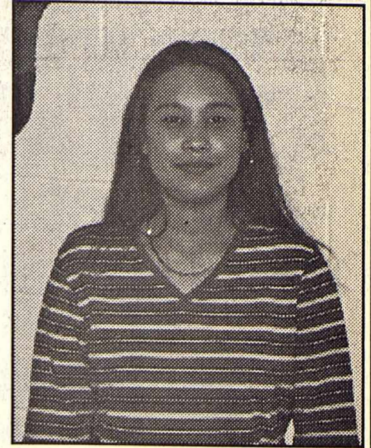
The fourth quarter began much like the third with Mason quickly scoring. Once again they attempted an on side kick but a fast acting Watkins was able to cover the ball. On the upcoming drive, Cardona had carries of 10, 14, and 9 yards before Stetson Perez scored on a 22 yard run. Cardona added the 2 points making the score Sonora 36 Mason 34.

With less than 2 minutes to play Mason takes over at their own 35 yard line. After several short gains on the ground and only 57 seconds left on the clock Mason went to the air with a 30 yard touchdown pass. The game ended with a score of Sonora 36 Mason 40. Sonora lost a heartbreaker but these young men played with a lot of heart and determination. Diego Cardona finished with 241 rushing yards, 18 yards receiving, 4 touchdowns, one 2-point conversion and he was a major factor in the Colts defense. We wish the Colt's the best next week when they take on a much bigger Wall team in Bronco Stadium.

Band Students of the Week



Christina Martinez



Jennifer Villanueva

The High School Band Member of the Week is Jennifer Villanueva. Jennifer is a member of the Color Guard and also plays clarinet during the concert season.

This weeks Junior High Band Member of the Week is Christina Martinez. Christina plays French Horn in the 7th grade band and helps move equipment for the Color Guard during their performances.

The band would like to thank Dairy Queen for sponsoring their Band Member of the Week.

J.V. Broncos from page 1

Mason's last drive failed after an excellent tackle by Zed Snodgrass. The score at halftime was 36 to 0.

Mason kicked off to start the second half. Lopez took the ball on the 30 yard line and electrified the crowd with a beautiful return to the one yard line. However, it was called back due to a penalty. Moore tried a pass in the flat, but it was picked off by a Mason defender and returned for Mason's only score.

When Mason kicked off, Lopez once again had a long return called back. Rodriguez ran for 33 yards. Moore threw to Tom "Trapper" Valiant, but he was interfered with. So the Broncos called upon the leaping Rodriguez for the score. The two point conversion failed.

Mason took the Bronco kickoff and started their best drive. They started on their 16 yard line after Wilson Wallace and Dustin Martin tackled their return man. Arevalo and Shaun Ramos stopped the first two plays. On 3rd and five, Mason was able to complete a pass for their second first down of the game with 4:41 left in the third quarter. This drive ended with an excellent punt to the Bronco's three yard line. The Broncos slowly moved the ball away from their goal line with a combination of runs and passes. After two first downs, Sonora was forced to punt. The Mason returner fumbled the punt and Mark Gandar recovered on our 48 yard line.

Yocham took over as quarterback and directed a beautiful drive by the JV reserves. Ramos ran six yards, Tan Cade for two, Ramos for three setting up a fourth and inches. Yocham handed off to Cade who gained eight yards and a first down. Ramos ran 20 yards to the Punchers' six yard line. Wallace completed the drive with a six yard touchdown run with the pitch. Yocham scored the two point conversion on a keeper making the final score 50-6.

Snodgrass kicked off for the last time with 58 seconds remaining. Segura and Ramos stopped the first two carries. The last Mason run of the game was stopped by a host of Broncos led by nose guard Devon Yearout.

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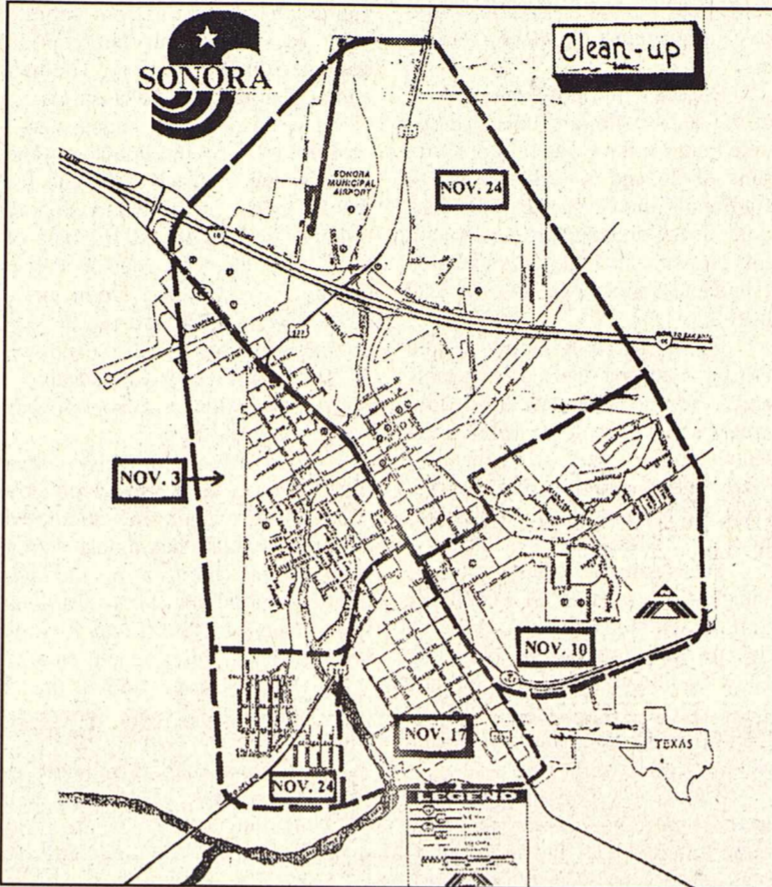
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- On November 3, 2000**
Inside the perimeter area created by Crockett Avenue on the Northeast, U.S. 277 the Southeast and the city limits on the Northwest and Southwest.
- On November 10, 2000**
Inside the perimeter area created by East 2nd Street, the Southeast fence of the Sutton County yard, Hilltop Street and Loop 467 on the South and Southwest.
- On November 17, 2000**
Inside the perimeter area created by U.S. 277 (Del Rio Highway) on the North and West, Loop 467 on the North and Northeast and city limits on the South.
- On November 24, 2000**
Inside two separate perimeter areas: one created by the Loma Alta and Sinaloa area. The second perimeter is created by Crockett Avenue on the South, East 2nd and the Southeast fence of the Sutton County yard on the South-southeast.



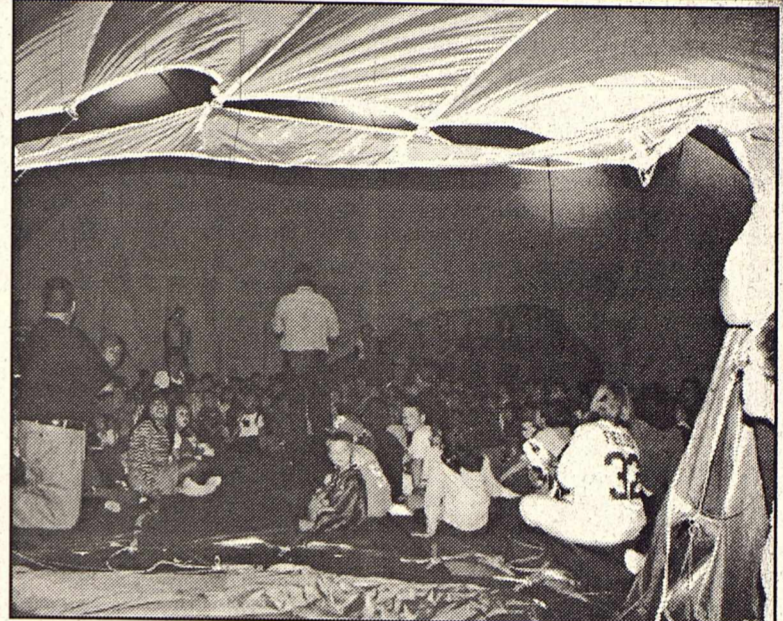
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is a shame when you go out to your place of business and find that you have been tagged (graffiti). We parents of Sonora need to offer our kids something to do constructively not destructively. This is to the kids that decided they were artistic on my building: I forgive you, however; you are the one that will need to ask for forgiveness from our gracious Heavenly Father. The things you painted on the side of the building were not only disgusting, but insulting and a disgrace to every human being. Now I have to take time out of my busy schedule, spend some money on paint (lots of paint), and try to cover up the so-called "cool thing to do" mess that you have left on someone else's property. I pray that we as parents teach our kids the value of other people's property. Love thy neighbor as thy self. God Bless.

Jana Dover, Dunes Mini Storage

Sonora Elementary News



Libery Ballons Co. filled a hot air balloon with air in the Elementary School Gym and all the students and teachers got inside as part of the Up & Away with Hot Air Balloons presentation.

Sonora Schools will dismiss at 1:00 on November 8. The teachers will be involved with staff development activities.

Sonora Intermediate students will receive their report cards on November 8. Please sign and return

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Write-in (Voto Escrito)

For

Sutton County Tax Assessor / Collector
(Asesor-Colector de Impuestos del Condado)

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Tues. Nov. 7th

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one copy and keep one copy for your records. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Kick for Cash!
Sonora Intermediate will sponsor a Kick for Cash Contest at this Friday night's football game. Buy a \$1.00 chance to kick a field goal. The winner of the drawing will try to kick a field goal during halftime. If the "goal is good", the winner will receive \$50 cash! This is a fundraiser for the students and all of the money earned will be used for educational activities and incentives. We appreciate your support!

