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Appraisal Review Board to Hear Protests on July 11, 2001

Property owners in Sutton County will have an opportunity to protest proposed appraisals of their property for local taxes. The district's appraisal review board will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 11.

After the ARB completes the hearings and approves the final property appraisals, local governments will use the appraised values to set tax rates for the year 2001 ad valorem taxes.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the county and are appointed by the Sutton County Appraisal District board of directors. Their responsibilities are outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property owners may protest to the ARB any of the following appraisal office actions:

- the appraised or agricultural value of property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to other property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of agricultural-use appraisal
- determination that agricultural land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the property owner.

Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser for the district, outlined the steps a property owner must take to file a protest. First, the property owner must file a written notice of protest that shows why the owner is protesting to the ARB. The taxpay-

er must file this notice within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value.

If a person leases property and, by contract, must pay the owner's property taxes, then the person leasing may protest the property's value to the ARB, if the property owner doesn't protest.

If the ARB sends a property owner a notice of any other change of value in the appraisal records, or if the chief appraiser issues a notice for a property omitted in the prior year, the property owner has 30 days from the mailing date to file a protest.

Official forms for a notice of protest are available at the appraisal district office. A letter from the taxpayer is acceptable, as long as it identifies the property owner and the property protested and indicates dissatisfaction with some decision or action of the appraisal office.

Each protesting property owner may offer evidence or argument, either in person or by filing an affidavit with the ARB. Property owners should know that the ARB had no authority over tax rates or spending and will not hear protests on these topics.

The ARB will schedule hearings as property owners file protests and will tell them the date, time and place of their individual hearings at least 15 days before the hearing date. Property owners also will receive a copy of the State Comptroller of Public Account's pamphlet entitled Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayer's Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities, a copy of the ARB procedures and notice of available evidence at the appraisal office to be presented at the hearing.

Friess said that hearings will be held for one day and that the ARB

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Duncan Disposal Announces Sonora Clean-Up

Duncan Disposal of San Angelo will conduct their quarterly trash clean up for the city of Sonora, during the months of July and August. The city has been divided into four sections and each section will be serviced on Fridays. The dates and the areas serviced are as follows:

ON JULY 20, 2001

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 JULY 27, 2001

Inside the perimeter area created by East 2nd Street, the Southeast fence

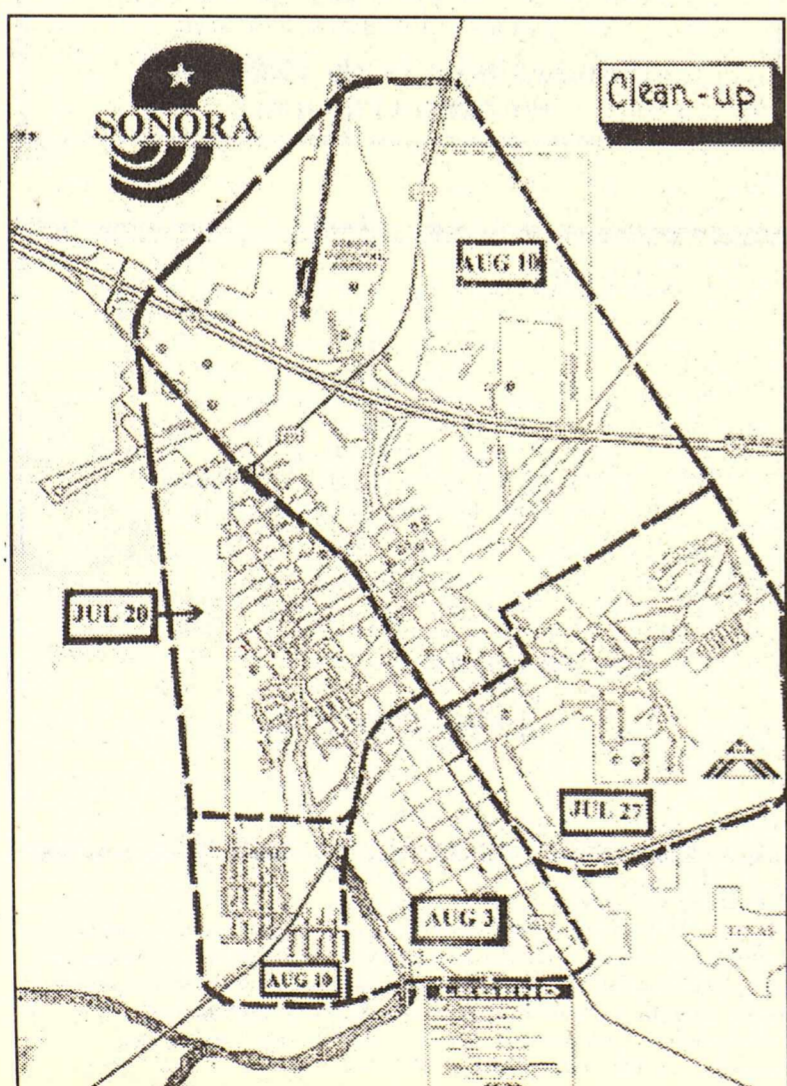
of the Sutton County yard, Hilltop Street and Loop 467 on the South and Southwest.

ON AUGUST 3, 2001

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 AUGUST 10, 2001

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.



Ports-to-Plains Route Approved - Sonora Included

Sonora officials and volunteers were on hand Monday morning to pose beneath the new Ports-to-Plains Corridor sign at the Sonora city limits. Although the sign will not be left in that location, the decision that it represents is now permanent.

A final route for the Texas portion of the Ports-to-Plains corridor was designated Thursday by the Texas Transportation Commission during its monthly meeting.

The approved route is approximately 830 miles. In Texas, the final route will serve the Texas/Mexico border, West Texas and the Panhandle.

"This route is an investment in our future," said John W. Johnson, Texas transportation Commissioner. "It has a regional impact to the state's infrastructure and has the potential to serve as a crucial trade corridor for Texas and the rest of the country. I applaud the communities along the corridor for their strong local support of the route."

While no funding has been set aside for construction, development plans include upgrading the existing route to a four-lane divided highway. The estimated cost for these improvements is approximately \$1.2 billion.

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor, which is designated as a high priority corridor under the current federal legislation, will link the Texas/Mexico border to Denver, Colorado. The corridor has the potential to serve international trade traffic and promote economic development.

Tommy Arnwine, representing the Sonora Industrial Development Board (SIDC) for Sonora, told those gathered at the city limits that this is a great step for our community and everyone should be thanked for all their support.

SIDC Board President, Mike Hale, thanked everyone for all their hard work and commitment to this project. He commented that he was very proud of this community for working so well with other communities involved in this project and for striving to make our town a stronger, more prosperous place to live.

Sonora Mayor, JoAnn Hernan-

Commissioners Approve Fuel Bid

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners met on June 25, 2001, for their second meeting of the month.

After the approval of prior minutes, the monthly bills were accepted as presented.

Commissioner Mike Villanueva reported on the Vaquero camp (see article) that he had participated in.

Commissioner Milton Cavaness asked about the County Park entrance that had been damaged. County Judge Carla Garner informed the court that the insurance of the individual responsible for the damage would be taking care of the repairs.

Judge Garner asked the Court to consider a request from Justin McGeath of the Chamber of Commerce to make a gate in the fence at the Sutton County Park. McGeath is making the request because the Sutton County Days festivities are being moved to the County Park this year. At present there is only one opening in the pipe fence around the area where the booths will be. He feels that this will cause much congestion. Garner said that the Chamber will be responsible for cost involved. The Commissioners had no objections to the gate.

