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25th Anniversary of the Great American Smokeout Helping Smokers Quit

Twenty-five years ago, the American Cancer Society started the Great American Smokeout as an annual day to spotlight the dangers of smoking and challenge people to stop using tobacco. On this anniversary milestone, the Society renews its pledge to conquer lung cancer, help smokers make the important decision to quit, and support them in their efforts.

The idea for the Great American Smokeout grew out of a 1971 event, when Massachusetts resident Arthur P. Mullaney asked people to give up smoking for a day and donate the money they would have spent on cigarettes to a local high school. Then, in 1974, Lynn R. Smith, editor of the Monticello Times in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day, or Don't Smoke Day.

The idea caught on, and on November 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer

Society successfully prompted nearly one million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout, and the Society took it nationwide in 1977.

Today, an estimated 47 million US adults smoke. Tobacco use can cause lung cancer, as well as other cancers, heart disease, and respiratory disease; and each year smoking is responsible for one of five deaths. Fortunately, the past 25 years have seen tremendous strides in reversing attitudes towards smoking, understanding the addiction, and learning how to help people quit.

If you're ready to quit, you should know you're not alone. The American Cancer Society provides a variety of progressive, science-based resources that can double your chances of quitting successfully.

For more information visit our sites about quitting smoking, improving your health or getting involved in the Great American Smokeout. Or just call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Chamber of Commerce Preparing for Christmas Season

The 8th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade is coming up on December 3. The Courthouse Lawn will once again be set aglow with thousands of Christmas lights. The Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the "Adopt A Tree" program this year. As you may remember the Chamber began the Adopt-A-Tree Program several years ago to try to improve our Christmas Light display. The Adopt-A-Tree Program has become an excellent fundraiser for the chamber while also being a great way to add to the light display.

For this year's light display, the Chamber is selling a tree of lights. The cost for adopting these trees is a 1-time fee of \$200. These trees will be placed on the courthouse lawn each Christmas Season for years to come. You may adopt the tree in your name, your business name, or in memory of a loved one. The names will be added to the giant Christmas card to be displayed on the courthouse lawn. If you would like to adopt a tree, please call the chamber office to reserve a tree in your name.

The light display will be lit on the evening of December 3rd, in conjunction with the 8th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade. The Promenade will include food, Christmas music, local vendors, and of course the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

The Chamber would like to invite any local merchants or individuals who would like to have a booth on the evening of the Light Promenade. The booths will be open from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on the evening of the 3rd. Local restaurants, civic, school, or church organizations are also invited to have a food booth on the evening of the 3rd. This will be an excellent opportunity for these organizations to raise money for their programs. The evening will begin at approximately 5:15 PM with the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and will conclude at approximately 7:15 PM. If you would like to have a merchandise or food booth, please contact the Chamber office at 387-2880.

Knights Of Columbus and Main Street Program Prepare For 7th Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

A time for giving thanks for all of the wonderful gifts of life that we receive day in and day out, Thanksgiving. From the smile that we get at the grocery store to the "thank you" that we get from all of the hometown folks, we're always getting something from our community. On Sunday, November 18, 2001, the Knights of Columbus & Main Street Program will be hosting

their "Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Dinner" at the Civic Center to honor our Sutton County Senior Citizens. The Knights of Columbus started this community project seven years ago to honor Sonora's Senior Citizens. Since then, our project, GREAT help from our friends with the Main Street Program and the community businesses, we have succeeded in making it an event that

everyone looks forward to. We have extended our invitation this year to also honor our local Law Enforcement Officers and their Families. We look forward to seeing all of our Senior Citizens and our Local Law Enforcement Officers at the Civic Center for a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner with all of the trimmings and Dessert. Happy Thanksgiving!

Main Street's Memorial Day Celebration Wins Top Honors

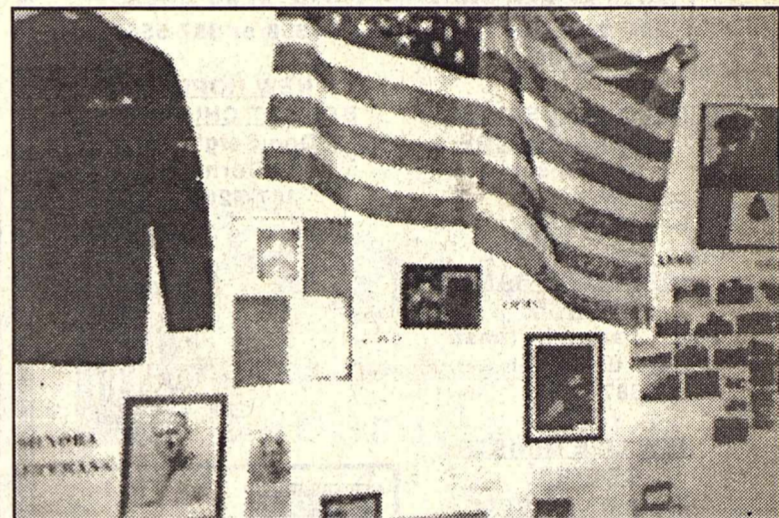
Austin - The Memorial Day Celebration, Veterans of All Wars celebration in Sonora has been named the 2001 recipient of the Best Promotional Event award in the 2001 Texas Downtown Association (TDA) President's Awards. This year's competition included entries from 30 downtowns across Texas in 10 categories.

"We are proud to be able to bestow this honor upon Memorial Day Celebration because the project exemplifies the successful revitalization of Texas downtowns as the heart of the community," stated Christine Viña of the City of San Antonio Planning Department and co-chair of the TDA awards program. The Classic Film Festival in Beaumont also received Best Promotional Event recognition.

Winners were announced at the TDA's Annual Conference, co-hosted by the Texas Main Street Program, in downtown Nacogdoches on Nov. 9.

"Each year we are astounded at the tremendously high quality of entries that are submitted. The winners truly represent the best of the best," said Karen Wunsch of the City of Garland Planning Department and awards program co-chair. "Being honored with the Best Promotional Event award is truly an honor of which the whole community can be proud," she added.

The projects from across Texas recognized as finalists are: Zula Restaurant of Houston and the Rage Salon of Tyler for Best Store Interior; Nacogdoches' Banita



A culmination of personal accounts, photographs, and memorabilia from wartime veterans made up the Memorial Day Celebration display.