Sonora Intermediate and Primary will have a special Parent Luncheon on November 16. Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children on this day. Turkey, dressing, and the fixings will be served and may be purchased for \$2.25 per plate for adult and \$1.50 for children. Tickets must be purchased in advance and presented to the cashier on the day of the lunch. Tickets will be sold in the school office from November 6 through noon on November 10. (Advance tickets are required due to food orders that must be placed for meal preparation.) We look forward to having you on our campus. The special lunch schedule for November 16 is as follows:

- Pre Kindergarten - 11:00 - 11:35
 - Kindergarten - 11:45 - 12:30
 - 1st Grade - 12:15 - 12:00
 - 2nd Grade - 12:15 - 1:00
 - 3rd Grade Lunch--11:00-11:40
 - 4th Grade Lunch--11:40-12:20
 - 5th Grade Lunch--12:20-1:00
- We are still continuing to collect Box Tops for Education. They are found on many Betty Crocker and General Mills products (cake mixes, Hamburger Helper, Fruit Rollups, etc.) in our local grocery store. The logos are pink, yellow and black. Box Tops may be turned in to the Primary Office or mailed to Sonora Primary School, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. For any questions call 387-2414. We appreciate your support.

Cholesterol Screenings at Civic Center

Methodist Healthcare Ministries and the Wesley Nurse Program of the Ozona United Methodist Church will be sponsoring free cholesterol screenings on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at the Civic Center in Sonora.

To qualify for free screenings you must be uninsured and/or without monetary means to pay for the test elsewhere and you must be considered at risk for high cholesterol. Answering questions about your health and family history makes this risk determination.

There will be up to 25 screenings done. Priority will be given to those who qualify for free screenings. Any remaining openings will be available to anyone at a cost of \$10.00 each.

For more information and to set up an appointment call Kelly Thorp at 387-3101. You must call to have an appointment.

News from the Neighbors

Texas' Top Cowboy Poets, Singers and Songwriters Gathering in Blanco

Cowboy heritage, so rich and complex that only those who have lived it will ever fully understand the meaning of the words. A voice with a smooth southern drawl is heard like a whispering willow in the wind and it opens our minds to a cowboys way of life and forever stays in our hearts. Cowboys have an ability to tell the compelling stories of our amazing and fascinating western heritage taking decades of memories and experiences interweaving them with nostalgia, tying the generations together and quite often leave us with a tear in our eye. Blanco County will be alive with western heritage the second Saturday in November as many of the top cowboy poets, singers and songwriters gather at the 1st Annual Blanco County Heritage Day, set for November 11, 2000 at the beautiful Mo Ranch.

Red Steagall earned the title of Texas' favorite poet in 1991, a true legend and inspiration to all in the field will be making several appearances at the Blanco Heritage Day event. Steagall is a singer, poet, author and actor who has more awards than you can stack in a barn. Having performed for everyone from Presidents to just-plain-folks, Steagall will tell you his favorite place to play music is in some lone-some cow camp in Texas. His talents are as varied as the Texas landscape and Steagall has touched the hearts of Millions the world over, with whom he has shared his love of the heritage of the American West. Also appearing at the fest will be Johnny Gimble, Steve Schick, Jean Prescott, J.B. Allen, and Larry

McWhorter who are all slated to perform throughout the day. Other activities scheduled will include a chuckwagon cook-off, dancing, campfire tales and about the best trading post vendor area you've ever seen.

The world has for so long been so fascinated by the cowboy, why you say? Maybe it's out of admiration of the independence, or the spirited sense of adventure. It could be out of our own secret desires to live a simpler life and be closer to the earth. No matter the reason, the great image of the cowboy is not just a folk hero of another time and place, he is still very much a part of America today. Cities will continue to develop, technology will advance us, but cowboys still spend their days and nights much as they did generations ago: working cattle, telling tall tales around a chuckwagon campfire and hooping it up in town. The cowboy is a piece of our heritage preserved in the present, alive and flourishing in a place the world where things move a little slower, and a man still stands for what he believes in.

Gates open at noon, and activities conclude after the dance at 1:00 a.m. Proceeds from the Blanco County Heritage Day Festival go to support Yett Memorial Park. Yett Memorial Park serves mainly the youth of Blanco County and is operated strictly by donations and volunteers.

For more information on the upcoming Blanco County Heritage Day, Yett Memorial Park, or the town of Blanco, contact the publicity office at 830-997-2350.

Medicare Coverage Expands For Working Beneficiaries

Social Security disabled beneficiaries who are working or thinking about working should know that they can now work with less concern about losing their Medicare coverage. As of October 1, they may be eligible for at least 93 months after the end of their trial work period, an additional 4 1/2 years, according to Fredi Franki, Social Security Manager in San Angelo, Texas.

"This will mean many disabled beneficiaries may not have to decide between working and keeping the health care coverage they need to survive," stated Franki. "The extended coverage should make it possible for them to make the transition to the workplace without risking the health care coverage they need."

Franki said when the extended Medicare coverage runs out, beneficiaries will be able to purchase the coverage at a price substantially less than a private policy would cost, if one were available.

The change is the first provision to become effective in the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999 signed by the President in December 1999. The act is one of the most substantial increases in work opportunities for disabled beneficiaries in recent years. It also expands coverage for Medicaid recipients, provides for increased vocational and rehabilitation assistance, established work incentives specialists in Social Security offices, and calls for community involvement in helping disabled beneficiaries who wish to work.

* Under the law, States may provide Medicaid coverage to peo-

ple who are not too disabled to work even if their incomes are above 250 percent of the federal poverty level. People receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from Social Security should check with their state Medicaid offices for availability of the coverage in their areas.

*Beginning January 1, disabled Social Security and SSI beneficiaries will receive a "ticket" they may use to obtain vocational rehabilitation and other employment support services from an approved provider of their choice. The program will be phased in nationally over a three-year period.

Other provisions of the law makes it easier for beneficiaries to get back on the rolls if their work attempt fails and postpones disability reviews while a person is using the ticket.

Franki said the law also calls for Social Security to establish work incentive experts in field offices to provide accurate and ready information to beneficiaries, caregivers, community groups, and other interested parties. The specialists, called "employment support representatives," are being tested in 32 offices. "Employment support representatives provide a focal point for our work incentives delivery system and should make a real difference in how well we can help people take advantage of the benefits under the new law," Franki said.

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On the 7th day of November, 2000, voters of Sutton County will go to polls to cast their votes for the candidates of their choice for the General Election. I am seeking re-election for Sutton County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1. I, Miguel (Mike) Villanueva have been serving as County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, for the last seventeen years and ten months. During my term, I have had to make very important decisions that I know have not always been agreeable to some people, but I have always had the best interest of all Sutton County residents in my mind. My record speaks for itself. I am an honest person and I will always hold a firm position in what I believe will be in the best interest of all residents. If re-elected, I will continue representing all the residents of Sutton County with the same respect, sincerity and enthusiasm as in the past. On November 7, 2000, VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE AND JUSTICE, VOTE TO RE-ELECT MIGUEL (MIKE) VILLANUEVA FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1 OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Your vote will be appreciated.
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El 7 Noviembre, los votantes del Condado de Sutton van a votar por el candidato de su preferencia para la Eleccion General. Yo estoy corriendo para el puesto de Comisionado, Precinto Num. 1 para el condado de Sutton. Yo, Miguel (Mike) Villanueva he sido su Comisionado de Precinto Num. 1 por mas de diecisiete anos. Durante mi termino, yo hacio unas decisiones muy importante y yo se que algunos no estan agradable con mis decisiones pero les aseguro que yo siempre he tratado de hacer la mejor decision para todos los residentes del Condado de Sutton. Mi record habla por si sola. Soy una persona honrado y mantengo una position firme en lo que creo que es lo mejor para los residentes de este condado. Si los votantes del Num. 1 me electan para su Comisionado, yo continuare representado a todos los residentes del Condado de Sutton con el mismo respeto, sinceridad, y entusiasmo como en el pasado. El 7 Noviembre, VOTEN POR EXPERIENCIA Y LA JUSTICIA, VOTEN POR EL TITULAR MIGUEL (MIKE) VILLANUEVA, COMISIONADO DEL CONDADO DE SUTTON, PRECINCTO NUM. 1.

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Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District #222 53rd Annual Report

On October 31, 1946, the Secretary of the State of Texas signed the document which officially initiated the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District. Edwin E. Sawyer and Joe B. Ross were named on that document as the supervisors who presented the application for a certificate of organization, as required by law. The final steps in the organization of the District was to elect the remaining three members to the Board of Directors and prepare a program and plan of work. Fred T. Earwood, Joseph Vanderstucken and Frank Bond were elected. Since that time, the District has continued to be governed by a board of 5 local landowners who are elected for 4 year terms. The following people have served as directors: W.B. McMillan, Vestal Askew, George Brockman, Armer Earwood, Albert Ward, Scott Shurley, Bob Caruthers, Glen Fisher, and the current board members (pictured).



Current Edwards Plateau SWCD Directors: Edward Earwood, Judy McDonald, Susan Bloodworth, Norm Rousselot, and Bob Brockman

Certainly a debt of gratitude is owed to all who have served for their dedication to the conservation of our natural resources.

The Edwards Plateau SWCD includes all of Sutton County and the upper part of Edwards County, which encompasses 1,158,612 acres. Of the total acreage, approximately 984,820 acres are under District Cooperative Agreement by those desiring to use their land within its capabilities and to treat it

according to its needs. Currently, acreage under cost-share contracts through the Natural Resources Conservation Service are as follows:

- Long Term Agreement (LTA): 1 on 3213 acres
- Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (EQIP): 1 on 946 acres
- Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP): 6 on 24,397 acres
- Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP): 1 on 2973 acres

One of the most important

projects for which maintenance supervision has been co-sponsored by this District and the Sutton County Commissioners Court are the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Structures that protect Sonora and surrounding areas from flooding. There are a total of 13 of these structures, 12 within this District encompassing 135,929 acres and 1 just North of the District boundary on 13,191 acres.