Only one fuel bid was received, from Teaff Oil. The bid, less Federal tax was \$1.1675/unleaded, \$1.1925/taxable diesel and .9925/red diesel. Upon a motion by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner John Wade, the bid was approved as presented.

A preliminary budget discussion was held. Judge Garner pointed out several areas the Commissioners needed to be aware of before beginning budget workshops.

After approving the advertising for a new jailer, the Court adjourned into executive session regarding a



Sonora welcomes the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

dez reminded everyone to thank our neighbors to the North and South for working with us and being so supportive during our quest. She also thanked the government officials involved in making this route a reality for us.

Walter McCollough with the Texas Department of Transportation reminded everyone that they wouldn't see asphalt being broken tomorrow for this project, but to look to great advantages in the future.

Chamber of Commerce Director, Justin McGeath also thanked everyone who assisted in this project, giving up personal time and money to work toward building a better future for Sonora.

By becoming a part of this corridor, Sonora could have opportunities to provide warehouse space for international shipping companies. This would provide more jobs for local residents, as well as bring in more economic advantages for our town.

The northern segment of the corridor - Dumas to Denver, Colorado - will be mutually selected by the departments of transportation in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The northern segment must be selected by Sept. 30, 2001.



The Ports-to-Plains route from Denver to Laredo.

Vaqueros Attend Camp Lula Sams

submitted

On Monday, June 18, 2001, twelve young men - Dakota Daniels, Robert Guerra, Jeb Hunt, Jose Rodriguez, Agustin Vaquera, Miguel Vaquera, David Adkins, David Lane from Sonora and Julian Castillo, Benjamin Flores, Alex Ochoa and Carlos Ochoa from Ozona, together with five adults - Tony Brown, Alex Gonzales Jr., Carlos Lopez, Ben Solis and Mike Villanueva embarked on a trip to Olmito, Texas. Olmito is a town north of Brownsville where they attended El Campo de los Vaqueros held at Camp Lula Sams, a Wildlife Sanctuary & Environmental Camp. The campers arrived at camp around 4:30 in the afternoon and were assigned to a cabin. The group was given the name of "The Palominos". The Palominos were then introduced to the other groups of young men. Groups were from Harlingen, Brownsville, Eagle Pass, and Donna. The group names were The Pintos, The Appaloosas, and The Broncos. After supper all the campers played basketball and swam to cool off. All the campers returned to their camp and it was lights out at 9:30 p.m.

Campers and counselors would wake up at 6:00 a.m. every morning. The campers had an hour for personal hygiene and then had to march to the flagpole to post colors by 7:00 a.m. Each group would do KP duty for each meal. After breakfast the Palominos would attend an Environmental Awareness Session with Pat Birchfield and Carol DeMoss, who would show a collection of species that are in the sanctuary. There were many different types of snakes, insects and other animals. After an hour of learning about what is in the sanctuary, the Vaqueros marched down to the archery range where they met Mr. Roy Ramirez. Ramirez

taught them the fundamentals of archery. All the Vaqueros got a chance to try their archery skills. At the end of the session all the vaqueros competed to see who was the best. It came down to 4! Miguel Vaquera was the lone champion after hitting a perfect bulls-eye! The Vaqueros then attended a session known as ADAGSIS (Anti-Drug, Anti-Gang, Stay in School) instructed by Mr. Jose Regalado and Tony Castaneda. The Vaqueros would then prepare for Military March Drills. This would help each group learn how to work together as a team. After an hour for lunch, the group loaded up on the van and headed for a ranch where they would learn the fundamentals of horseback riding and roping, instructed by Carlos Garza and assisted by Raul Munoz, Saul Munoz, Roy Nieto, and Jesse Martinez. The Vaqueros returned back to Camp Lula Sams at 4:00 p.m. and then played basketball against another group of vaqueros. The Vaqueros from Sonora/Ozona came out victorious. After an exhausting game of basketball, the Vaqueros had an hour to swim and cool off before supper. After supper the vaqueros had another Environmen-

tal Awareness Session. In this session they learned about various plants in the habitat and also about the endangered Redley Sea Turtle. After the session was over the Vaqueros were sent to their campsite for lights out at 9:30 p.m.

The campers and counselors were back up at 6:00 a.m. They had an hour to get dressed and ready to post colors at 7:00 a.m. sharp. After breakfast the Vaqueros loaded up again and headed back to the ranch for three hours of horseback riding and roping. The Vaqueros then competed in roping and it came down to two ropers, both from Sonora, Miguel Vaquera and Robert Guerra. In the end Guerra came out on top.

After returning to the camp, the group began Military March Drills to improve their team work skills. After lunch, the Vaqueros had another environmental awareness session. Mr. Birchfield took the Vaqueros on a little hike to look for animal tracks, once the animal tracks were located, and the Vaqueros mad a plaster of the tracks. The boys then headed for the archery range to continue their archery skill. Once the Vaqueros were warmed up

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The Vaqueros from Sonora and Ozona pose for a group picture with David Galvan (Far left).

Obituaries

Jacinto R. Tafolla

Jacinto R. Tafolla, 91, passed away Saturday, June 27, 2001 at his residence in Mineral Wells. He was born on September 20, 1909 in San Angelo, Texas, to Jesus and Aurora Romo Tafolla.

He was preceded in death by his wife Reyes Tafolla.

He is survived by his sons; Leonard Tafolla of Cody, Wyoming, Jacinto M. Tafolla, Renaldo Tafolla and Vicente Tafolla, all of Mineral Wells, daughters; Natalie Samaniego of Mineral Wells, Amelia Garza of

San Angelo, Rosa Prumeda of Grand Prairie, Erma Martinez of Mineral Wells. 28 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Saturday, June 30, 2001 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with burial following in the Woodland Park Cemetery in Mineral Wells. Father John Hagle and Father Bill Hopkins officiated. Arrangements were with Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home.

Fredric E. Fields

Fred Fields passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the age of 60. He was born July 3, 1940, in San Angelo.

His parents, Justine Weatherby and William John Fields preceded him in death.

Fred spent his youth in Sonora and achieved accomplishments such as Eagle Scout. He was from a family of pioneer ranchers that was recognized by the state of Texas as a member of the Family Land Heritage Program of Texas.

He attended the University of Texas and was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Fred was a certified public accountant and rancher for many years. He was active with Austin's Aqua Festival, The Faulkner Center and St. David's Episcopal Church. Fred was an avid hunter and outdoorsman.

He is survived by daughters,

Michelle Fields Hutcheson and husband, Mike, and Millicent Fields Hamann and husband Maurice (MO); grandchildren, Merrill Shea Melanson, Fredric Madden Hutcheson and Micah Kay Hutcheson; and sister, Francine Hardeman of Sonora. Also very dear to him were Barbara K. Fields, husband, Ron Wagenfuehr, and sons, James and Trey Mebane.

Michelle and Millicent wish to thank all of the staff of Hospice Austin's Christopher House.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29, at St. David's Episcopal Church at 7th and San Jacinto.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Austin's Christopher House, 2820 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Austin, TX 78702.

Arrangements were by Amey Funeral Home, 7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, TX. 452-4001.

Card of Thanks

The Church of Christ of Sonora and Medina Children's Home would like to express our appreciation to the community for the toys, clothing, and other donations given to the Home through the boxes set up in front of our building on Water St. The generosity of all concerned has brought in about 5 tons of goods over the past year. They report to us that they have averaged about 2,500 lbs. of items per quarter. They are amazed and we are also. One suggestion that they have made would be to bag clothing items and to include hangers if possible.