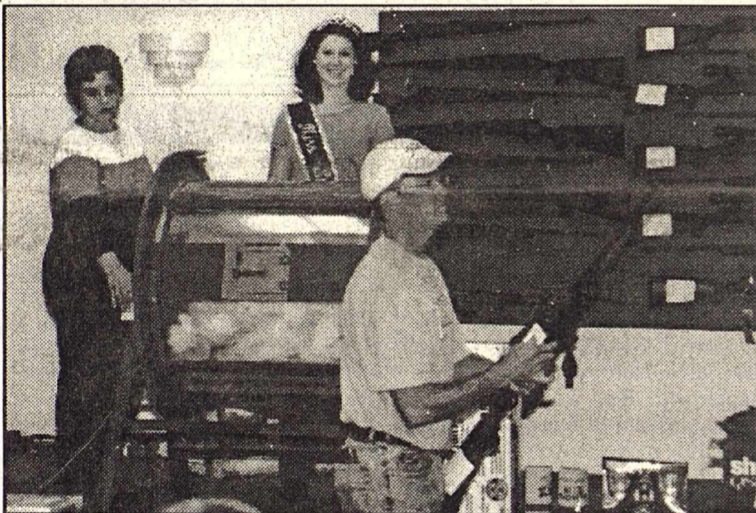
Creek Hall renovation, Hair Trendz of Taylor, and the Lamb's Building restoration in Beaumont for Best Adaptive Reuse; and for the Community Spirit Award, The Pegasus Project in downtown Dallas and Caldwell Elementary Arts Academy in Tyler. Other finalists are: the Hart/Daniel & Brown Building in Farmersville, Grapevine's Palace Arts Center, Odessa's Ector Theater and the Jaroe Building in Taylor for Best Rehabilitation project.

In Best Public Improvement project, Clifton's Heritage Plaza and Lufkin's downtown mural project, along with Wayfinding program and the Texas Avenue streetscape improvements in downtown

Houston, were named finalists. Best downtown Promotional Event finalists are: Beaumont's Classic Film Festival, Treats on the Square in Gilmer, Sonora's Memorial Day Celebration, Festival on the Square in Tyler and Live in Old City Park in Wylie.

Judges for the 2001 President's Awards included: Jeff Chusid of the University of Texas School of Architecture; Carol Dawson, a novelist and writer; Felix Padron, Design Enhancements Coordinator for the City of San Antonio; Ray Don Tilley of Bastrop, an architectural designer and photographer; and Karla Vining, Deputy Director with the Texas Municipal League.

Game Dinner Attracts Large Crowd



Miss Sutton County, Tori Valliant drew for many great prizes at the 33rd Annual Game Dinner, hosted by the Sutton County Game Dinner Association on Saturday, November 10, 2001. Over 1,000 people were served wild game of all sorts (and a special treat of cajun Jambalaya from the Valliant's hunters) and there was standing room only during the drawing.

Sonora I.S.D. Bond Election
Saturday, November 17, 2001
Polls open 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Precinct 1 - Civic Center
Precinct 2 - Junior High Gym
Precinct 3 - Courthouse
Precinct 4 - Fire Station

4-H Kids Cook Up Fun At County Food Show



Front row: Cadesman Pope, Bailey Joe Pennington, Stella Ingham, Alex Galindo, Nicole Lipham, Sterling Love. Back Row: Lindsey Frasier, Colton Moore, Steely Ingham, Pecos Roberts.

The Sutton County 4-H Food Show was held on Monday, November 12th. Participants prepared a dish that was judged by a panel. The kids then went through an interview process. The interviews consisted of questions regarding their knowledge of their dish, the food guide pyramid, nutrition and more. The first place winners will represent Sutton County at the District 10 4-H Food Show. The results of our local event were as follows:

Main Dish
1st Place - Cadesman Pope (Clover Kid)

Bread
1st Place - Steely Ingham (Pre Jr)
2nd Place - Alex Galindo (Pre Jr)
3rd Place - Lindsey Fraiser (Pre Jr)

Fruits and Vegetables
1st place - Stella Ingham (clover kid)
1st place - Bailey Joe Pennington (Pre jr) (This was a tie.)
1st place - Colton Moore (Junior)
2nd Place - Pecos Roberts (Junior)

Nutritious Snacks
1st Place - Sterling Love (Pre Jr)
2nd place - Nicole Lipham (Pre Jr)

Courthouse Restoration Nears Completion

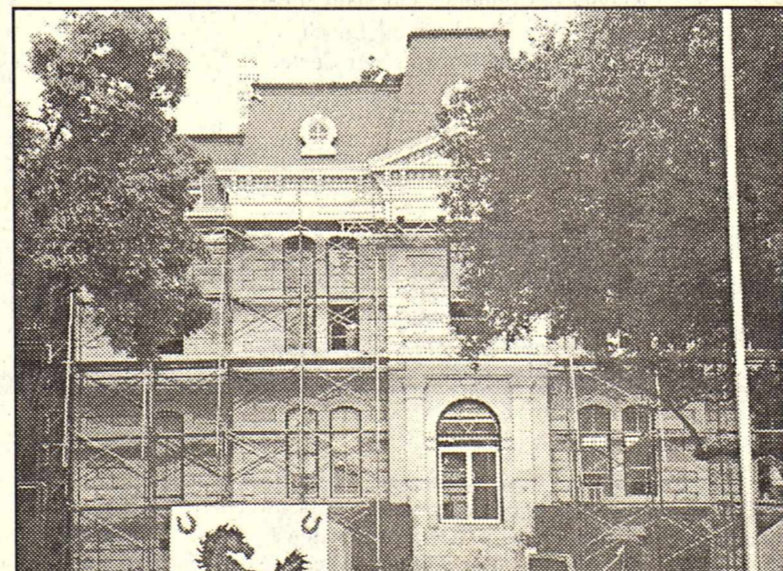
The Sutton County Courthouse is progressing toward a mid-December completion date. At present, the roof is being completely redone from the original roof of 1891. The original decorative windows on the red mansard roof have been reinstalled. An elevator has been installed to access the second floor courtroom. A new restroom with facilities for the handicapped is being built.