During the past year, this District has encouraged conservation education and rewarded outstanding conservation efforts in the following ways:

- * Co-sponsored a Prescribed Burn Field Day offering 3 CEU's.
- * Presented Conservation Rancher of the Year Award to Rande Fawcett and Bobby Doran of the Encino Ranch.
- * Sponsored a 6th Grade Field Tour at the Edwin Sawyer Ranch.
- * Sponsored Conservation Awareness Luncheon and program for all local clergy during

Soil Stewardship Week.

- * Provided bulletin covers and other Soil Stewardship materials to all local churches.

- * Sponsored Conservation Education bookcovers for the children in the Sonora I.S.D.

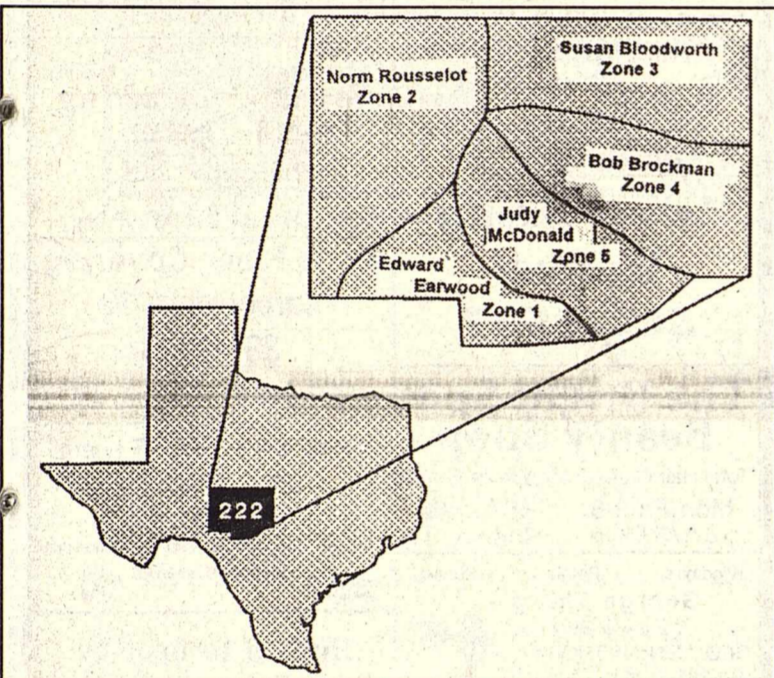
- * Sponsored Conservation Essay and Poster Contest and awarded cash prizes to Jack Turney (1st); Vanessa Salazar (2nd) and Daniela Perez (3rd).

- * Sponsored two local teachers, Diane Benson and Nancy Brockman, to attend a 3-day Teachers Conservation Workshop at the Bamberger Ranch near Johnson City.

- * Co-sponsored program for community with Dr. George Veni, noted hydro-geologist, to increase knowledge and awareness of underground water issues.

- * Sponsored Range Contest & E.B. Keng Memorial Trophy during the annual Wool Show in Sonora.

- * Hosted annual business meeting of the Hill Country Assn. of SWCD's.



	State Fund	Local Fund Sawyer Esc.	Trust Fund	Firetruck Fund
Balance 9/1/99	\$ 821.15	\$ 1194.05	\$ 12,821.60	\$ 671.23
Revenue				
Office Rent	-0-	-0-	12,600.00	-0-
State Grants & Reimb.	7,193.25	-0-	-0-	-0-
Contributions	-0-	-0-	1,593.17	850.00
Other (Interest, reimb)	-0-	30.92	1,078.05	234.45
Seed Sales	-0-	-0-	17,576.12	-0-
Hill Country Assn. Mtg	-0-	-0-	665.50	-0-
Total Revenue	7,193.25	30.92	33,512.84	1,084.45
Expenditures				
Staff Salaries & Benefits	7,062.77	-0-	2,690.46	-0-
Promotion, Awards & Education	200.00	-0-	970.00	-0-
Repair & Maintenance	-0-	-0-	230.54	457.15
Mortgage Payments	-0-	-0-	6,480.60	-0-
Office Supplies; Postage	-0-	-0-	315.02	-0-
Utilities	-0-	-0-	2,838.68	-0-
Insurance	-0-	-0-	953.17	-0-
Dues, Meetings, Subscript.	250.00	-0-	212.00	-0-
Audit, Publishing Fees	-0-	-0-	66.00	-0-
Seed (for resale)	-0-	-0-	15,818.44	-0-
Sponsor Hill Co. Mtg.	-0-	-0-	825.00	-0-
Other (reimb items)	-0-	-0-	941.20	-0-
Fuel	-0-	-0-	-0-	193.88
Total Expenditures	7,512.77	0.00	32,801.11	651.03
BALANCE: 8/31/00	\$ 501.30	\$ 1,224.97	\$ 13,533.33	\$ 1104.65

Submitted by SWCD Board of Directors in compliance with Section 1, Chapter 410. Act of the 55th Texas Legislature, as amended.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER.
 Permit No. 10545-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Sonora, 201 East Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of TNRCC Permit No. 10545-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 876,000 gallons per day. The current permit also authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater via irrigation of 68.3 acres of non public access pastureland. Issuance of the proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10545-001 will replace the existing NPDES Permit No. TX0023191 issued on May 30, 1997 and TNRCC permit No. 10545-001. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on February 28, 2000.

The facility and disposal site are located south of Sonora and south of Dry Devil's River, approximately 6,000 feet south and 2,000 feet west of the intersection of U.S. Highways 277 and 290 in Sutton County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Dry Devil's River, thence to the Devil's River in Segment No. 2309 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for Dry Devil's River. The designated uses for Segment No. 2309 are exception-

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al aquatic life uses, public water supply, and contact recreation. The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at City Hall, 201 East Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material and/or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments were received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Unless you otherwise specify, you will

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be included only on the mailing list for this specific application. **INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our website at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from City of Sonora at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Brent Gesch, City Manager at (915) 387-2558. Issued: Oct. 24, 2000
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CHECK EQUIPMENT
Before the hunt, check to see that you have all the equipment needed for hunting and handling your animal after the kill. Important items include a sharp knife for dressing, a light rope or nylon cord for dragging, a signed hide tag with attaching cord, a cloth to clean your hands, and a plastic bag for the liver and heart.

To insure satisfaction with the hunt, take the usual precautions to have a gun of adequate caliber, which is sighted in with proper ammunition. Conspicuous clothing appropriate for the weather, a compass, and map add to the safety of the hunt.

AFTER THE KILL
Approach a downed animal with caution, and be sure it is dead. If your shot did not hit a vital region or if the animal is still struggling, kill it with a shot in the neck just under the ear.

Assuming a well-placed shot with modern ammunition, enough blood vessels will often be severed to bleed the deer or antelope without additional sticking in the neck. Many careful hunters do bleed their kill by sticking just above the breastbone.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
1. The signed and properly punched tag must be torn from the permit and attached to the carcass as soon as the animal has been killed.
2. The head must remain unskinned and attached to the carcass until it has been checked through an official check station and a seal affixed to the carcass.

3. The carcass may be skinned except for the head prior to checking.
FIELD DRESSING
Dress your deer or antelope immediately.

Admittedly, the field dressing chore is not the most enjoyable part of the hunt, but the extra time spent taking care of the meat will pay dividends at the table. Field dressing takes effort, so your heavy hunting coat should be removed and your sleeves rolled up so they won't be soiled. Disposable vinyl or latex gloves lessen the chances of passing infectious diseases and make hand cleaning easier.

Blood and digestive juices from organs possibly penetrated by the shot must be removed from the body cavity quickly, and the sooner the organs, which deteriorate rapidly, are removed, the faster the meat will cool. Field dressing also eliminates dragging unnecessary weight when moving the animal.

Before starting the field-dressing process, keep in mind that it is important to keep dirt and foreign objects away from the exposed body cavity. Removing the scent glands is not considered necessary, but is done with care by many hunters. Some archery hunters save the glands for use as scent while hunting. Removing the glands carelessly can taint the meat.

Roll the carcass over on its back with the rump lower than the shoulders and spread the hind legs. Make a cut along the centerline of belly from breastbone to base of tail. First cut through the hide, then through belly muscle. Avoid cutting into the paunch and intestines by holding them away from the knife with the free hand while guiding the knife with the other.

Unless the head will be mounted, the cut should pass through the sternum and extend up the neck to the chin to allow removal of as much of the windpipe as possible. The windpipe sours rapidly and is a leading cause of tainted meat. With a small sharp knife, cut around the anus and

draw it into the body cavity, so it comes free with the complete intestines. In doing this, avoid cutting or breaking the bladder. Loosen and roll out the stomach and intestines. Save liver. Split the pelvic or "aitch" bone to hasten cooling.

Cut around the edge of the diaphragm which separates the chest and stomach cavities, and split the breastbone. Then, reach forward to cut the windpipe and gullet ahead of the lungs. This should allow you to pull the lungs and heart from the chest cavity. Save liver. Drain excess blood from the body cavity by turning the body belly down or hanging animal head down. Prop the body cavity open with a stick to allow better air circulation and faster cooling.

A clean cloth may be useful to clean your hands. If you puncture the entrails with a bullet or your knife, wipe the body cavity as clean as possible or flush with water and dry with a cloth. Don't use water to wash out the body cavity unless the paunch or intestines are badly shot up.

Part of the satisfaction of the hunt comes with making a clean kill and in doing a neat job of field dressing your animal. Veteran hunters may have variations in the steps of field dressing. The important points are to remove the internal organs immediately after the kill without contaminating the body cavity with dirt, hair, or contents of the digestive tract and to drain all excess blood from the body cavity.