The items donated by this means has made a sizeable donation to the care of children and single mothers who need help in caring for their families. Thank you for helping us to help those in great need. It is greatly appreciated.

Jerry Jackson
Minister of the Sonora Church of Christ



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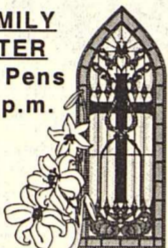
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387-3833

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407 South Crockett
387-0623

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Expedition participants:
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Expedition guides:
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The Devil's River News will be CLOSED Wednesday, July 4th in Observance of Independence Day

MONUMENTS & PRE-NEED FUNERAL PLANS
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Senior Center News

July 9 - Bingo after lunch!
July 11 - We would like to have a 55+ Driving Course with the AARP at the Center. Need 15 Seniors to sign up!
July 12 - Crafts anyone? Need Volunteers and ideas.
July 13 - Beware!! It's Friday the 13th!!

Senior Menu

July 9 - BBQ sandwich, baked French fries, baby carrots, bun, coleslaw, peaches with topping.
July 10 - Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, macaroni salad, cantaloupe cubes.
July 11 - Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, strawberry-banana mix, roll, bread pudding with raisins.
July 12 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, roll, tossed salad, banana pudding.
July 13 - Chicken fajitas with onions, green peppers, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, jello with fruit.

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

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Community

July 9
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Courthouse Annex
July 17
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall
July 18
Walk Across Texas Awards
Call FMI 387-3101

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

July 23
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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Devil's River News, July 20, 1895: Born on Tuesday, July 16, 1895, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, a girl. This little girl was named Ray Davis. Her daddy, J. L. Davis was elected sheriff of Sutton Co. in 1893 and was elected to the same office in 1902 and 1904. He served as Deputy Sheriff for many years when he didn't hold the office of Sheriff of Sutton Co. Now Ray Davis was only one of the many children born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis but she was the one that became known as Daddy's girl. Since Daddy was a former Texas Ranger and a Sheriff of Sutton Co. many people knew the family. When Ray's mother was too busy to take care of her, she would send Ray to the Courthouse to sit in Daddy's office or play quietly in the hall right outside his door.



Ray Davis, born 1895

ing her 106th birthday. Her address is Mrs. Ray Davis Williams, c/o Outlook Pointe, 3823 Lawdale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455. This woman has lived with a foot in several centuries and seen many of her family and old friends die off over the years. But her love of Sonora and the people here still lives on. Please take a minute and send this remarkable, lonely for Sonora lady, a birthday greeting. She cherishes every letter she gets from Sonora, and it makes her so happy to hear from people here. Tell her who you are and who your relatives were she might remember. Tell her some news of Sonora. Let's send a large quantity of cards and letters to her and show her Sonora still has that special spirit and never forgets one of their own.

Many of you knew her. She played the piano many times when Estelle McDonald sang at entertainments around town. She played at school functions, church services. She rode the range with her Daddy on a specially trained horse. She watched the town grow and develop into a thriving city. She was here when Will Carver was killed resisting arrest; when the 1902 fire burned all of one side of Main St. She got to hear the cowboy's spurs jingling along the old wooden walkways. She went to school in the Masonic Lodge because there just wasn't enough room in the little wooden school next to it. She lived where the Methodist Church now stands, after J. L. Davis gave up being Sheriff of Sutton Co. Until then she lived downstairs in the jailers quarters of the old jail. She tells how Kindergarten classes were held in the front room of the jail and then in the back room of the Erwin Millinery Store and has many fond memories of their candy counter.

Ray was almost 6 when her father, J. L. Davis, and Lige Briant and W. D. Thomason shot and fatally wounded Will Carver when he resisted arrest. With Will was one of the Kilpatrick boys and it was feared he too would die from his many injuries. Mrs. Davis wired Mrs. Kilpatrick to come to the jail to help nurse her son and that she could stay free of charge in the Deputies quarters downstairs in the jail till her son was well. They nursed Kilpatrick around the clock and when he was finally well a hearing was called and he was exonerated. He went home with his mother and would feel the effects of his wounds all his life. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Kilpatrick would continue to be friends the rest of their lives.

Ray suffered a bad fall and broke her arm. She is in a wheelchair now and the arm is healed up but weak. She hasn't lost her sense of humor and she hasn't ceased telling everyone who will listen about the wonderful town of Sonora, Texas. She is the best little goodwill ambassador to ever come out of Sonora. She tells stories of ranch life, outlaws, sheriffs, people she knew in town and is just a pleasure to speak with or write to.

On July 16, 2001, Mrs. Ray Davis Williams, daughter of the late Sheriff J. L. Davis will be celebrat-



Mrs. Ray Davis Clark Williams, 1998

the tree for every child in town. She was forbidden to go up there and told to play in the hall outside Daddy's office. Well, she did play for a little while, but the lure of the banister on the stairs was just too much for the little Ray and she just had to climb up it. Well she did and slid down and landed with a bang. J. L. Davis, her dad, caught her and for punishment made her sit right on the corner of his desk. She would promptly tell everyone that came in and commented on how good she was to help her dad that the truth was "No! I was bad and slid down the banister so I have to sit here and be good." Of course J. L. Davis would just puff up with pride when she said her little bit. Not many men had such a tiny child that could slide down that big banister and not get hurt.

Let's show those people in North Carolina that Sonora doesn't forget its own and send lots and lots of letters and cards to Mrs. Ray Williams for her 106th birthday. Thank you!

Now I have had some calls and questions on the Cauthorn Memorial Building (The Depot) and will try to answer them for you now. We do allow alcoholic beverages and cigarettes on the grounds but because they can cause much damage to the wood floors we ask that you not drink or smoke inside. If they are damaged it will cost much more than your initial deposit to repair them. We suggest you drink and smoke at tables placed in grassy areas outside the building. In this way no liquor will get spilled on the floor or on people dancing and no one will get burned by a cigarette and the floor won't either. Thanks.

Next question was "Can we

barbecue on the grounds if we rent them?" The answer is yes! We suggest you place your barbecue on the square of concrete just off the sidewalk about in the middle of the grounds. You can run an electric cord, if you need it, from the plug just outside the storage room by the bathrooms. But please don't dump coals in the trash cans or on the lawn. Leave them in the barbecue until they are cold and then dispose of them properly.

Another question was, "Will we fix the organ in the Cauthorn Memorial Building?" The answer is no. The cost of fixing it is cost prohibitive. It would cost more than a new one. It will be moved to the old jail and displayed there unless the legal owner wants it back.

One person asked how to turn on the lights on the outside of the building? The flood lights come on automatically. The ones in the tree must be plugged in under the back porch. The cap lights are on switches inside and behind the doors. Just flip the switches around the building behind the doors and you will have all the outside lights on. If any are burned out please tell us when you return the keys so that we can fix them.

If you wish to rent the building call me at 915-387-2855 and we will discuss the rental deposit and rental fee.

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

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Crockett County Jury Sentences Man to Two Years In State Jail Facility and Accesses \$5,000 Fine

Ozona, TX - June 27, 2001 A Crockett County jury sentenced a Colorado transient to two years in a State Jail Facility for three counts of credit card abuse. Earlier that afternoon, the jury returned a guilty verdict against Michael Robert Buzick. Buzick, whose prior convictions include Theft from the Elderly, chose to testify on his own behalf. A video from Maness Texaco enabled the jury to see the defendant purchasing items with the stolen credit cards.