Extensive masonry has been done to the interior of the foundation where much of the mortar had deteriorated. Also work has been done on the exterior masonry, including cleaning and re-mortaring. All of the windows have been removed and repaired, as there was grave damage to the wood throughout. There has also been extensive re-wiring throughout the building. The colors are as near a recreation of the original colors as the Texas Historical Commission and the County's architectural firm could determine through scraping and test-

ing. Much of the work accomplished has been structural in nature due to natural deterioration over more than 100 years, and may not be evident to the naked eye. The structural repairs, however, were the most important for the first phase. Sutton County hopes to obtain further grants to compete more interior renovation.

A grand opening and dedication of the building is planned for January 17th. More information will follow.

Sutton County extends its thanks to the Texas Historical Commission, The John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust and the Sutton County Community Trust for their financial support; to its employees for enduring difficult working conditions during the construction; and to the citizens of Sutton County for their patience and understanding in connection with any inconveniences experienced during the renovation.



The Sutton County Courthouse restoration is scheduled for completion in December.

EMS Receives New Flagpole



On November 5, 2001 Sutton County EMS held a "flag raising", as an official recognition of the new flagpole at the Sutton County EMS facility. The pole, a generous gift from Lola Beth and Cleve T. Jones, came from the old Post Office on Water Street. We would like to extend our appreciation to David Creek of Creek Swabbing, Libb Mills Wallace of WJ Welding, Juan Patino of Sonora Wool and Mohair, Robert Zuniga of AEP-WTU for their assistance of material and labor to complete this project and to Tim Thorp, Keith Butler and Patrick Campbell for their long hours of planning and preparation.

LEPC Committee Discuss Emergency Operations

The Sutton County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) met for its semi-annual meeting on October 30, 2001, at the Sutton County EMS Building. The LEPC is comprised of various community members who are charged with seeing that Sonora and Sutton County are well-prepared to handle emergencies, both natural and man-made. Sutton County has a very extensive written emergency plan, with contingencies for many types of disasters, that addresses various components such as evacuation, shelter, emergency response, transportation, resources, law enforcement, etc.

At the October 30th meeting, the topic was, naturally, the current nation-wide call for a "heightened alert". Members discussed how and when an Emergency Operations Center is set up, law enforcement

response in Sonora and Sutton county and Hospital response and methods of decontamination. Additionally, State Representative Bob Turner was present for the second half of the meeting, discussing community concerns and the mission of the Texas Homeland Security Committee, to which he was appointed by Governor Perry. Representative Turner's advice to Sonora and Sutton County, among other things, was to live your daily lives as normally as possible, but do be aware of oddities in your surroundings.

Present for the meeting were Carla Garner, Treva McReynolds, Hudspeth Hospital Administrator Keith Butler, Chief Chris Croy, Sheriff Joe Fincher, Texas Ranger Brooks Long, Tommy Arwine, Ronnie Cox, Tom Payton, Vivian Mears, Bob Brockman and Representative Bob Turner.



Sonora Church Directory

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387-2035

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404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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Pastor
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Letter to the Editor

A short note to say goodbye to all my friends and neighbors in my hometown. For health reasons I am moving to the Dallas area with my daughter and son-in-law, John and Karen Edmondson. I will take fond memories with me that are filled with both laughter and tears. Remember me kindly and know I will miss you all.
Thanks,
Nettie Shaffer

Cards of Thanks

The 7th grade, 8th grade and Junior Varsity football teams would like to thank the following businesses and/or individuals for their help and generosity with meals for out-of-town games. Bar-B-Que sandwiches - Kirk Joy (Stagecoach), Chips - Matt Davenport (Frito-Lay), Paper goods - Joe San Miguel (Sonic), Drinks - Devoe Smith (Smitty's), Lisa Karnes - Circle Bar Truck Stop and Food Center.

Pack 19 Cub Scouts would like to thank everyone who purchased Trail's End Popcorn. Over 40% of the sales goes to support our local scouting program. The Cub Scout program encourages leadership, moral values, and participation within our community. Thank you for supporting our youth and keeping this program strong in Sonora and Sutton County.

Tibba Edmondson
Cubmaster - Pack 19

I would like to say a special thanks to my parents, Victor and Janice Lira, my parents, my parents Charles and Troy, my grandparents, Pete and Irene Gomez, Antonio and Maria Lira and all the rest of the family. Also, thanks to Father Bill for officiating the beautiful Mass and the St. Ann's Choir; to my friends and cousins who were able to be part of my honor court. A warm thanks to all my family's friends who attended and for their lovely gifts. I will never forget the warm welcome I received from the people of Sonora.

I would like to thank the Sutton County Extension Service for the program given Wednesday evening on the various factors that influence the tax structure in Sutton County. All of the presenters were well prepared and very informative. The program gave a wealth of information, and was extremely interesting.

Thanks again, Extension Service and presenters, for a job well done.
Carla Garner

Senior Center News

- Nov. 19 - Bingo!
- Nov. 20 - Get off your rocker - need Seniors for exercise with video. 10 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Call now!
- Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Program and Meal! Noon!
- Nov. 22 - Happy Thanksgiving Day! Center will be closed!
- Nov. 23 - Center closed for Thanksgiving Holidays! See you Monday, 26th.