All parts damaged by gunshot should be trimmed away. If the weather is warm or if the animal is to be left in the field for a day or more, it may be skinned, except for the head, and washed clean of dirt and hair. It should be placed in a shroud sack or wrapped with porous cloth to cool (cheesecloth is ideal). The cloth covering should be porous enough to allow air circulation but firmly woven enough to give good protection from insects and dirt. Lacking porous cloth, hunters often coat the inside of the body cavity with black pepper to repel insects. Adequate cooling may take six hours or more, depending on weather conditions.

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Wild Game Cookin'

Swiss Steak

Use Round Steaks of venison or any game meat
1 to 1 1/2 pounds of Venison Round Steak.
Sprinkle with Salt and Pepper to taste. Dredge in All Purpose Flour and using a meat hammer or the side of a saucer, beat up pretty good to break up some of the structure of the meat.
Brown in a hot skillet with oil or bacon grease. Brown both sides well.
Place into a casserole dish large enough for all the steaks.
Mix the following ingredients together and pour over the prepared steaks in the dish.
1 can Onion Soup made with Beef Stock
1 can water
1/3 Cup All Purpose Flour
1/4 Cup Worcestershire Sauce
1/4 Cup Mustard of Choice
(if this does not cover the meat, add just enough water to cover the meat)
Top this with the slices of one medium Onion.
Place the cover on the dish and bake for 4 hours at a temperature not to exceed 250 degrees F.
Note - You will find when this dish is done, there is a nice rich Gravy already prepared along with the Swiss Steaks to go on some Potato Dish.
This will become a favorite in your household. No one can eat this and know they have eaten Venison or any wild meat. It is very, very good.

Turkey Enchiladas

Ingredients for Sauce:
3 tablespoons olive oil, 3 tablespoons flour, 2-1/2 cups water, salt to taste
The Rest:
2 cups shredded turkey, cooked, 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1/4 cup onion, diced, 4 oz. black olives, chopped

Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a saucepan, add flour, stirring constantly until brown. Add water and chili powder, stir to mix. Add garlic powder and salt, stir. When sauce begins to boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered for 10 minutes.
In a fry pan, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil. Place one tortilla at a time into oil until soft. Place portion of meat on tortilla shell, spread some sauce over the meat, roll up, and place in a baking dish. Pour any remaining sauce over the top of the finished tortillas. Evenly spread onion, olives, and cheese over the top of the tortillas. Place baking dish in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees until cheese is melted. Serve!

Quail Dumplings

Ingredients:
10-12 dove or quail breasts
1/4 cup of vegetable oil
Salt, pepper and onion to taste
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup shortening
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup of milk
2 cubes chicken bouillon
Rinse quail or dove well; pat dry. Brown in skillet with oil; drain. Place the dove in a stockpot and barely cover with water. Add salt, pepper, and onion. Simmer, covered, until meat is tender.
Combine flour and salt in a mixing bowl. Add in shortening, mixing until crumbly. Stir in eggs and enough milk to form a soft dough. Roll the dough out on a floured surface to about 1/8 in thickness. Cut into 2-inch squares.
Remove dove from stockpot. Add chicken bouillon to the stock and bring to a boil. Drop in dumplings one at a time. Cook for about 20 minutes or until tender. Return dove to stockpot and simmer covered for about 5 minutes.

Mexican Torte

1 lb. lean ground venison or substitute
1 pkg. (2.5 oz.) taco seasoning mix
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, defrosted and well drained
1 cup cottage cheese, drained
1 cup chopped onions
1 pkg. (16 oz.) hot roll mix
1 egg beaten with 1 teaspoon water
Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease bottom and sides of 8 inch spring-form pan. Set aside. In 10 inch nonstick skillet, combine ground venison and onions. Cook over medium heat for 6 to 8 minutes, or until meat is no longer pink, stirring occasionally. Drain. Stir in seasoning mix. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Set aside. In small mixing bowl, combine spinach and cottage cheese. Set aside. Prepare hot roll mix as directed on package. Divide dough in half. On lightly floured surface, roll half of dough into 12 inch circle. Fit circle into prepared pan, pressing dough over bottom and up sides of pan. Spoon in meat mixture evenly into dough lined pan. Top evenly with spinach mixture. On lightly floured surface, roll remaining dough into 9 inch circle. Place over spinach mixture, tucking edges of dough down around inside of pan. Cut several 1 inch slits in top to vent. Brush top of torte with egg mixture. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until deep golden brown. Let torte stand for 10 minutes before removing side of pan. Serve in wedges.

Venison Casserole

1 Pound Ground Venison
1 Large Onion, Diced
1 tablespoon Oil or Shortening
1 Clove Garlic, Crushed
1 (4-1/2) Ounce Jar Sliced Mushrooms
2 teaspoons Soy Sauce Salt, 1/4 teaspoon Pepper
Toppings:
4 cups of creamed potatoes (cooked and mashed ahead of time).
12 oz. Extra Sharp Cheese (grated)
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Brown the venison, onion, and garlic in oil. Add the mushrooms, soy sauce, salt, and pepper. Simmer until the mushrooms are heated through. Transfer the mixture to a deep casserole dish, then add a layer of cheese. Spread the top with creamed potatoes, and top with the rest of the cheese. Bake for about 30 minutes, letting the cheese brown just a little. It's great served on top of toast or garlic bread.

Local Game Warden Advises What to Look For This Year

by Rodney Knight, Sutton County Game Warden

Until the last couple of weeks, when it started raining, things were starting to look pretty bad. On the ranches that fed all year, the deer were still in pretty good shape; now all the deer should really start putting on some weight. In my rounds and from what I've been told, there are a lot of small bucks this year. However, I've seen several real nice bucks and have had some reports of a couple of real "Whoppers"!

The main changes for this deer season are the 5 deer bag limit, no more than 2 bucks, and the late antlerless and spike season - Jan. 8-21. Remember it is up to the landowner on how many deer a hunter can take, and whether or not the hunters can hunt in the late season. Violation of the landowner's consent law, where it pertains to White-tailed deer, is a Parks and Wildlife Code State jail felony.

The turkey outlook for this season is real good. There are plenty of gobblers left from the last two years hatches. We did not raise any turkeys this year, maybe a 5% hatch. A lot of the turkeys have left their normal range, in search of food, but

with recent rains they will start moving back.

The bag limit is still 4 per license year, with landowners consent. Violation of this law when pertaining to turkeys is a Class A misdemeanor.

Also, remember that anyone born after September 2, 1971 must have completed a valid Hunter's Education Course. You are required to carry your Hunter's Education Card with you while hunting.

The overall season looks to be a good one, since there have been some recent rains. Everyone needs to make sure that they comply with the game laws and hunt safely. We have been very fortunate in the last few years in the number of hunting accidents that have occurred. Hunter Education is the main reason for this.

If you have any questions, please call me at 915-387-3068 or 915-387-5159.

Let's make my last hunting season a fun and safe one!!

Texas Game Wardens Top 10 Check List for Hunters

AUSTIN, Texas -- In that last-minute scramble around the house prior to heading out to hunting camp this fall, or during that pre-dawn rush to get in the woods, or even on the way back home after a successful hunt, it's easy to forget something.

To help ensure hunters don't end up pleading memory lapse in the face of a possible citation for a game law violation, Texas game wardens offer the following Top 10 "Don't Forget" list.

Don't forget to:

1. Review the Outdoor Annual and check for open season dates and bag limits for the county you are hunting.
2. Check for legal means and methods in the county you are hunting.
3. Carry your current hunting license.
4. Clearly identify your target before pulling the trigger.
5. Carry a sharp knife; cut out the date (month and day) of kill on deer and turkey tags and immediately after kill, attach appropriate tag to the deer or turkey.
6. Carry a ball-point pen; fill out ranch and county name on back of deer and turkey tags.
7. Carry your hunter safety certification card, if applicable, with you in the field.
8. Carry a state driver's license or state personal identification certificate, if you are 17 years of age or older.
9. Fill out a Wildlife Resource Document to accompany any part of a deer or turkey that you give to someone else.
10. Keep all game animals and game birds in an edible condition.



This will be the last hunting season for Rodney Knight to serve as Sutton County Game Warden. He has served Sutton County well and will be greatly missed! Thank You Rodney!!!

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TPWD Deer Population Surveys For Sutton County

Wildlife personnel with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently completed annual deer population surveys here in Sutton County. The survey lines, located throughout the county, yielded an estimate of 84 deer to every 1,000 acres of deer habitat or about 77,017 deer county-wide. Composition of the overall deer herd in Sutton County is at 2.53 does per buck with a decent fawn segment of 48 fawns per 100 does. In relation to percentages that gives Sutton County a composition of 21% bucks, 54% does, and 25% fawns.

This year in Sutton County the standard gun deer season opens on Saturday, November 4, and runs through Sunday, January 7, 2001. Sutton County will also participate in the special, late, 2-week antlerless and spike season (no fork-antlered bucks allowed during the special late season) that will open Monday, January 8, and run through Sunday, January 21, 2001. This late rifle season replaces the previously listed muzzleloader season; however, muzzleloaders may be used during any of the other regular firearm seasons. The bag limit for Sutton County has also changed this year. The bag limit for Sutton County regarding white-tailed deer will be

5 deer, no more than 2 bucks in the bag. Doe permits or special doe tags will not be issued nor required to harvest antlerless deer here in the Edwards Plateau during regular seasons. Hunters will need only the appropriate tag off of their hunting license, or a Bonus Tag where applicable, and landowner permission to bag doe or antlerless deer in Sutton and the other 'either-sex' counties this year.

After reviewing the results of the recent white-tailed deer population surveys, local wildlife personnel are recommending that Sutton County landowners harvest deer according to the following recommendations:

For those properties located in Sutton County - the recommended harvest rate on bucks is 1 buck per 350 acres and the recommended harvest rate on does is 1 doe per 75-100 acres.

[These recommended rates may not be suitable for all properties located in Sutton County. Some areas may need to vary their harvest rates from this recommendation according to those localized deer populations and how they have survived and proliferated (or not) according to the range conditions due to this current drought.]