The defendant, while traveling through the area, received welfare assistance from the Sonora Police Department and then proceeded to Ozona where he requested additional assistance from the Ozona United Methodist Church. Not only did Buzick take the food offered, he also took the wallet belonging to the church secretary. Buzick used stolen credit cards at local convenience stores to purchase beer, cigarettes, ice, and sunglasses before leaving town. Prompt reporting by the victim enabled the Sheriff's Office to begin their investigation minutes after the theft occurred.

Crockett County deputies were able to learn the identity of the

defendant when his physical description and the vehicle description were provided to law enforcement agencies in Sutton and Pecos Counties. Officer William Dudley of the Sonora Police Department recognized the description from the welfare assistance that he had provided a short time earlier and radioed the information needed to obtain an arrest warrant for Buzick. Crockett County deputies arrested Buzick on Interstate 10, west of Ozona less than two hours later.

Ori White, the 112th District Attorney, expresses his thanks to Sheriff Shane Fenton, the Crockett County Deputies, and the Sonora Police Department for their thorough and prompt investigation of this case. The District Attorney's office also wishes to thank the witnesses whose testimony ensured that justice was done in this case. "The jury handed down the sentence that was expected. The maximum penalty for a State Jail Felony is two years in a State Jail Facility and a \$10,000.00 fine. This case sends a strong message that the citizens of Ozona will not tolerate the exploitation of local generosity and that credit card abuse is serious business."

Area Student Receives Degree From Duke University

DURHAM, N.C. - More than 3,500 undergraduate, graduate and professional students received degrees May 13 from Duke University.

Duke President Nannerl O. Keohane presided over the ceremony and Charlayne Hunter-Gault, the Johannesburg bureau chief for the Cable News Network (CNN), delivered the commencement address. Honorary degrees were awarded to Hunter-Gault, Patrick Williams, and Emmy and Grammy award-winning 1961 Duke graduate who has composed hundreds of scores for feature films and television, records and concert works, and David Gergen, a journalist and adviser to four U.S. presidents now teaching at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Carla Weaver of Sonora, Texas received a Bachelor of Arts Political Science Degree

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 Sponsored by: Texas Legal Services Center and Sutton County Senior Center

Register Now For Fall CASA Volunteer Training

San Angelo, Texas - The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program of the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. is currently recruiting for fall volunteer training. Fall Training begins Sept. 10, but due to the application and interview process, those interested in volunteering should register now for the training.

CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes. While presiding judges determine their home placements, they depend on the input of CASA volunteers to help them make well-informed decisions about where the children will live, for how long and under what conditions, what service and treatment will be ordered, and/or what steps will be taken to reunite the child with the birth parents, or place the

child in a new family.

In addition to Tom Green County, the local CASA program serves and needs volunteers from the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, McCulloch, Reagan, Runtels, Schleicher, and Sutton. Currently, 27% of the children in CASA's care are from these counties.

"Judges in counties outside of Tom Green County continue to appoint CASA to represent abused and neglected children in their courts," said Retha Fortenberry, CASA program director. "We are vitally needed, but without volunteers in these areas, we are struggling to represent the children who need us so much."

Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and submit to a criminal background check. Call (915)653-HOPE(4673) for more information or to register for volunteer training.

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Anyone interested in Fall Soccer with SASA, contact Bonnie Lou Campbell at 387-3174.

The Walk Across Texas Wrap party will be July 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Awards and prizes will be presented at this time. There will also be a covered dish dinner where low fat recipes will be showcased. For more information call Kelly Thorp at 387-3604.

All Rentals of the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot) need to be handled through JoAnn Palmer at 387-2855.

Students who have not picked up prom or graduation pictures need to do so at the Administration Building between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The Sonora swimming pool will be open this summer six days a week from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The pool will be closed on Wednesdays. The pool is available for private parties. Anyone wishing to rent the pool may contact Melissa Teaff at (915)387-5377.

Walk Across Texas Update

The Walk Across Texas is almost over. The teams have done a great job and logged many miles. Everyone that participated should be very proud of themselves for taking that first step to a healthy life.

Teams who have reported mileage this week are:

Cemetery Stalkers: 163.3 (1324.54 total) **Street Patrol:** 202 miles (1142.45 total) **Bad Girls:** 135.5 (976.80 total).

Look for totals of all teams in next week's issue of The Devil's River News.

Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches Present Polar Expedition Vacation Bible School July 9-13

Polar Expedition is an exciting way for kids, age 3 1/2-6th grade to discover that Jesus' love is cool. All our adventures will take place at the Methodist Church on the corner of Oak and Water streets. Registration will be Monday, July 9, from 8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Activities will take place each morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Each day will include exciting Bible adventures, games, refreshments, music, and crafts.

Kids will join nearly a million children in North America and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children across the globe. We'll conclude each day with a festive Ice Station Celebration that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned.

Start making plans now for your children to attend. For more information, call Linda Fisher at 387-2466.

Wagoner Prepares To Play Ball Down Under

Submitted

Tissie Wagoner has been selected by People to People Sports Ambassadors to represent the United States in the Kanga Cup I, a basketball tournament in Australia during July. Tissie is an 8th grade student at Sonora Middle School and has participated in basketball programs since a young age. Some of these include Little Dribblers sponsored by the Sonora City League, Smooth Operators, PIPS, Wall Ball, and AAU Basketball in San Angelo. She was a member of the Sonora Middle School Lady Colts 2000-2001 basketball team. Tissie and her teammates all have a passion for basketball.



Tissie Wagoner

The People to People Sports Ambassadors Program was started in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. He envisioned a global community based on trust, respect, and an understanding of other cultures. He knew the direct interaction between people of different countries was important. Seven U.S. presidents have served as Honorary Chairmen since President Eisenhower. The ambassador program was initially administered by the U.S. State Department until 1961, when it became a private, non-profit organization. Sports Ambassadors give the opportunity to compete internationally and gives student-athletes a chance for hands on experience of economic, political, and cultural elements that influence the world.

There are several steps to becoming an ambassador, recognition as an outstanding athlete in your sport, attending a regional meeting, three recommendations and a personal interview. Tissie received an invitation early in the spring, after completing all of the

steps, and was accepted in April to become an Ambassador.

Tissie will be earning academic credit from Eastern Washington University. She will keep a daily journal and develop an action plan to share the experience with others.

"I am excited and I feel like this is an opportunity of a lifetime," said Tissie. "It is neat to be chosen to represent Sonora in Basketball in Australia."

Tissie hopes to share a "great friendship" with the Australian athletes. Tissie will spend time in New Zealand where she will attend a sheep shearing demonstration. She will also see sites in Canberra, the Capitol of Australia. In Sydney she will visit such attractions as the Stadium Australia, the Sydney Opera House and the Olympic complex. She will also get to experience the Great Barrier Reef in Cairns.

Look for reports on Tissie's trip to Australia in future issues of the Devil's River News.

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July 9
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July 10
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Police Report

June 28 - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Hwy 277 South in reference to a minor accident. Upon arrival Officer located parties involved and no injuries were reported.

June 29 - Theft - Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of S. Crockett Ave. in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that while walking home from work someone unknown to her had stolen her purse off of her shoulder. Investigation pending.

June 30 - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Hwy 277 North in reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.

July 1 - Assault - Officer was contacted by a complainant wishing to report an assault. Complainant advised that she had been assaulted by a person known to her, and she wished to file charges.

July - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Hwy 277 North in reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.