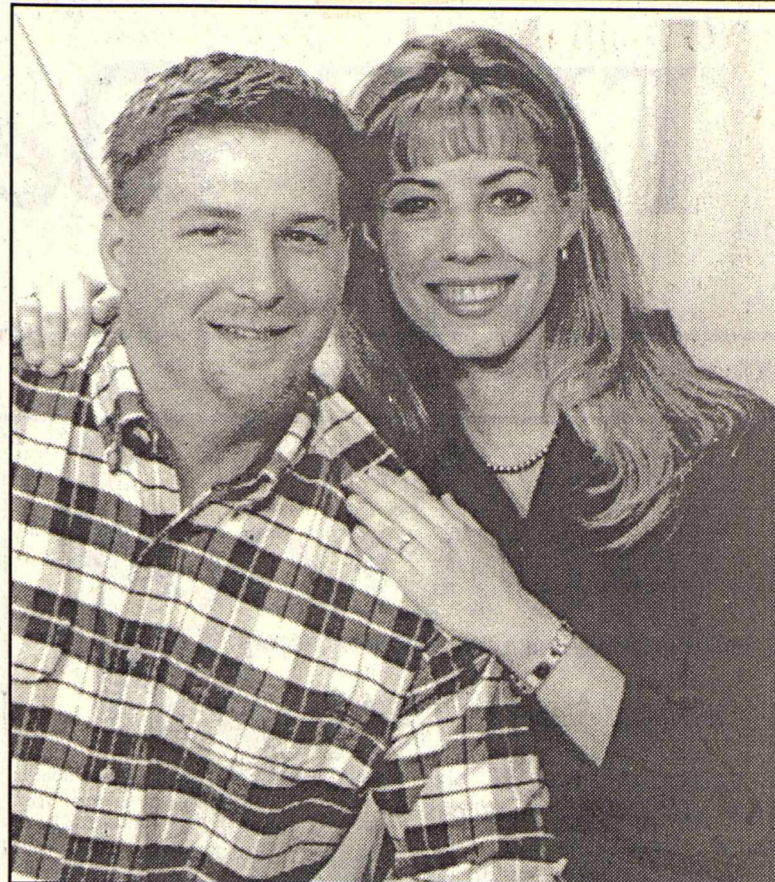
Senior Menu

- Nov. 19 - Chicken strips with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk.
- Nov. 20 - Hamburger on bun, mustard, oven French fries, lettuce, onion, tomato slices, carrot, salad, fruit cocktail, milk.
- Nov. 21 - Turkey with giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, cornbread, dressing, broccoli, roll, coleslaw, pumpkin pie.
- Nov. 22 - Happy Turkey Day! Center will be closed.
- Nov. 23 - Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday! Call 387-3888 in case of emergency.

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.

Engagement



Smith - Lock

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather D' Ann Smith to Brandon Lock of San Angelo. Brandon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock of Sonora. The couple will be married January 5, 2002 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall.

Birth Announcement

Kristin Kate Garrett of Hamilton, Texas is happy to announce the birth of her brother, James Levi. Levi was born October 24, 2001 at 3:40 p.m. in Hamilton, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 20" long. Donna and Scott Garrett are the proud parents. Maternal Grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Short of Pearl, Texas. Paternal Grandparents are Jim and Margaret Garrett, Dod and Roberta James, all of Sonora, Texas. His Maternal Great-Grandmother is Pearl Short of Pearl, Texas. Paternal Great-Grandparents are Shag and Sue Garrett of O'Donnell, Texas and the late Levi and Bernice Russell of Alberta, Virginia.

Obituary

John Davis "J.D." Murr

John Davis "J.D." Murr, 82, of Menard, Texas passed from this life on November 13, 2001 in Junction, Texas.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lewis Allen of Sonora, Texas officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Cemetery.

J.D. was born on October 28, 1919 in Ft. McKavett, Texas to John and Edith "Garrett" Murr. He married Nell Bailey in 1987 in Menard, Texas.

J.D. was a rancher, and he trained horses and dogs. There was no one better with animals, especially dogs and horses. He was a member of the Ft. McKavett Masonic Lodge, Veteran of WWII and an Episcopalian.

He is preceded in death by his late wife Dorothy Murr.

He is survived by his wife Nell Murr of Menard, Texas and 2 daughters, Brinda and Dale Brown of Kerrville, Jinx and Bob Merry of Sonora, Texas, sons; James Langford "Corky" and Judy Murr of Junction, Delton and Janice Bailey of Paint Rock, Texas, Billy D. and Terrie Bailey of Menard, Texas, Dennis and Joyce Bailey of Odessa, Texas; grandchildren Phyllis Landin, Carolyn Williams, Debbie Hunter, Trudy Dell and Lawrence Williams. Cody, Dori, Casey, Susan, Colt and Diana Murr, Juli and Levi Noguess, Amy and Gilbert Gonzales, Mike Lovelace, Travis, Tina, J.D., Bryon, Kathrin, Christy and Kami Bailey; 16 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister-in-law Pauline Murr Stegall of Junction.

Pallbearers will be Casey Murr, Cody Murr, Rocky Garrett, Billy Bailey, Delton Bailey, J.D. Sloan, Tommy Dick Nasworthy, Honorary Jug Shannon, C.A. "Mote" Trimble and Jim Lane.

"Bronco Fans" come support the Bronco Football team Friday as they head to Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo to take on the Ozona Lions. There will be a send-off in front of Sonora High School. The send-off will begin at 3:00 p.m. Bronco parents and fans will also be on Highway 277 at the City Limits Sign. If you can't make it to the High School, join the Bronco parents and fans on the outskirts of town. Bring lots of noise makers and signs. See you there.
Go Broncos! Cage The Lions!

Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118
- La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
- Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
- Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623
- Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127
- Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
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School Lunch Menu • Nov. 19 - Nov. 23

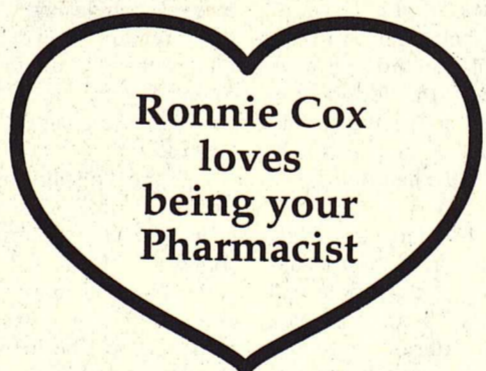
- Breakfast**
- Mon. - Toast, peanut butter, jelly, assorted juice.
- Tues. - Scrambled eggs, biscuits, jelly, assorted juice.
- Wed. - No school. Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Thurs. - No school. Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Fri. - No school. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - Baked Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, jello, hot roll.
- Tues. - Sausage on tortilla, ranch style beans, fried okra, cookie.
- Wed. - No school. Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Thurs. - No school. Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Fri. - No school. Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Community

- Nov. 17
Vote on Bond Election
- Nov. 18
Knights of Columbus and Main Street Program
Thanksgiving Lunch
12:00 Noon • Civic Center

The Community Calendar

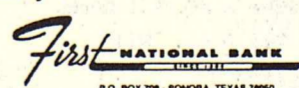


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Calendar

- Nov. 19
Sonora Schools P.T.A.
6:00 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium
- Nov. 20
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- Nov. 26
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Oh Say Can You See...that our flag is NOT still there?

Flag Theft Is Not A Prank!

by Max Howorth

Recently, Jimmie and I went back to Houston to visit friends in our old stomping grounds. We spent time in our old neighborhood and took in some of the big city life that we had gladly left behind when we moved to Sonora last year.