These recommended rates result from the need to better balance the sex ratio observed in the herd and from a desire to produce a healthier deer population that is properly matched to the existing supply of deer foods in the county. These harvest rates are based on compartment averages derived from survey lines located in this and several other surrounding counties. Therefore, the recommended rates may not be completely suitable for each individual ranch in the county. In general, if your acreage shows signs of overpopulation (a lack of brush and weeds available at and just above ground level, less than optimal deer weights and poor quality buck antler development within each age class, low fawn survival, etc.), then you probably need to harvest your deer population at a higher rate and/or reduce livestock grazing pressure by reducing the number of or rotating your stock. On the other hand, if you have good deer habitat and an adequate supply of quality deer foods available, but seem to be short of deer numbers, then possibly you should harvest at a lighter rate than that recommended for the county.

Landowners interested in closely managing their local deer herd need to conduct their own on-

site fall population surveys, with resulting harvest recommendations that meet their specific management objectives. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife personnel are available to assist with more specific wildlife management recommendations for

individual tracts of land. Please contact Game Biologist Mary Humphrey in Sonora at 387-5539 for more information on wildlife concerns in Sutton, Crockett, or Schleicher counties.



Harry Fisher was the winner of the Sonora Deer Processing "Big Buck" contest. Fisher killed this big one on the McPherson Ranch.

Bucks Look For Bucks

By Thompson Temple

Deer have better vision than most people. They will spot a new deer coming far sooner than I will! After one or two deer have appeared at my stand, then I will watch those deer most of the time. Any new deer coming into view will be looked over by the deer I am watching. If I watch the existing deer, then they will spot new deer for me. Wherever they look I look.

In fact most deer will hear or smell new deer before they see them. I certainly do not hear or smell as well as deer do. Those ears are nearly as big as the old fashioned hearing aids. Do you remember the megaphone held up to the ear to help granny hear?

I am a hunting guide. One time I guided a husband and wife for deer. It was Henry and Rose. Over a three day period, Rose saw every deer first! Whether we were sitting or driving, Rose would say "There is a buck." We would have to say "Where?" She would instruct us to look behind the tree at 100 yards. There would be a tip of an antler sticking out. She is a real help-mate. I asked Henry to let me have his wife's telephone number. Just in case something happened to Henry, then Rose could have a good new home. A deer hunter like myself has to have his priorities in line - you know. I am just kidding.

Look at the far right side of the photo with this article. Do you see the buck's antler? There is one antler just barely making the photo. Did you see it before I pointed it out to you? I guarantee you that Rose would have seen it!



These two bucks have spotted a new deer coming to the stand.

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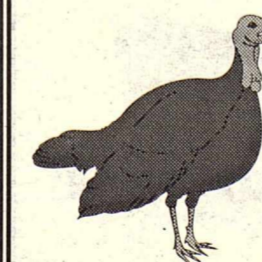


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General Fishing Rules for Fresh and Salt Waters

For purposes of this guide, salt waters and coastal waters mean the same thing.

The limits and restrictions in this guide apply to aquatic life caught in the public waters of Texas out to nine nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico, and also apply to aquatic life caught between 9 and 200 nautical miles in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and landed in this state. (Federal Law also regulates species between 9 and 200 nautical miles managed under a Federal Fishery Management Plan.)

Aquatic life, except threatened and endangered species, not addressed in this guide may be taken only with the devices defined as lawful for taking fish, crabs, oysters or shrimp in places and at times as provided in this guide.

Note: Portions of the Rio Grande River adjacent to the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area are designated as a "Wild and Scenic River." Special federal rules apply to fishing, boating, and other uses in these areas. For more information concerning these rules and boundaries, call the Big Bend National Park at 915-477-2251.

It is unlawful to:

* leave edible fish or bait fish taken from the public waters of the state to die without the intent to retain the fish for consumption or bait.

* take or attempt to take, or possess fish within a protected

length limit, in greater numbers, by other means, or at any time or place, other than as indicated in this guide.

* while fishing on or in public waters to have in possession fish in excess of the daily bag limit or fish within a protected length limit as established for those waters.

* use game fish or any part thereof as bait.

* possess a finfish of any species, except broadbill swordfish, shark or king mackerel, taken from public water that has the head or tail removed until such person finally lands the catch on the mainland, a peninsula, or barrier island not including jetties or piers and does not transport the catch by boat.

* release into the public waters of this state a fish with a device or substance implanted or attached that is designed, constructed or adapted to produce an audible, visual or electronic signal used to monitor, track, follow or in any manner aid in the location of the released fish.

* fail to immediately remove the intestines from tilapia, grass carp or any other fish listed as harmful or potentially harmful except on those waters where a valid Triploid Grass Carp Permit is in effect. In those waters, it is illegal to possess grass carp. Any grass carp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. For a list of waters with a Triploid

Grass Carp Permit, please call Texas Parks and Wildlife at 1-800-792-1112 (menu 4) or 1-512-389-4594.

* take, kill or disturb sea turtles, sea turtle eggs, or any endangered or threatened species (like paddlefish, shovel-nosed sturgeon and others).

* take or kill porpoises, dolphins (mammals) or whales.

* leave unattended for any period of time or anchor a barge, boat, or fishing platform in the Trinity River below Livingston Dam in an area 1,000 feet from the dam to a point 1,500 feet downstream from the dam:

--for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period without moving 100 feet or more during that time, or

--for five or more consecutive days, whether or not it has been moved.

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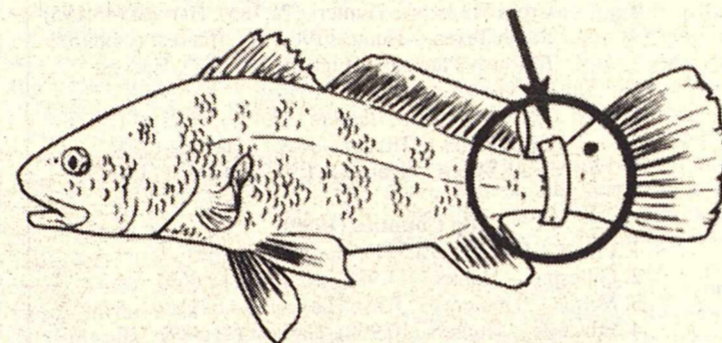
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Scientific Area.

* move, remove, deface, alter, or destroy any sign, depth marker or other informational signage placed by the department within, or to delineate boundaries, of the Nine-Mile Hole State Scientific Area or the Redfish Bay State Scientific Area.

How to Attach A Fish Tag



- Immediately upon retaining a fish:**
1. Remove tag from license and use entire tag.
 2. Fill in ALL information spaces on front of tag.
 3. Cut out day and month.
 4. Attach tag with a string or wire to the narrowest part of the tail, just ahead of the tail fin (as pictured above).

Hunting Sutton County 2000-2001

by Mary Humphrey, Game Biologist

Rain, blessed rain, cooler temperatures, and cloudy days sure have perked up range and wildlife situations (not to mention human attitudes) here in the western Edwards Plateau. October has finally come through with some of our normal annual rainfall and is starting us out with better-than-anticipated winter conditions than what we could only desperately pray for during this past summer. These rains will be a little late to help out the poor to spotty acorn crop, but they should boost some cool season grass and forb production, augment ever-green browse production and sustenance through the winter, help bring on development of supplemental winter wheat/rye food plots, and more importantly, begin enhancement of ground moisture levels for spring of 2001. Sounds great, should happen, but we're not out of this drought yet. A lot of our situation depends on what kind of weather we have this winter.

Since late 1999, when the worst parts of this drought started, ground moisture levels have been poor to nearly non-existent in some areas of the western Plateau. The Sutton County Underground Water District and KHOS radio station reports receiving between 9 and 14 inches for the year 2000 including some generous late October rains. Our only big spring and summer rains fell in May, June, and July and totaled up to 4.98 inches for all three months. Some areas experienced upwards of 2 inches in September, and then the blessed 4 inches and more that fell in mid-to-late October. Other monthly rainfall totals were generally less than half-inches if any at all, and what little moisture did fall did not stay in the ground for long as hot, dry winds followed closely behind to suck up any moisture that might try to remain. Many shallow-rooted plant species of all varieties have succumbed to the drought and dry ground conditions. It's decidedly good to observe dead and dying cedar, but that truly reveals the

starkness of this drought situation.

Animal conditions have fared poorly in some respects and areas but have thrived reasonably well in other respects and areas. Some areas have sustained deer die-offs this summer. Some ranchers have de-stocked and therefore have had more forage available for native species of animals. Most everyone with some sort of feeding system has maintained feeders throughout the summer in hopes of preventing a deer die-off. Plant vigor and plant protein levels will usually increase during drought situations, and therefore browse-eating animals have done relatively well in areas with decent brush diversity. [Dead deer reports have come in during the summer from areas where there is minimal brush diversity and/or already overpopulated ranges.] In a surprising number of cases body conditions have fared relatively well in spite of the seemingly poor range conditions. There have even been quite a few mature, trophy-type bucks observed with quality antler conditions rivaling last year's production. Now that land and resource uses are changing from an agricultural base to a wildlife base, brush support and maintenance should be re-evaluated on properties in order to enhance diversity and availability for wildlife species. What once was considered thorny scrub and difficult to round up livestock is probably what has improved living conditions for wildlife species during this prolonged drought.

According to recent population surveys in some places, animal numbers seem to have decreased somewhat from last year; in other places, animal numbers seem to have increased or at least remained stable compared to the last several years. Recent white-tailed deer surveys in Sutton County show a county-wide density of 11.9 acres per deer with a buck:doe ratio of 1:2.53 and a decent fawn crop of 0.47 fawns per doe. Surveys conducted in late August and early September showed low fawn numbers (mini-

mal fawn movement taking place due to late births and/or high heat indexes), but surveys conducted later into early fall (after cooler temperatures reached the area with some scattered showers) have revealed a better fawn crop than first anticipated. It remains to be seen how the fawns will survive through the winter. Quite a few dead young animals have been reported - most likely due to being weaned and not having any nutritious ground plants available.