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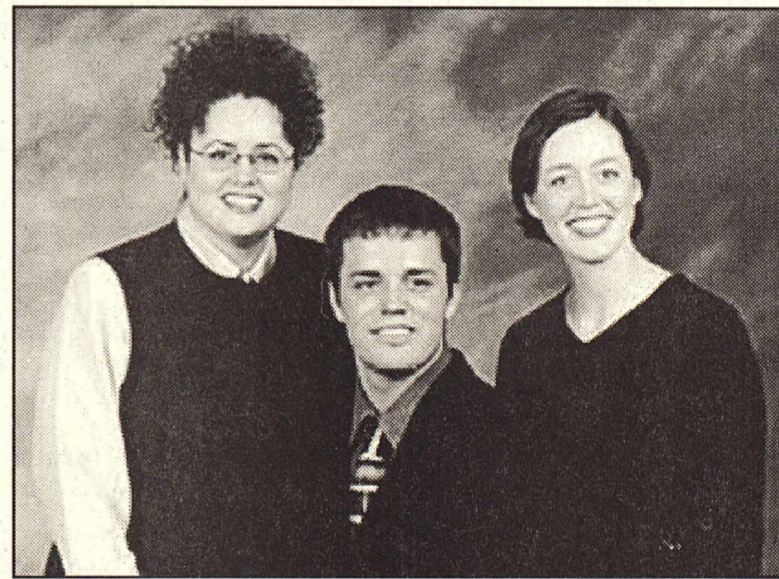
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Kimberlee Gosney graduated May 20, 2001, from Birmingham School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama, with a Doctor of Jurisprudence. She is a graduate of Auburn University with both Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees.

Alyssa Gosney graduated May 20, 2001, with honors, from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, Alabama, with a Doctor of Medicine degree. She is in the Department of Medicine Residency Program - Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She is an honors graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Matthew Gosney graduated May 25, 2001, from Muscle Shoals High School in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. He will be attending Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, in the fall.

Proud parents are Donna Shepard Gosney (graduate of Junction



The Gosneys

High School and Texas A&M and Michael C. Gosney (graduate of Sonora High School and Texas A&M) of Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Proud grandparents are Bill and Mary Lynn Gosney of Sonora. Maternal grandparents are Jean and

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Roped Into Sports - Sonora Pair Finds Many Similarities In Football, Rodeo

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By Patrick Gonzales - Reporter-News Staff Writer

Sonora football players Stetson Hall and Thomas Schenkel know the value of hard work and dedication.

If there are any doubters, the proof sits snugly on their right hands in the form of huge, diamond-infested state championship rings.

But this week, the duo is putting its proven formula of success to work in a different type of arena.

Hall and Schenkel are among 650 high school students from throughout the state competing this week in the Texas High School Associations State Finals at the Taylor County Expo Center.

And while the rodeo arena inside the Expo Center differs from that of a football arena, Hall and Schenkel both agree there are similarities between the two sports.

It's those similarities that have transformed Hall and Schenkel into standout athletes in both sports.

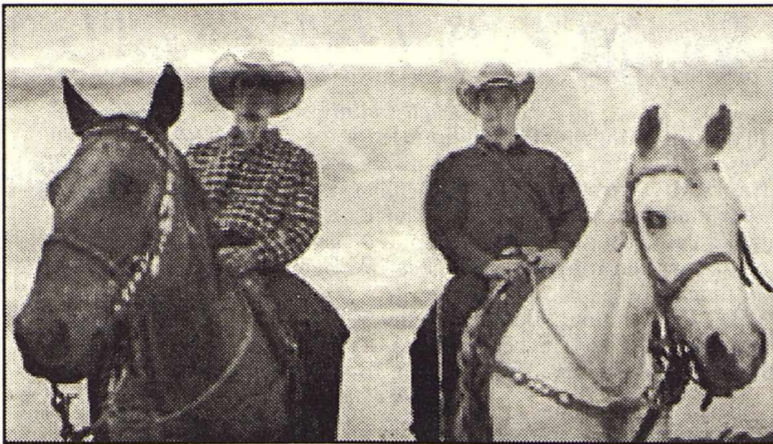
Hall qualified for the state finals in team roping, while Schenkel earned a berth in calf roping.

In team roping, Hall and his partner are mounted on horses, chase down a calf and rope it around the neck and back legs in the quickest time possible.

The event is similar to the tracking down of running backs, something Hall did last season for Sonora from his linebacker position.

"(Both sports) are different in general, but they both require hard work and dedication," said Hall, who was an honorable mention linebacker and kicker as a junior last season in District 2-2A. "You use different types of muscles in rodeo, but overall, physical strength is an important factor in both sports."

Calf roping involves the same



Sonora Athletes Stetson Hall and Thomas Schenkel were featured in the Abilene Reporter-News.

concept as team roping but is done by just one person. Schenkel will rope the calf around the neck, jump off his horse and tie the calf around his feet in the quickest possible time.

"For me, rodeo is more of an individual sport, of course, but it requires just as much skill and practice as football," said Schenkel, who was a first team all-district and second team all-state selection at offensive tackle as a senior last season. "You have to work hard to succeed, and rodeo is no different. You do as good as you work."

Despite the success that Hall and Schenkel have experienced in the two sports, both said they enjoy rodeo more than football.

More impressive, however, is the fact that rodeo competition lasts the entire year, forcing Hall and Schenkel to balance football and rodeo at the same time.

Both have their own arenas at home and try to practice at least once everyday.

"It's hard, but when you love doing both sports, it's something you're willing to do," said Schenkel, who will join the rodeo team at Howard College in Big Spring in the fall. "(Sonora coach Jason Herring) supported us all the way and that really helped. He thought it was neat that we could excel in two sports."

In fact, the duo's love for the rodeo didn't seem to affect the Sonora football team one bit last year, as the Broncos won the Class 2A Division I state championship for the first time since 1971.

Sonora finished the season 15-0, but not all the games were laughers, as the Broncos' perfect record might indicate.

In the state title game, Sonora trailed Blanco, 24-12, with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter. But junior tailback Bill Renfro caught two touchdown passes in the final period to lead Sonora to a come-from-behind 27-24 victory.

"It was nothing like I've ever felt before," Schenkel said of winning the state championship. "It was something that all the seniors had been talking about since seventh grade. It felt great, and it is something that I will never forget."

And while Hall and Schenkel both failed to win a second state championship this week, both are satisfied with the fact they were able to advance this far.

"There are some teammates who joke around with us for being in the rodeo, but it doesn't bother me, because they don't really know what it's like," Hall said. "They are just city kids, who could never dream of doing this."

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Editorial

Beer May Be Part of A Healthy Diet

Independent Clinical Research on Beer Finds Moderate Consumption May Be Good for You

ALEXANDRIA, VA - June 27, 2001 - This summer, when planning the menu for special BBQs or family dinners, why not use ingredients that provide some real nutritional benefits that also enhance the flavors of your favorite foods? Believe it or not, we're talking about beer!

Many are aware that substituting wine or beer for water in several of your favorite recipes will enhance the flavor of foods, but did you know that recent literary review by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas of independent clinical research conducted on possible health effects of beer suggests that responsible consumption of beer may be part of a healthy lifestyle?

According to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, beer provides:

- *11% of dietary protein
- *9% of dietary phosphorus
- *5% of dietary niacin
- *12% of dietary carbohydrates
- *7% of dietary riboflavin

And it's not just wine that might help prevent heart disease. According to Dr. Margo Denke, associate professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical

Center at Dallas, "Studies that have evaluated whether a specific type of alcohol (wine, beer or spirits) is associated with a greater or lesser cardiovascular benefit have failed to conclusively identify one form of alcohol superior to another. Specifically, people who drink light or moderate amounts of beer enjoy the same lower risk for coronary heart disease as people who drink light or moderate amounts of wine."