Houston neighborhoods are a lot like ours here in Sonora in at least one respect, that being the overwhelming demonstration of patriotism being shown since September 11 by flying our country's flag. I was surprised, though, when one of our former neighbors asked if I would help elevate her flag, which was on a bracket attached to the front of the house, to a higher level, "to make it harder to steal". She said that a number of flags in the neighborhood had been stolen recently, apparently by a roving band of teenagers. I was glad to help move the flag, although I was saddened by the reason we were forced to do so. Then I experienced one of those moments I have almost become accustomed to since moving to Sonora - a moment of intense pride and relief that we now live in a place where we don't have to worry about such meanness.

Like our Houston neighbors and many people across the country, our family too has tried to show our patriotism and support for our new war by flying American flags at the entrance to our property on Loop 467. Many Sonorans have commented on how they enjoyed seeing those flags on their way to and from town. You might imagine my surprise and disgust when my daughter called, on the same day I helped raise the Houston flag out of thieves' reach, to inform me that our flags had been stolen! On October 30, between Noon and 3 p.m., someone climbed and stood atop a 7-foot wall and ripped the flags from their poles, leaving shreds of cloth still hanging.

We don't know who did it, and don't even want to speculate whether it was the work of local pranksters or some degenerate passerby, because to accuse wrongly is a violation of the very principles the stolen flags symbolize. But, whoever did it is guilty of more than just a prank. Besides being sneaks and coward, they are also trespassers, vandals, thieves and desecrators of our national symbol - acts that, if we ever find the perpetrators, deserve prosecution.

Our flags are going back up - only this time under lock and key and much more vigilance. And, learning a regrettable lesson from our friends in the big city, this time they will be raised a little bit higher to be out of thieves' reach.

Dear Editor:

We left Ft. Davis, Texas, before sunup on 24 October 2001, took a good look at Big Bend National Park in the kind of bright, beautiful weather that southwestern Texas is famous for, then headed north to Sonora. We checked in to the Holiday Host Motel and then went out looking for a place to eat.

We settled on La Mexicana Restaurant; it seemed especially appropriate since we were on our way home from a wonderful visit to Mexico (an Elderhostel program out of Ft. Davis). The four of us enjoyed a fine meal, but when we asked for the check, we were informed that a gentleman had already paid for our suppers and left the premises. Needless to say, we all became instant admirers of both our anonymous benefactor and the gracious hospitality of your fine city to four strangers on their first visit to Sonora, Texas. We hope that when our benefactor reads this, he will know that we were deeply touched by his kindness.

Dick and June Gorham
Xenia, Ohio
Paul and Muriel Curry
Middletown, Ohio

TERRORISM-WHAT IS THAT?

I get a big laugh at the dialogue of Osama bin Laden, the Taliban, politicians, and the news media. They say terrorists will hit us again in the oncoming weeks and months. What a joke! You have a better chance of getting killed on Interstate 35E than by a terrorist.

Osama has probably seen 100 degree plus summers in Afghanistan, but he doesn't have fire ants to go with it. If he did he wouldn't be sleeping on the ground in his cave. He talks of pain and suffering he is going to inflict on us. He doesn't know what pain is until he gets kicked by a green broke, two year old colt in a freezing rain.

Germ warfare? Texas ticks will give you Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme disease, blister beetles kill your horse, green bugs destroy a wheat crop, and termites eat your house. Anthrax has killed Texas cattle for over 125 years.

What's new?

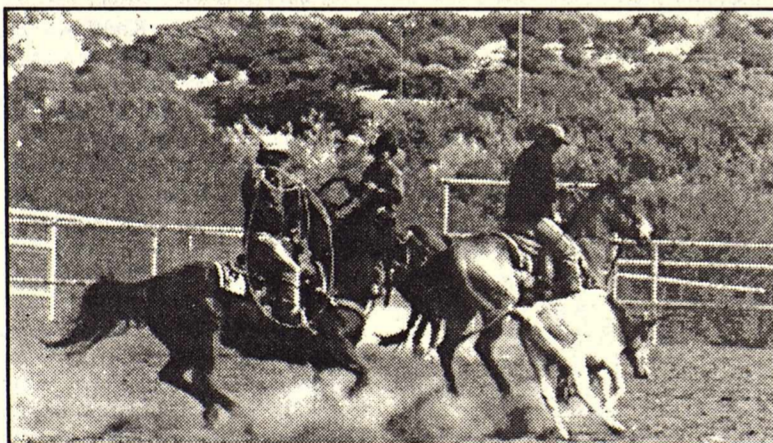
Our prairie dogs carry the plague, armadillos carry leprosy, and our bats and skunks carry rabies. We have rattlesnakes, copperheads, and water moccasins. Ho hum.

They talk of gas and biological warfare. They have never pulled in behind a cattle truck while it's raining, or ridden in the front seat of a pickup between two cowboys after they have just eaten a big bowl of Texas Red.

Texas ain't for sissies! We have posted signs all over the state that say "Don't mess with Texas!" Osama, consider yourself warned!

Dwight Crawford Sr. of Sanger, Texas

PRCA's Best Rope In Sonora



Reigning World Champion Team Ropers, Speed Williams (heading) and Rich Skelton (heeling), practice for the upcoming National Finals Rodeo at the Powers Roping Arena in Sonora.

Bad Company Rodeo is gearing up for another great National Finals Rodeo in 2001. Bad Company was selected for the fourth year in a row to provide the Team Roping Steers for the world championship event held in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 7-16. The top 15 teams in the World Standings were invited to Sonora, TX to rope and select the steers that will be used at the National Finals. Twenty ropers were on hand to help rope the fresh steers, including reigning four time World Champions Speed Williams and Rich Skelton. All total approximately 450 runs were made during the practice session in determining the best 60 head of steers to take to Las Vegas. Williams and Skelton were joined by National Finals Rodeo qualifiers Tyler Magnus, David Key, Martin Lucero, Kevin