The verdict is still out as to what will happen with the rut this year. It was observed as early as September 1999 (already in droughty conditions) and again in September 2000 (in desperate drought situations) that some bucks were definitely running with and harassing some does as in a pre-rut state. Rut is not in full swing until the does come into estrus, and with the wide-spread fawn crop that was delivered this summer it could be another long drawn out situation this year. However, with the cooler temperatures and recent rains encountered in Sutton County and the slight green-up being experienced coupled with loss of some fawns - if the does can quickly improve body conditions then the rut may be a fast and furious thing this season. Don't forget to pack the spare rattling antlers and give it a try early on this hunting season for a really neat experience.

As the drought would predict the turkey situation in Sutton County is about average. Turkey hen/poult surveys for the Edwards Plateau showed a very low percentage of pouls being produced this summer - mostly due to dry conditions throughout the area. Reproduction levels dropped from a relatively high level of 1.97 pouls per hen in 1999 to 0.19 pouls per hen for the year 2000 where 6 percent of the hens in the population were found with pouls as compared to 44% in 1999. Observed males in the population has decreased slightly from 0.65 gobblers per hen in 1999 to 0.44 gobblers per hen this year. Luckily Sutton County has a



relatively stable population that 1 poor production year in the past 4 years won't hurt our resident population too badly as if we were in marginal country that really depends on young of the year to maintain high/moderate levels of birds. Bobwhite quail numbers are low this year but Scaled quail numbers seem to be stable with some decent reproduction in areas where there have been historic numbers of birds in the past.

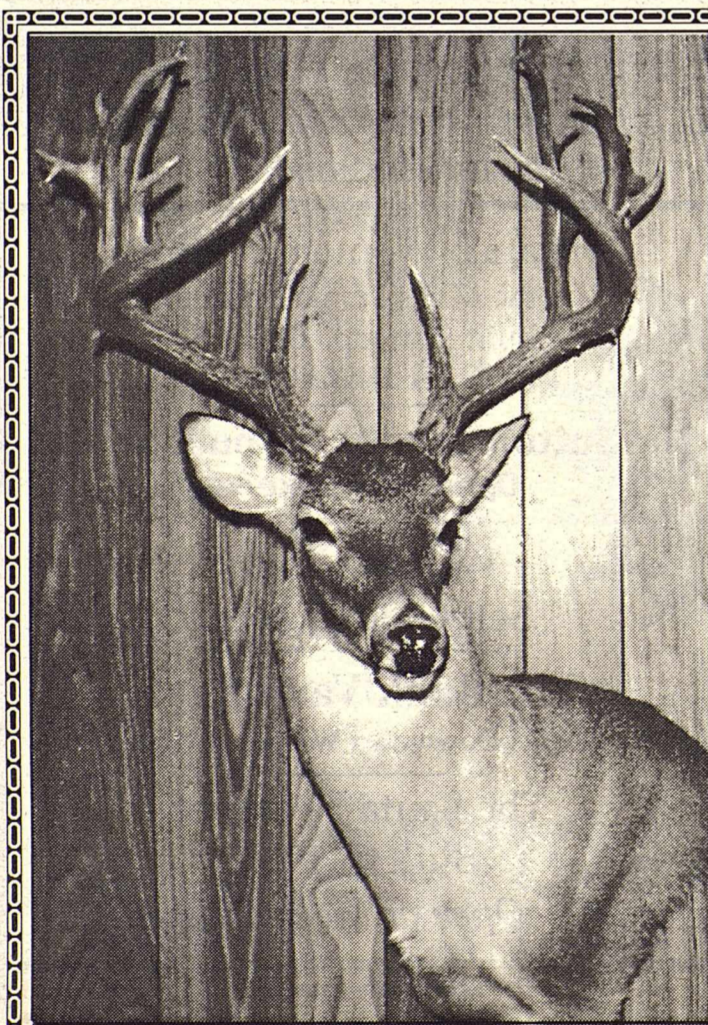
In closing:

* By the time this edition hits the newsstands, the special, early youth-only season for youngsters to hunt white-tailed deer, Rio Grande turkey, quail and waterfowl in October, before the general hunting season - will be over for this year. It is designed for youths ages 16-and-under and accompanied by a supervising adult as incentive for adults to share the hunting experience with the next generation of hunters. It is set every year on the last weekend of October before the general hunting season opens. Make plans for future youth-only weekends and pass along our great hunting traditions. For more web information, visit

www.tpwd.state.tx.us
* This year Sutton County has a longer season and a bigger bag limit if landowners should choose to utilize them. Determine landowner permission and cooperation before

taking advantage of the new liberalism. The standard gun deer season opens on Saturday, November 4 and runs through Sunday, January 7, 2001. The late, 2-week antlerless and spike season runs from Monday, January 8, 2001 through Sunday, January 21, 2001. If your ranch is in a management scheme to increase the number of quality-type bucks residing on the acreage - be cautious of your target during the late antlerless/spike season. If this drought persists and bucks shed their antlers early, there is the likelihood of harvesting a quality buck that is difficult to determine if he has already lost his antlers. Be sure to check out its body size and facial characteristics.

* The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is still hosting the Texas Big Game Awards Program for youth entries, first big game harvest entries and scored entries on white-tailed deer, mule deer and pronghorn antelope. For official scoring or more information about our game species in Sutton County, please contact TPWD Game Biologist Mary Humphrey in Sonora at 387-5539.



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Landowners**

Landowners need to be sure they purchase their Hunting Lease License for this year. Anyone leasing their land for hunting is required to have this license. They can be purchased at any license outlet. A copy of the license should be put on display in each camp.

**TEXAS DEER
HUNTING STATS**

Statewide
 * White-tailed Deer Population - 4 million
 * Annual Harvest (10-year average) -- 426,582
 * Deer Hunters (10-year average) -- 573,799
 * Total Days Spent Deer Hunting -- 4,932,280
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Ecological Region (1999)

- * Pineywoods -- Hunters (95,496), Harvest (40,823)
- * Gulf Prairies -- Hunters (15,486), Harvest (10,543)
- * Post Oak -- Hunters (71,018), Harvest (23,594)
- * Blackland Prairies -- Hunters (8,742), Harvest (2,122)
- * Cross Timbers -- Hunters (71,185), Harvest (45,195)
- * South Texas -- Hunters (90,417), Harvest (74,896)
- * Edwards Plateau -- Hunters (181,167), Harvest (203,086)
- * Rolling Plains -- Hunters (33,469), Harvest (18,386)
- * High Plains -- Hunters (1,499), Harvest (514)
- * Trans Pecos -- Hunters (1,915), Harvest (1,029)

Top Counties (1999)

1. Llano -- Hunters (13,321), Harvest (17,165)
2. Gillespie -- Hunters (11,989), Harvest (12,665)
3. Mason -- Hunters (11,656), Harvest (14,529)
4. Edwards -- Hunters (10,990), Harvest (11,829)
5. Kerr -- Hunters (10,490), Harvest (10,415)
6. Uvalde -- Hunters (9,575), Harvest (7,907)
7. Kimble -- Hunters (8,575), Harvest (9,257)
8. Webb -- Hunters (8,326), Harvest (6,043)
9. Polk -- Hunters (8,242), Harvest (3,922)
10. San Saba -- Hunters (7,576), Harvest (8,615)
11. Val Verde -- Hunters (7,493), Harvest (7,393)
12. Brown -- Hunters (7,410), Harvest (7,136)
13. Burnet -- Hunters (7,327), Harvest (8,679)

Two Bucks And Two Doe - A High Ratio!

By Thompson Temple
 Why do I believe it is good to harvest doe? Let's examine the benefits of a high buck to doe ratio. When you harvest does and balance the deer herd to the available vegetation, then every-body wins!



If you harvest just bucks and no doe then before long your pasture will be full of does. When this happens it can take twenty doe to raise two fawns. The other doe have fawns, but the fawns die because there are too many deer and there is not enough food. When August heat arrives, the fawns die. Anyway, let's say that one fawn is a buck and the other fawn is a doe. It took twenty doe to produce one new buck.

A high harvest of doe can result in larger racks for the bucks.

If you harvest doe, then the remaining doe have more food. In this situation ten doe can raise six fawns.

Let's say that three fawns are bucks and three fawns are doe. Guess what? You have three new bucks that can be hunted when they get older.

Another advantage to a lower deer population is that the food is better and the buck's antlers grow larger. The size of a buck's rack is directly related to the quality of his food!

As the doe harvest increases, then the number of bucks compared to the number of doe goes up. The dry weather we have had this year really impresses on me the need to harvest doe. The deer got so skinny this summer. The little fawns were dropping like flies. It would be great if more hunters would use their doe tags.

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means body weights should continue to improve. Hunters might concentrate on watering holes, though, since recent rains did not produce much run-off."

Herrera noted that fawn production this year has run the gamut from a low of 10 percent to no higher than 50 percent. South Texas will sometimes average 80 percent or higher fawn crops in good years. On the brighter side, he does expect antler growth to be good because of extremely wet conditions during the spring growing season.

"As always, on better-managed ranches where deer population levels are monitored and kept within carrying capacity of the habitat, body and antler conditions will be better," Herrera said.

Gulf Prairies -- The good news is that last spring's rains couldn't have been timelier, according to LaGrange-based biologist Bob Carroll. "We had a really good first six months of the year. I think we'll have above average antler growth because of that rainfall from January through June," Carroll predicted. "Then the faucet got turned off, and until recently we hadn't seen a drop since the first of July."

A lack of rain has left some of Carroll's district in poor condition, specifically with the loss of many brush species that deer utilize for browse. "I haven't seen this diverse a loss of plants in my 34 years with the department," he said. "We usually expect it to be dry in July, but we haven't gotten any of the tropical

depression rains that come in August and September. Combine that dry spell with all those 100-plus-degree days and it has taken a toll on habitat conditions."