A number of studies published in medical journals including the British Medical Journal and the New England Journal of Medicine have observed that moderate drinking may be associated with a 30-40% lower rate of heart disease.

The biologic mechanisms linking moderate beer intake to reduced rates of cardiovascular disease may include increases in HDL cholesterol levels (the good cholesterol).

Much of the science regarding the effects of beer on health is still being developed, and the health consequences of consumption may vary from person to person. Adults of legal drinking age should consult their family physician about the health effects of beer consumption. And if you choose to drink, please drink responsibly.

Gear Up For Summer Gas Prices

Although gas prices are up 10 percent from last summer and have been significantly rising over the past months, it hasn't stopped Texans from loading up the mini van and hitting the open road.

It seems summer would not be summer without a vacation or time off. According to a recent survey by progressive.com, the Web site of Progressive Insurance, 71 percent of respondents are planning a summer trip and 66 percent of those will travel by car.

Whether you're going to grandma's house, or venturing outside the state lines, Progressive suggests to plan ahead and try to beat the high gas prices. The following tips from AAA may help families across the Lone Star State save gas money while traveling this summer.

- Gas Saving Tips:
- **Keep your tires properly inflated.** For every pound per square inch that your tires are under-inflated, you use one to two percent gas mileage.
 - **Get your car tuned-up.** You need to make sure your car's engine is in optimum running condition.
 - **Make sure your air filter is changed twice a year.** A clogged filter is going to put extra strain on your engine.
 - **Make sure your motor oil meets car standards.** Because Texas is known for it's hot summers you may consider a synthetic oil that is known to minimally aid gas mileage. Synthetic motor oils are slippery and therefore reduce internal mechanical friction. Although synthetic oils are more expensive, you can go longer between oil changes.
 - **Check your car's thermostat.** A malfunctioning thermostat can affect your gas mileage.
 - **Try to pack lightly.** The more weight you carry in your car, the bigger the strain is on the engine.
 - **Use cruise control.** Maintaining a steady speed gives you the best fuel economy.
 - **Don't let your engine sit idle.** Don't forget to turn your engine off when making a pit stop. An idle engine consumes a gallon of gas every half-hour.
 - **Use your air-conditioning sparingly.** Use it to cool off your car initially and place setting on recirculation mode.

Rodeo & Dance Tickets On Sale Now!



The 2001 Sutton County Queen Contestants are selling Pre-Sale Rodeo and Dance tickets for the 2001 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. By purchasing tickets in advance you save money. Contact one of these contestants or go by their sponsor locations to purchase your rodeo tickets now!

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When Joe Pat Hemphill opened his practice, in 1971, there was only one other veterinarian in the area. "I worked on everything: horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, cats." He no longer practices, except on his own stock. His wife Alice recently retired from teaching English, but their 12,000 acre ranch still keeps them busy.

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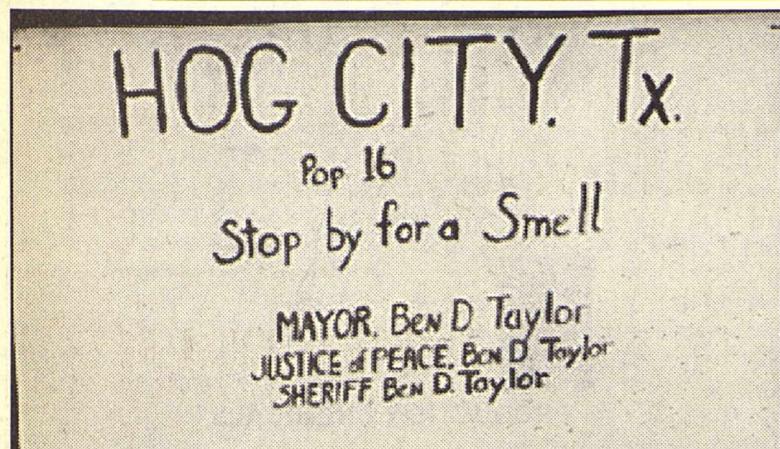
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Feral Hog Research Conducted at the Sonora Experiment Station



by Ben D. Taylor

We have a saying in Hog City, "Always look out for Number One, and be careful not to step in Number Two". There is something "special" in the air at Hog City, it's hard to describe, but the air just fills your lungs like no other place on earth. It may be a small town, but the residents all have hearts as big as their appetites. Now before Coach Herring schedules the "Fighting Boars" for an early season scrimmage, I better clear something up. Hog City is feral hog research facility located on the Sonora Research Station. In the past few months I have acted as the "mayor" of Hog City while I worked with the animals, and let me tell you with absolute certainty that these hogs "Always look out for Number One" but don't mind stepping in number two!

It is the feral hog's ability to adapt and "look out for number one" that has made them the most successful exotic big game species in North America. According to a paper written by Richard B. Taylor, a biologist from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, hogs made their first appearance on this hemisphere in 1493 when Christopher Columbus left eight hogs behind in the West Indies for his return trip to the new world. Hogs didn't make it onto the mainland until Hernando De Soto mounted an expedition that took him 3100 miles into the southwest. It is interesting to note that De Soto's camp reported having 100 hogs, and when he died fourteen months later, the inventory stated that there were 700 swine present. That demonstrates the hogs' ability to successfully produce high numbers of offspring. LaSalle's attempt at a settlement around Matagorda Bay in 1685 represented the first

real introduction of hogs into Texas. His colony failed two years later when his own men killed him, and the rest died of a small pox epidemic. The hog population in the state stayed at a minimal level for a few hundred years until Stephen F. Austin brought in the "old 300", the first 300 colonists Austin had permission to settle in Texas. The increased number of settler into Texas resulted in a growing need for livestock. Nacogdoches was an important trade center for colonists, and in 1834 a livestock inventory of the settlement recorded 60,000 hogs. At that point the future of hogs in Texas was sealed; they were here to stay.

What has caused today's problem with the feral hogs is that the settlers did not confine their swine herds in pens. It was much easier, and cheaper, to let the pigs run wild and feed on their own. Whenever they ran out of meat, the settlers would kill one of the released hogs. Over time the hogs lost a lot of their domestic qualities, and for all intents and purposes they became "wild" animals. It wasn't too long before the hogs' population grew big enough to start causing problems. In 1854 Fredrick Olmstead was camped close to Crockett, Texas where he had a problem with the feral hogs in the area. "While the horses were feeding, it required the constant attendance of two of us to keep them (hogs) at bay; and even then they secured more than half the corn". It is that same appetite for corn that resulted in Hog City being established. While in 1854 Mr. Olmstead had problems with hogs eating corn that was intended for his horses, in 2001 we have problems with hogs eating corn intended for deer. With the

increased popularity of hunting, the problem of non-target species eating corn instead of the deer has become a costly problem. One solution to this problem is to feed the deer something that only they will eat; cottonseed.

The presence of the chemical gossypol in cottonseed makes it toxic to non-ruminants (i.e. single stomached animals, like feral hogs and raccoons). Ruminants, animals with four stomachs, like deer and cattle are able to better digest the cottonseed. At a symposium addressing the general topic of supplemental feeding for deer, Dr. Wallace Klussman said, "Raccoons are the greatest problem relative to feeding deer". Dr. Dale Rollins included with raccoons as non-target species, "...hogs, javelinans, and porcupines".