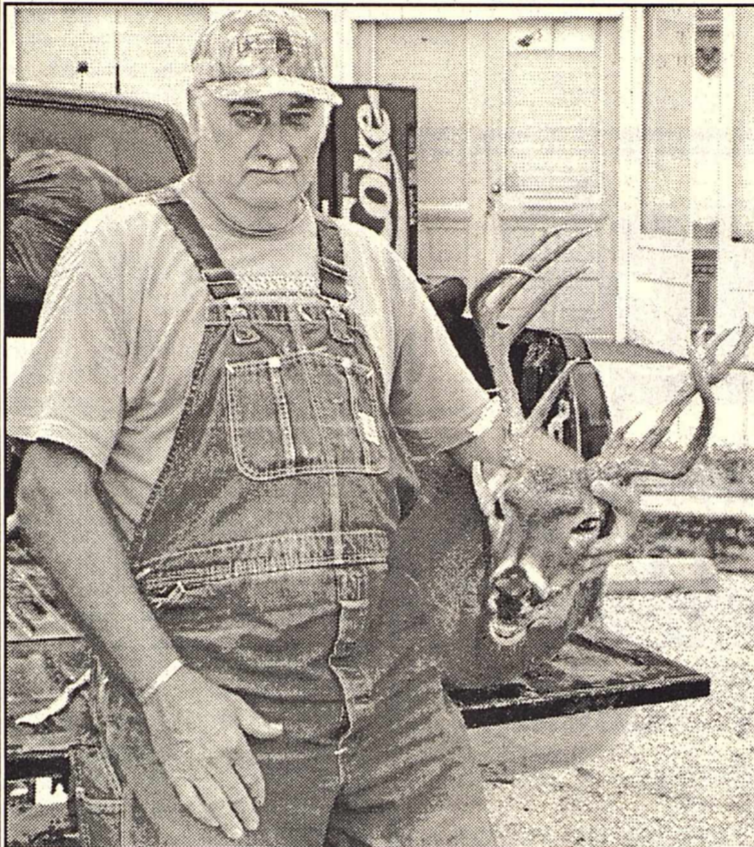
Stewart and Turtle Powell. Rich Skelton commented after the all day roping session that he felt, "that these were the best steers yet at the National Finals."

Bad Company Rodeo is also getting ready for the National Finals Steer Roping which will be held in Amarillo, TX on November 16-17. Bad Company was selected by the Top 20 Steer Ropers in the world to provide the stock for the 2001 NFSR. Mack Altizer of Bad Company Rodeo commented, "I feel like this could possibly be the best steer roping finals ever. You have the best ropers in the world competing on the best horses in the world. Along with using cattle that has been roped before; which allows us to bring known, quality cattle to the event."

Who's Baggin' The Big Bucks?



Neal Crites of Jonestown, TX got this beauty while hunting Saturday, Nov. 10th on the Finklea Bros. Ranch. The 14 pt. buck was 4 1/2 years old and had an 18" overall spread. Sutton County Game Biologist, Mary Humphrey scored the deer a 169 gross on the Boone & Crockett scale. Crites was using a 7 mm from about 150 yards out when he made the score.



This 13 pt. buck was killed by Emory Watts of Livingston, TX when he was hunting on the Gene Shurley Ranch this weekend. The 4 1/2 year old deer was scored a 124.9 on the Boone & Crockett and an inside spread of 13 5/8. Watts got this one from about 90 yards out with a .270 Winchester.

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B) two violations of a law that regulates the operation of a motor vehicle at a railroad grade crossing that occur within a three year period; or

3.) one year if convicted of three violations of a law that regulates the operation of a motor vehicle at a railroad crossing that occur within a three year period.

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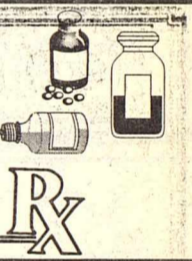
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Sanchez Has Lucky First Hunt



Michael Sanchez, 7 years old, went on his first "Youth Only Weekend Hunt" on October 27, 2001, under the guidance of his dad, David Sanchez. Michael shot 2 turkeys that day, one being a gobbler that had a beard measuring 10 inches and spurs measuring 1 inch. Michael used a model 700 .223 rifle. The hunt took place in Crockett County on the Penn Baggett Ranch.

Bronco Boosters Elect New Officers

Following the showing of the game film on November 5, 2001 by Coach Jason Herring to the Booster Club, a short business meeting was held. Lee Bloodworth conducted an election of officers. Officers for the remainder of 2001 and the upcoming 2002 year are: Ray Glasscock - President, Manuel Lopez - Vice President, and Mary Jean Sims - Secretary/Treasurer.

Al Elliott gave a brief report on the finances of the club. Fundraisers for this year included: memberships, sale of ads for the football program, program sales, and pre-game dinners. The following programs benefit from the monies raised: football, cross country, cheerleaders, girls and boys basketball and track, softball, baseball, tennis, and golf.

Ronda Hall donated the use of an extra room at Ronda's Stylin Haus for the purpose of selling Bronco items. The "Bronco Room" is open and ready for business.

Glasscock asked members in attendance to make other parents aware that the Booster Club supports all Sonora sports, both girls and boys. For more information about Boosters or to join, contact Ray Glasscock at 387-9333 or any of the other officers or members.

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Hunters and landowners who would like to contribute deer to be distributed through the Ministerial Alliance Deer Distribution program may take their deer to Sonora Deer Processing at 804 Glasscock. If you would like to receive a deer, you may request one by calling the office of the Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, at 387-3322 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or the office of the Texas Department of Health at 387-2234.

The Knights of Columbus and Main Street Program Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with Turkey & Trimmings will be November 18, 2001, starting at 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Live Entertainment will be provided. Senior Citizens Eat Free. Donations Accepted! For more information call Mike Villanueva at 387-5300, Joe San Miguel at 387-6003 or 277-1662 or Ann Kay at 387-2248.

Sonora ISD Bond Election Dates:
 Election Day is Nov. 17 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Precinct 1 - Sutton County Civic Center; Precinct 2 - Sonora Junior High Gym; Precinct 3 - Sutton County Courthouse; Precinct 4 - Sonora Fire Station.

Remember the Sutton Co. Sr. Center will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23. Seniors are needed for the exercise classes on Tuesday. The van trip for Nov. 2nd will be Wednesday the 14th because of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Sign up now.

New Life Ministries is offering Bible-based classes each Tuesday afternoon and evening. See ad in Classified Section for more information.