The upside may be a new surge in plant growth that could be beneficial for wildlife over the long haul in areas where understory brush has died and left an opening for other plant communities. "We got a good, long, soaking rain recently and that has helped with new forb growth," Carroll noted. "But we're going to need more if we're going to get back to normal."

Edwards Plateau -- According to the Texas Almanac, Llano County boasts a population of about 12,000, except during deer season when that number doubles. That trend is replicated in surrounding counties as twice as many hunters spend their fall pursuing deer in the Hill Country than in any other region of the state. Not coincidentally, they harvest nearly half the total number of deer taken each year in Texas. The Hill Country may not produce as many trophy bucks as other parts of the state, but for sheer numbers this is deer hunting's Mecca.

According to Kerrville-based biologist Max Traweck, prospects for this fall will likely not be something to write home about. "Everybody is singing the same song here," he noted. "Antler quality is going to be off a little, although there are some pockets where we'll see decent antler quality. This year's

fawn crop will be down and body condition will be less than average."

One regulation change of note this season -- the TPW Commission opted to increase the bag limit to five deer, no more than two bucks, and implement a special 14-day late season for spike bucks and antlerless deer in 25 counties in the Edwards Plateau. The affected counties are listed in the current issue of the Outdoor Annual available free wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Post Oak Savannah -- According to Tyler-based biologist Kevin Herriman, this season will be typical. "Obviously the drought affected browse plants late in the summer to about the same extent as last year, but I'm confident the habitat will bounce back," he said. "This past spring we had some good rains and conditions rebounded from last year. It looks like we'll have a fair mast crop, I'm seeing some acorns on water oaks and willow oaks and mast crops on everything else is pretty spotty."

One change in regulations of note in the Post Oak -- hunters may use any legal weapon this fall in those portions of Henderson County where legal means and methods had been restricted to shotgun and archery-only.

Cross Timbers / Blackland Prairies -- The north-central part of the state has taken the hardest hit from the dry, hot summer, according to Brownwood-based biologist Stephen Jester, who is recommend-

ing antlerless deer harvest in most areas to compensate for poor range conditions. "The area along I-35 is looking okay, but in the rest of the region it will take a lot of rain to get us back to where we were before the drought," he said. "We just have too many deer on the range right now. Deer are going to have to be moving a lot to find food so hunter success ought to be good."

Jester explained that long-term changes to the landscape have allowed deer to expand their range into areas with marginal deer habitat, and during years of extreme weather conditions deer have no crops and no browse to fall back on, and it makes life difficult. "It remains to be seen what the winter will bring, we'll just have to wait and assess things next spring but right now it's looking like a below-average year."

Trans Pecos/Panhandle -- Although whitetails may be the dominant deer in Texas, there are opportunities for hunters to pursue mule deer. Texas hunters harvest about 5,500 muleys each year, mostly in far West Texas and into the Panhandle, but some have come from the northwest reaches of the Edwards Plateau as this rough-country animal continues to expand its range eastward.

The upcoming mule deer season runs Nov. 18-Dec. 3 in 36 counties in the Panhandle, Nov. 18-26 in seven counties in the southwest Panhandle, and Nov. 25-Dec. 10 in 19 counties in the Trans-Pecos. This

Why Don't We Have More Quail?

By Steve Nelle, Biologist, NRCS, San Angelo

Landowners in West Texas often ask why there are not more quail. They can recall in years past that there seemed to be more quail and are a bit worried about the apparent decline. In reality, quail numbers always have and always will fluctuate. Quail biologists call it the "boom and bust cycle".

It's no secret that West Texas has experienced the worst and most prolonged drought since the 1950's. Many have even said that the current drought is as bad as or worse than the drought of the 50's. Quail don't fare well in drought. Their cover is reduced and their favorite foods, insects and weed seed are reduced. Much of the reduced quail population can be attributed to the lack of rain. Quail populations will rebound once we get back into a more normal rainfall pattern.

However, low rainfall is not totally responsible for low quail numbers. Management of the habitat also plays a big role in the abundance of quail. Good habitat management can insure some quail even in a poor year and poor habitat management will insure few quail even in a good year.

Good habitat management for quail means leaving a good scattering of low brush across the entire landscape and grazing in a manner to leave lots of grass through the winter for spring nesting cover. Furthermore, weeds and forbs need to be scattered among and in between the grass clumps and the low brush.

Careful brush clearing will help insure an adequate amount of low brush. Low shrubs such as littleleaf sumac, lote bush (bluebrush), algerita, catclaw, pricklyash, wolfberry, javelinabush are essential for protective cover for quail. Without them, expect few or no quail. These and similar kinds of low brush should be left alone when doing brush control.

Quail require large, basketball sized clumps of dry grass for nest concealment. A minimum of 250 such clumps per acre is needed for good nest cover. This would be an average of one such clump every 13 feet across a pasture. Heavy grazing obviously will destroy such nest cover. Even moderate grazing will often reduce the number of such large clumps of bunchgrass below what is needed. Light grazing with a grazing rotation is the best way to insure a good distribution of nest clumps. With the large number of skunks, raccoons, fox, snakes and other predators, quail need to have excellent nest cover to allow adequate nest survival.

Quail eat the seeds of weeds and forbs. Pastures that are heavily grazed by sheep will have an inadequate amount of such plants. Weeds can be stimulated by disking random strips through pastures. Disking of 5 to 10% of a pasture will greatly increase the amount of good quail food such as croton (doveweed), buffalobur, spurge, sunflower, panic grass, wild mercury and many others.

Quail populations will always vary due to rainfall or the lack of it, but good quail habitat management will help take the "bust years" out of the cycle.

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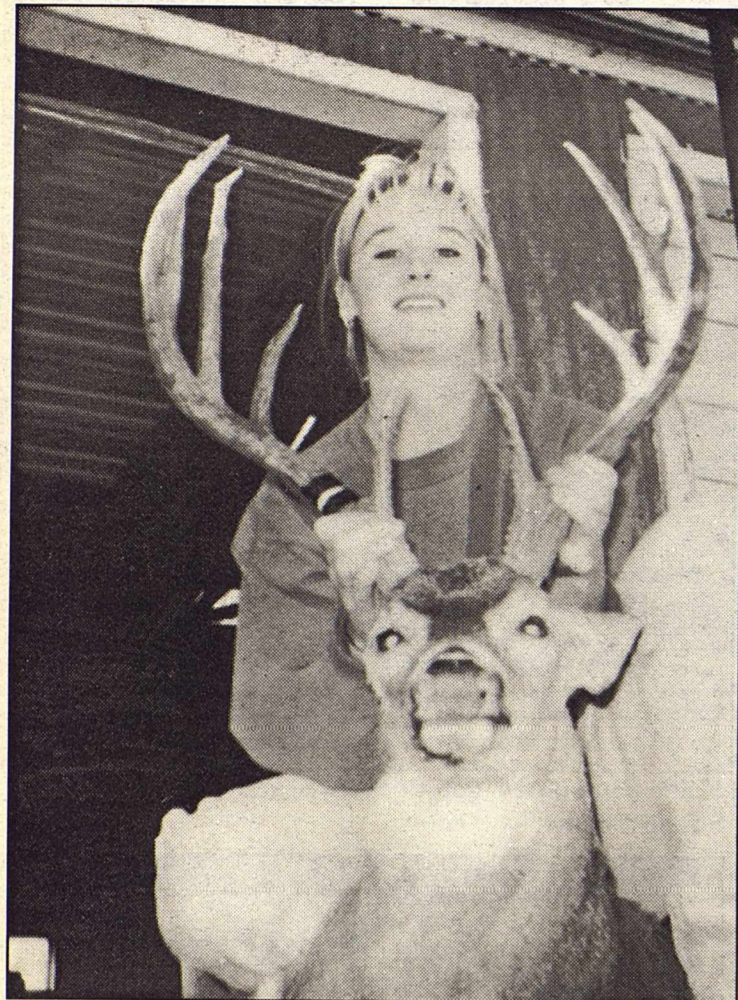
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How To Grow Bigger Bucks

By Steve Nelle, Biologist, NRCS, San Angelo

It's no secret that ranchers are very dependent these days on income from hunting. In many cases revenue from hunting equals or exceeds revenue from livestock. It's also no secret that big bucks are worth lots more money than smaller bucks. Hunters are willing to pay great sums for the opportunity to hunt on ranches that have big bucks.

How can a rancher manage his deer herd to grow bigger bucks? There are three factors that influence the development of antlers. Buck age. Nutrition. Genetics.

Managing the age of the buck segment of the herd is the quickest and easiest way to increase antler size. The age of the bucks in the herd is totally dependent on how the herd is hunted. Bucks do not reach their maximum antler size until age 5, 6 or 7. Unless bucks are allowed to grow to maturity, there is little chance of producing large antlers. Hunters who harvest 2 and 3 year old bucks are hurting the age structure and the quality of the deer herd. These younger bucks will usually have at least 8 points and may look good to some hunters, but they are immature bucks and will grow much larger with an additional 2 to 4 years of age. Ranchers need to educate their hunters on how to recognize mature bucks on the hoof. Several

books and videos are available to help, but the best education is gained by observing lots of bucks in the field. Guided hunts can also help. In order to develop a herd that has a good number of mature bucks, ranchers should limit the buck kill to 15 to 20% of total buck numbers.

Managing the range to increase deer nutrition is another way to grow bigger bucks. Deer nutrition is increased by reducing livestock numbers, especially sheep and goats. Even cattle can eat up significant amounts of deer feed during a drought when grass is scarce. Also, if deer numbers are too high, a reduction in deer numbers is needed. Since livestock numbers are currently low due to several years of drought, and increase in deer size is predicted for the next few years. Ranchers who are willing to keep livestock numbers lower than normal will notice large bodied deer and larger antlers. The extra income produced by having larger bucks will more than offset lower livestock numbers.