Hog City is testing to see if feral hogs will eat cottonseed, and if they do what damage it does to them. In the fall I will be conducting research on raccoons testing the same thing.

Feeding cottonseed to deer is not a new idea. It has been established for some time that cottonseed has a higher digestible protein level, 19% on average, than corn. A factor keeping it from being used is the fact that whole cottonseed can't be used with spin cast feeders. Cotton Inc. has developed a system of treating cottonseed with a liquid starch so it can be used in any feeder. The starch coating reduces the "fuzziness" of cottonseed so it doesn't cling together. They named the processed seed EZ Flow Cottonseed, and hope to market their product to hunters and landowners as a supplemental feed that deer alone will eat.

The problem with feral hogs does not stop at the deer camp. Feral hogs can give landowners headaches in many other ways. The Texas Animal Damage Control Service has written a report listing the other more costly damage that hogs cause. Their report was the result of losses reported to the TADCS from cooperating agricultural operators; the total scope of hog damage is probably much higher. In 1990 it was reported that livestock losses to feral hogs numbered close to 1,500 (including cow/calf, exotic, kid

See Feral Hogs page 6

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The international session on Aug. 16 will feature speakers discussing marketing wool on an international basis, including international financing, freight forwarding, e-commerce and marketing conditions in various wool importing countries.

The Aug. 17th session will provide

forum participants with an opportunity to identify key issues in the U.S. wool industry. Information also will be presented on current wool programs being implemented through the Wool Trust Fund, which is the current funding source and program focus for the American Wool Council.

"In addition to participating in the international session, forum attendees will be able to help create and shape the future direction of American wool marketing programs," said Rita Kourlis Samuelson, ASI's international wool/pelt marketing director. For more information about the wool forum, contact Kay Kitts at (303) 771-3500, ext. 18, or through e-mail at kay@sheepusa.org.

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Preston Faris, CEA-AG, is looking forward to hearing comments from Dr. Andreas de la Concha about the sore mouth vaccine since he saw such a high incidence of it this year.

Dr. William Edmiston also has some valuable information about governmental regulations which will certainly affect the industry. Dr. Mike Keller will share information about a topic which is becoming more important daily as he talks about the proper use of antibiotics and pesticides. This session and some other general information will qualify for 2 CEUs toward your private pesticide applicator license renewal. Other information presented will be similar to past field day programs. The day will culminate with an auction of the qualified performance tested bucks.

Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day

9:15 to 10:00 a.m. - Registration for Continuing Education Units (CEU)
9:30 a.m. - Mohair Grading and Live Goat Fleecce Selection by Carolyn Giles and Joe David Ross, Ranchers from Comfort and Sonora.

• Is All Soremouth Virus the Same? by Dr. Andrés de la Concha, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, San Angelo

• Current Pending, and Potential Regulations that will Affect Goat Producers by Dr. William Edmiston, DVM of Eldorado Animal Clinic

• Responsible Antibiotic and Pesticide Use by Dr. Mike Keller, DVM of Sonora

• Evaluation of Feed and Leg Soundness by Preston Faris and Don Spiller, CEA, Sutton County and former performance test supervisor

12:00 noon - Lunch prepared by Sutton County Steakhouse

• Activity Report of Mohair Council by Zane Willard of the Mohair Council of America, San Angelo

• Current Mohair Market Situation by Dr. Ronald Pope of Producers Marketing Cooperative Incorporated, San Angelo

Comments on Test Results by Dr. Dan Waldron of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, San Angelo

• Presentation of Mohair Council Award by the Mohair Council of America.

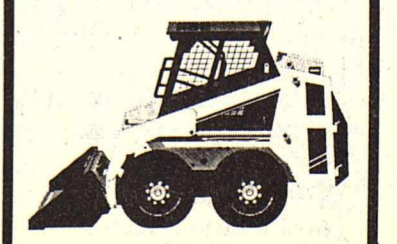
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**ORDINANCE NO. 521
AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING
TO PARKING; SEVERABILITY;
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WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the City of Sonora, Texas and its citizens and for their health, safety, and welfare for the city to provide regulations of parking of vehicles in shopping centers, office centers, industrial centers or business establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.
That CHAPTER 94: TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sonora, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a Division to read as follows:

DIVISION 4.
PARKING IN PARKING AREAS LOCATED WITHIN SHOPPING CENTERS, OFFICE CENTERS, INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS
Section 94-575. Authority to designate time limits

A person commits an offense if he or she parks or leaves a vehicle unattended for a period of time longer than designated at a time when parking is prohibited in a parking area located within a shopping center, office center, industrial center, or business establishment within the city. The owner or operator of these private centers shall have authority to designate, by appropriate signs and markings, which have been approved by the police chief, the parking time limit which shall not be less than one hour, the areas in which parking is prohibited, and the times when parking of vehicles is prohibited.

Section 94-576. Approval of the time limit parking ban, no parking areas and parking plan.

Sections 94-575, 94-576 and 94-577 are not effective until the owner or operator of a shopping center, office center, industrial, or business establishment submits plans for proposed time limits parking ban or no parking areas, if any, and the parking plan to the city council for approval. Amendments to the business center parking plan shall be submitted and approved in the same manner.

Section 94-577. Erection of signs; content of signs; marking of parking spaces and no parking areas.

The owner or operator of a shopping center, office center, industrial center, or business establishment is authorized to erect suitable signs of uniform size and design upon approval of the police chief, which shall be placed in parking areas advising the public of limited conditions of parking regulations. A sign shall be erected with the words painted thereon in legible red or green lettering setting out that parking in this area is limited to customers for the time indicated by signs, or as otherwise prohibited.

Section 94-578. Violations, generally.

The owner or operator of a parking area in a shopping center, office center, industrial center or business establishment shall have a responsibility to report such parking violation to police department personnel. Police department personnel shall have and possess full and complete authority to enforce the provisions of this section and to issue parking citations to any vehicle which is parked in contradiction to the signs posted.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section or part of any section or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

This ordinance shall be published by caption once in a newspaper of general circulation in Sutton County, Texas and in the City of Sonora.

SECTION 4. CONFLICT

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict herewith.

SECTION 5. VALIDITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are several and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any said section.

Appraisal from page 1

expects to approve the final appraisal on that day. State law requires the ARB to review and approve the appraisal records by July 20, or when not more than 5 percent of the total property value in the district remains under protest.

Vaqueros from page 1

Mr. Ramirez allowed them to take aim at a javelina set up twenty yards away. Trying to hit the javelina was a challenge, but several Vaqueros hit the target. There was then another short ADAGSIS session before they played another game of basketball and a swim before supper.

After supper and Awards ceremony was given to award the vaqueros their awards for the activities. All the counselors were given a little token of appreciation for volunteering their time for camp. For the Palominos Group (Sonora/Ozona) - Dakota Daniels received the Horsemanship Award, Miguel Vaquera received the Archery Award and All Around Vaquero, and Robert Guerra received the Roping Award. Then there was a special 1st time award given, the Alacran Award, that was given to Julian Castillo. This young man was stung on his foot by a scorpion while he was sleeping and woke everyone up. Robert Guerra did what any other camper would do; he killed it with his shoe and went back to bed. Mr. David Galvan treated the scorpion sting, collected the scorpion and placed it on the award.

After the awards were given out, everyone enjoyed some watermelon donated by Mr. Ben Solis. The campers then returned to camp to prepare for a long trip ahead of them the next morning.