HIP To Host 6th Annual Vaquero Graduation For Crockett and Sutton County

Sonora, TX - It's Roundup Time! Saturday, November 17, 2001, the Heritage Intervention Programs, Inc. (HIP), will hold its 6th Annual "El Campo de los Vaqueros" Cowboy Camp Graduation for Crockett and Sutton County Youth at the Sonora Middle School on 2nd Street at 11 a.m. Five volunteer adult mentors and fourteen youth will receive recognition and graduation certificates after attending summer camp. The group traveled to Brownsville, TX in June for a weeklong stay at Camp Lulasams Environmental Preserve. The group also visited South Padre Island, (quite a thrill for West Texas boys). Family and friends are invited to attend.

The statewide HIP programs are designed as yearlong prevention programs for youth ages 7-13. Using the discipline, pride, and perseverance of the Vaquero as a model, this program seeks to enhance personal responsibilities and self-esteem in young men through a message of anti-drug,

anti-gang, stay-in-school-and-be-somebody. The program is set up to mentor participants on a weekly basis with the group attending an outing of some Vaquero significance once a month. The camp, El Campo de Los Vaqueros, offers activities such as horsemanship, horseback riding, roping, archery, canoeing, swimming, repelling, team building sports, life skills, and discipline development skills.

Funds for the Crockett, Sutton County Vaquero Youth Program are provided by a grant from Texas Rural Communities and partnerships with the Crockett, Sutton County probation Department, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Ann's Church, Church of the Good Shepherd, Sutton County Child Protective Board and The Multi-Chem Group, LLC. With special thanks to Commissioner Mike Villanueva, Jed Davenport and Brother Ben.

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Sonora Schools Make The Grade In Texas Monthly

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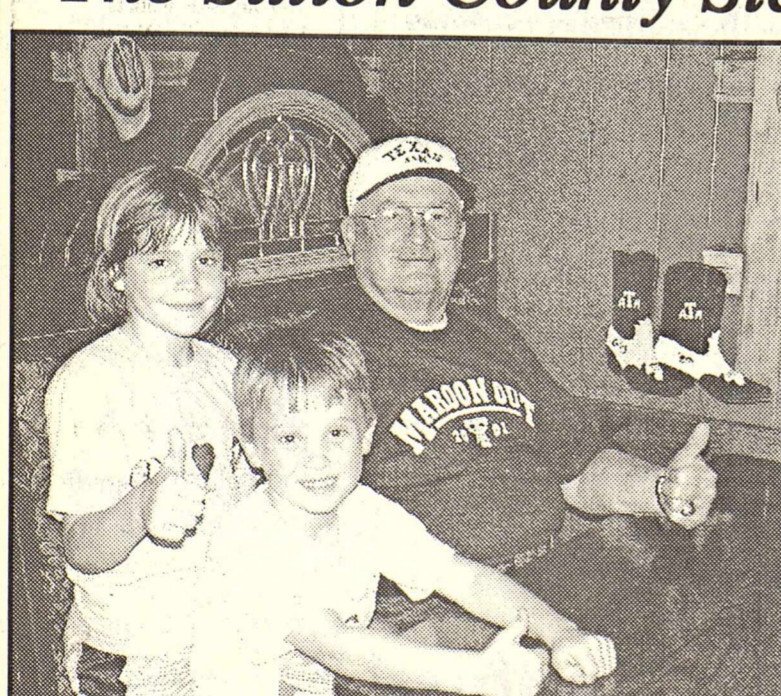
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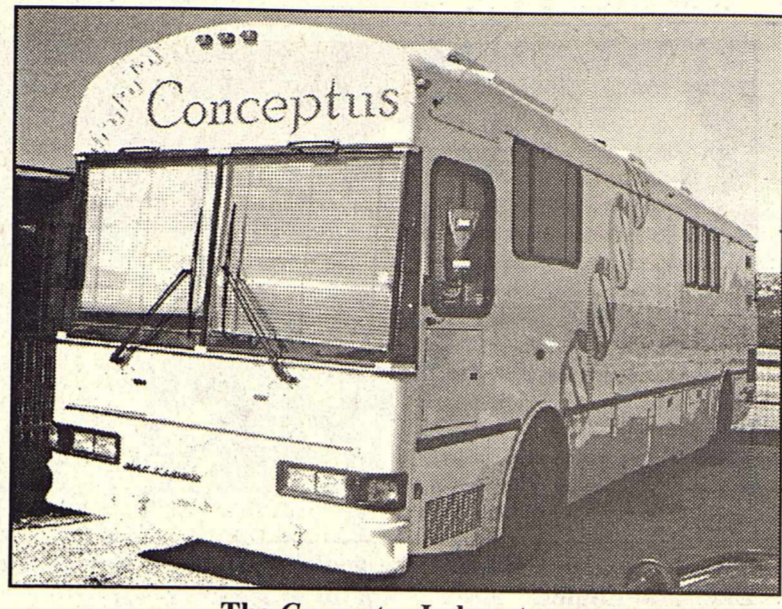
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Conceptus Visits Morriss Ranch



The Conceptus Laboratory

by **Storie Sharp**
 Sutton County rancher, Tommy Morriss recently completed an Embryo Transfer program using Southern Veterinary Services, Inc. (SVS) The Georgia-based company offers professional service throughout the continental U.S. They specialize in reproductive services for small hoof stock. SVS operates in a "state of the art" mobile surgery suite, designed to offer a controlled environment which provides the best service to the ranchers.

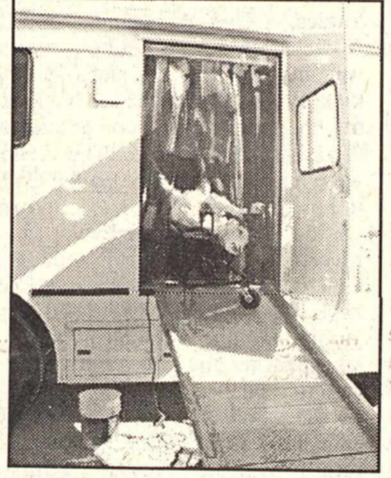
Greg Stewart, DVM, MS, PH.D. and his team of experts, Jean C. van Niekerk, B.Vsc. M.R.C.V.S - Veterinarian and Moozie van Niekerk - Embryologist, Technician, visited the Morriss ranch last week. Neighboring ranchers and fellow meat goat breeders assisted in the overall preparations. The procedures were done in the "Conceptus" bus/laboratory next to the barns. The new bus allows the team to travel to any remote place and can even operate without electricity due to an on-board generator. If for some reason the generator loses power, they can still operate for up to 6 hours by using solar power. The process consisted of removing eggs from 14 donor goats and surgically replacing the embryos in 120 recipient nannies. Stewart said they expected about a 60% success rate.

and many breeders that used the tool in the early days are understandably still hesitant to recommend it today.