Supplemental feeding is often used to improve deer nutrition, but it is a very expensive practice when done correctly. Most of the time, the high cost of feeding cannot be recovered by increased hunting revenue. The best way to improve deer nutrition is by good management of habitat and the native food supply.

The subject of deer genetics has received much attention in recent years. The culling of spikes has been touted as a means of removing inferior genetics and improving deer antlers. Although the genetics of a buck do affect the size and shape of his antlers, manipulating deer genetics is extremely difficult and slow and is not a high priority to deer management. The genetic gains that have been made in livestock and in some deer pens are not possible in wild, free ranging deer. Even under high fenced situations, it is very hard to change the genetics in a deer population. The existing genetics of the native deer in Sutton County is very good. These deer, when given the chance to grow to maturity under good nutrition will produce very large antlers.

In summary, the size of deer antlers is first and foremost determined by the age of the buck. Second in importance is the quality of nutrition. Ranchers who want to grow bigger bucks should focus on age and habitat and grazing management and not worry too much about genetics.

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One Way To Find A Buck

By Thompson Temple

I have been a hunting guide for whitetail bucks for 25 years. I am not a natural hunter. By this I mean that I am not as good as many of my friends are at hunting deer. How do I hunt?

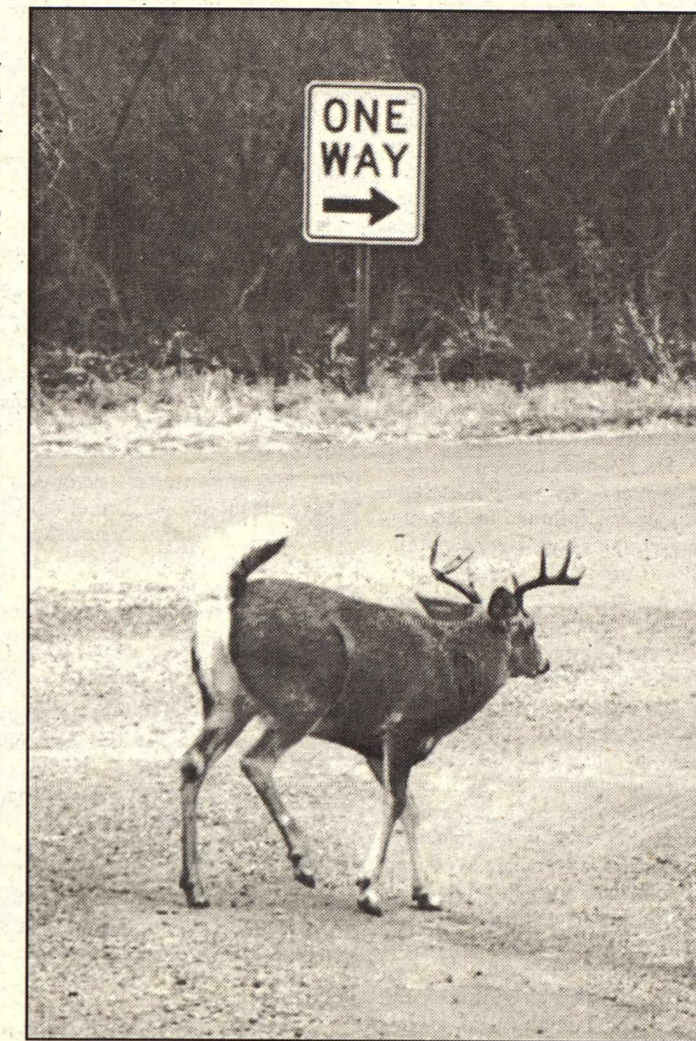
I scout the area I am going to hunt. I look for deer or at least for tracks. I locate my blind where I know deer have been before. I sit at that spot and I wait for them to come back.

I have read that a whitetail deer will spend most of his life on 640 acres. That is a one mile square. Chances are that the deer you saw will be back to that spot where you saw him. I have read also that mule deer migrate. They may pack their bags and leave the area. Whitetail do not move around as much as mule deer.

If you can find a spot where does hang out, then chances are that this is a good spot for bucks. In November and December bucks will join the does from time to time regardless of hunting pressure.

When I build my stand I try to put the stand north west of the spot where I saw the deer. The wind frequently blows from the South and East off the Gulf of Mexico. This will usually cause your scent to blow away from the deer.

The above advice is very simple, but it works! If your name is Woody Woodsman, then you can sniff out a buck. If not, then try the above. Remember, keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart! Good hunting.



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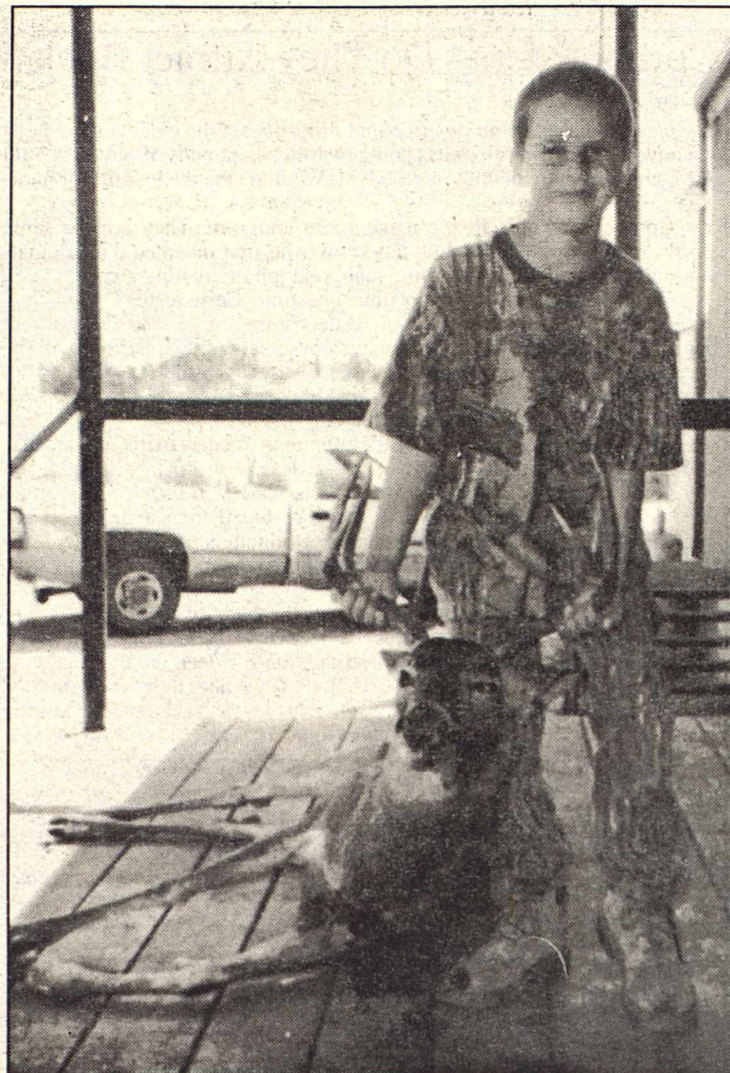
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John Duke Hudson bagged this buck on the Balch Ranch, South of Sonora.

Deer Management During Drought

By Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist, NRCS

Long-term drought is one of the most depressing and damaging events that can happen to ranchland. The devastation to land, livestock, wildlife, plant life and people is something that no one can understand until they experience it. Once an area is in the midst of a major drought, there is little that can be done to lessen its impact. Only two things are certain: good rains will once again return; and drought will also return again. It is never too soon to learn from the current drought and to plan ahead in preparation for the next one.

The emphasis during and after a drought should be on the recuperation of the vegetation. When long-term catastrophic drought has occurred, desirable perennial vegetation may be very slow to return. Dead plants, bare ground, erosion are the aftermath of drought. It will take several years or more of good rainfall and little or no grazing to begin to see desirable grasses, shrubs and perennial forbs grow, regain vigor, make seed and begin to reproduce. Annual weeds, on the other hand, will come quickly as soon as the good rains return. This should not be interpreted as restoration of vegetation. It is only the first step. The lush production of filaree, talloweed, bladderpod, peavine, or other such weeds should not be the signal to restock the range. Re-stocking should be delayed until desirable

grasses make a good recovery.

The recuperation of wildlife will follow the recuperation of vegetation. If the economics of ranching continue as they have over the past 20 years, net income from wildlife will continue to increase while net income from livestock will be erratic and unpredictable. The landowner who desires to capitalize on this and maintain the ranch can follow the SAFE rule of ranching in a desert region:

- S - Stock conservatively
- A - Adjust quickly
- F - Flexibility
- E - Evaluate continuously

Stock conservatively means to keep significantly fewer livestock than what you think the range will carry. Remember that the next drought is just around the corner and a reserve of grass will allow you to absorb the shock of short-term drought. In West Texas, grass that is left ungrazed is never wasted.

Adjust livestock numbers early in a dry period. Adjust frequently as drought continues. Don't wait until the grass is gone to reduce stock numbers.

Flexibility is the key to being able to adjust livestock numbers quickly. With half or more of your normal stocking capacity as stocker type animals, you can preserve the base breeding herd and the desirable vegetation much longer. Flexibility will also allow you to take advantage of favorable years by bringing in extra stockers. Resist the tempta-

tion to increase breeding females during these good years.

Evaluate continuously, during wet times as well as dry times. Evaluations should include rainfall records, grass growth, livestock numbers, livestock performance, ranch economics, deer numbers, deer quality, etc. Monitoring of rangeland with fixed photo points can be very useful in recognizing long-term trends in vegetation.

The well-being of deer in West Texas is almost totally dependent upon the combination of rainfall and grazing management. We have no control over the amount of rain, but the rancher has full control over grazing. The harmful effects of short-term and medium-term drought can be softened by good conservative grazing management.

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