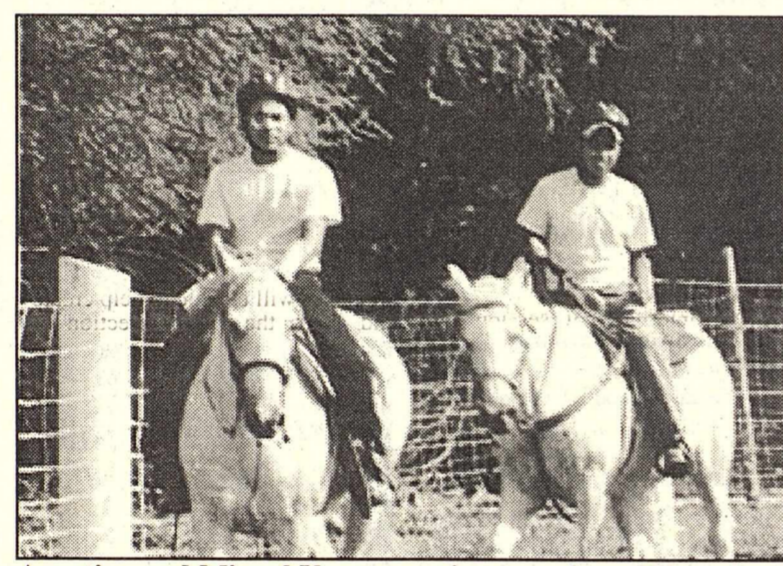
The Vaqueros from Sonora/Ozona were up at 5:30 a.m so they could leave at 6:00 a.m. The

appraisals should not contact ARB members outside the hearing. Each ARB member must sign an affidavit that he or she has had no contact about the protest with a property owner or the appraisal office staff before the hearing.

boys from Sonora and Ozona had never seen a beach, so they headed to South Padre Island. Everyone enjoyed the beach for a couple of hours, then loaded up in the vans and headed back for Sonora. After a long week at camp, everyone was asleep on the road. The Vaqueros made a stop outside of San Antonio to fuel up and enjoyed some good bar-b-que at Randy's Bar-B-Que. David Adkins enjoyed it so much he bought a bottle of Rudy's special Bar-B-Que sauce. The Vaqueros arrived back in town around 8:00 p.m. Thursday and were all delivered safely to their homes. Everyone said they enjoyed the camp because they made new friends.

A thank-you goes to St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Sutton County Welfare Board, Multi-Chem, Dr. Pajestka, and Dr. Calderon for providing physicals to the Vaqueros for the last four years. Jed Davenport, Ron Nicholas, and Jim Stephen and a special Thank-You to Tony Brown, Alex Gonzales, Jr., Carlos Lopez from Ozona, Mr. Ben Solis and Commissioner Mike Villanueva for camping out with the Vaqueros and working with this group of men.

A Big Thank-You to Commissioner Mike Villanueva for getting Sonora involved in the Vaquero Program, and to Mr. David Galvan for allowing Sonora the opportunity to be involved with such a successful program.



Agustine and Miguel Vaquera enjoy a session of Horseback riding at Vaquero camp.

Educating Tomorrow's Leaders Is Worth Its Billion Dollar Cost

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

Public education is the largest single expense and the most important function of Texas state government.

Thomas Jefferson knew that the republic born on July 4, 1776, would not survive without educated citizens. He developed a plan in which all children, rich and poor, were entitled to three years of free public education paid for by taxes "levied on the wealth of the county."

Current public school funding accounts for 30 percent of Texas' total budget and 40 percent of general revenue-related spending. The 77th Legislature allocated \$23.2 billion of the state's \$113.8 billion budget for 2002-03 to public education.

We also increased state assistance to public schools by increasing the maximum amount of wealth per student that a school district may have for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years. This piece of legislation includes provisions for funding school districts that have had a decline in average daily attendance.

I am pleased that a joint interim legislative committee will study school funding and make recommendations for the Legislature's consideration when we convene in January 2003. This committee will try to find solutions to the "Robin Hood" school finance plan that has spawned a lawsuit by several property-wealthy districts that claim that the system is inequitable. In addition, Texans, especially those living on fixed incomes, need relief from school property taxes.

Public school funding was not the only education issue we addressed. Beginning with the 2002-03 school year, public schools may not start classes sooner than the week in which August 21 occurs.

I did not initially support this legislation because I believe in local

control for school districts; however, a large volume of constituents' calls changed my mind. The legislation has a provision which allows the Texas Education Agency to grant a waiver for an earlier start date if a school district applying for the waiver holds a public hearing.

We addressed the issue of low-performing charter schools by limiting the number authorized by the State Board of Education to 215. The charter-school legislation also allows universities to issue charters, strengthens state oversight and imposes requirements to ensure that public funds are spent properly.

To ensure that high school graduates are prepared for college and/or qualified for skilled jobs, we passed legislation requiring that 2004-05 freshmen enroll in the courses necessary to complete at least the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), unless the student, parent and a school counselor or administrator agree that the student should graduate under the minimum program.

Unfortunately, a bill I filed that would have required students to take a pre-college curriculum or RHSP to rank in the top 10 percent of their class to qualify for automatic college admission failed in the House of Representatives after having passed the Senate on a vote of 26 - 4.

These bills and others will help ensure that state funds are being used judiciously to educate Texas' future leaders. Education is expensive, but as Jefferson observed, "if the children are untaught, their ignorance and vices will in future life cost us much dearer in their consequences than it would have done in their correction by a good education."

I could not agree more.

Feral Hogs from page 6

goats, and sheep operations). It should also be noted that the state hog population has increased dramatically over the past eleven years and those livestock losses have also increased. In the present livestock market, any loss of livestock is significant. Kid goats, which represent a large amount of income for ranches in Sutton and Edwards's counties, accrued the highest losses of any livestock in 1990 at 250 head. The difficult part in quantifying feral hog damage is that most of the time they leave no trace of the livestock or wildlife they killed. Thus there is no way to determine the damage hogs cause to fawns and ground nesting birds. The most costly problem associated with feral hogs is the damage they cause to the plant community. The TADCS report states that hog rooting, "upsets climax communities and can create an environment that favors less desirable invader species of plants". Everybody could agree that the drought has done a good enough job killing the good grasses, and doesn't need any help from a bunch of pigs!

Edwards and Sutton counties do not have the feral hog populations that south and east Texas do, and it is thought that this area of the state is too dry for them to really catch hold. That is something that the Rolling Plains probably once thought. The Rolling Plains region of the state is known for its ideal quail habitat, and has cashed in on that resource. There are a few counties in North Texas where their only income is from quail hunting, but that income is now being threatened by an increase of feral hogs. The Rolling Plains has experienced the highest increase of their feral hog population than any other part of the state. It is not too early to start thinking of how we can limit the invasion of feral hogs into the Edwards Plateau, remember that it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. We better act now and "Look out for Number one", or we will be up to our necks in the "Number Two" of feral hogs!

If you have any questions about feral hogs, or the research being conducted on them at the Sonora Station feel free to e-mail Ben at gossypol21@hotmail.com.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Range Production Company, 777 Main St., Ste. 800, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Canyon Stray formation, Davis N.B., Well Number 2. The proposed disposal well is located 20 miles east of southeast of Sonora in the Miers (Stray) field, in Sutton County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1,991' to 2,638'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Location: Sonora Maint. Section
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Job Number: 000677
Closing Date: 07-09-01 at 5:00 p.m.
Salary: \$8.42 - \$10.45 per Hour

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