Despite the set backs, the industry continues to evolve in three major steps. The perfection of semen freezing, the identification of the best time to inseminate, and the development of an insemination technique most suited to goats.

The hit and miss methods of the 70's have been immensely improved over the years. Techniques have been improved, using a transcervical insemination technique. This technique is quick, non surgical and very effective. Conception rates have been consistently higher in the last 10 - 15 years. The overall success of transcervical AI was eventually shown to be a combination of equipment, technique and skill of the operator.

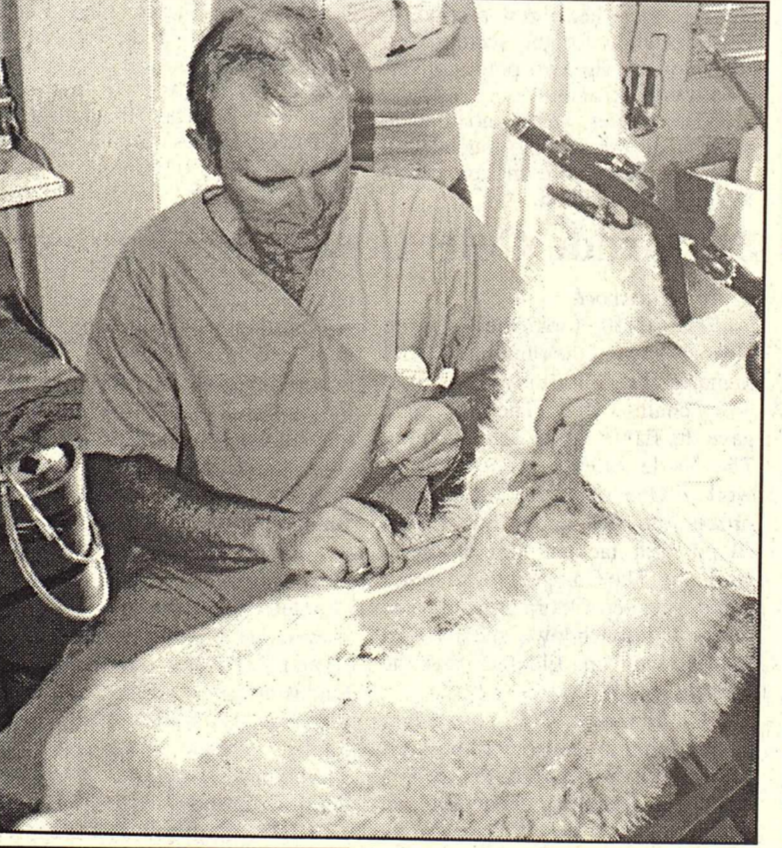
The technique can achieve conception rates as high as 85% with frozen semen. The results equate that of natural mating.



The recipient goats are rolled up into the Conceptus bus for the embryo transfer.

Of the 22 ranches that the SVS team assists, 15 are in the Sutton County area.

Ranchers use these Embryonic transfers to continue a strong pedigree elite level of registered stock that is in demand. Artificial breeding in goats has been a valuable tool in the enhancement of quality and quantity of breeding stock for close to forty years. Artificial breeding in goats is not without its problems



Jean C. van Niekerk transfers the embryo to the recipient goat in the Conceptus surgery room.

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Landowners and Potential Landowners Invited To Rangeland Restoration Workshop

by **Blair Fannin**
 AUSTIN - Landowners as well as future landowners will want to attend a free rangeland restoration workshop scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Travis County Cooperative Extension office.

Titled "Rangeland Restoration -- Jump Starting Mother Nature," the program will teach how to improve the condition of a ranch and how to do it quickly, according to Ray Hinnant, senior rangeland research associate at Texas A&M University and workshop instructor.

"We're going to be talking about developing trigger sites, which are protected areas managed differently than the rest of the ranch in order to provide habitat for a seed source," he said. "This will then lead to putting some of the better native grasses on a ranch."

Hinnant said a question and answer session will give individuals the opportunity to ask specific questions on management of a particular ranch. The workshop will also cater to "absentee" landowners - those who own land but do not use that as

their homestead.

"But we are certainly wanting small acreage folks or anybody who owns rangeland in any part of Texas to attend as well," Hinnant said.

"There's a lot of depleted rangeland out there. Most of the country people are buying is depleted and most don't have the expertise to do restoration on their own. We will provide them with this information and fast-track them to make improvements in a fairly short period of time."

The Travis County Extension office is located at 1600-B Smith Road in Austin. Participants may also be interested in attending an upcoming basic rangeland management workshop Jan. 10-12 and a burning workshop scheduled Feb. 7-9.

For more information about the workshop or any of the upcoming workshops, contact Hinnant at (979) 845-5580 or by e-mail at rhinnant@tamu.edu. Also, check out the Web at <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm>.

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Task Force on Homeland Security Makes First Recommendations

AUSTIN -- Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss) announced today that the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security met in Houston to examine the security of the Port of Houston and other petroleum facilities. Turner, who was appointed to the task force in early October, had the opportunity to meet with local law enforcement officials and local elected officials.

Turner said, "We are making great progress in this monumental task. The Homeland Security Task Force for the State of Texas is further along than all other states. We started early, and we are dedicating many extra hours to ensure the safety of Texas."

During the meeting, the task force voted on seven recommendations that will be sent to Governor Perry. All recommendations passed unanimously and are listed below:

1. Recommend the Governor consider adoption of the Texas Department of Health's recent plan to add new laboratories for increased testing and response capabilities in the event of an anthrax or bio-terrorism event in Texas, to add a chemical attack response team, to improve health alerts for local communities, and to create a State Office of Epidemiology at a biennial cost of \$12 million.
2. Recommend the Governor consider directing state health services agencies to improve reporting to the Department of Health of infectious diseases, and to better coordinate responses in the event of an act of bio-terrorism. We also suggest the Governor consider requesting the assistance of the Texas Medical Association and other state health organizations in achieving the objectives.
3. Recommend that the Governor consider expanding the

role of the National Guard at Texas Airports and deploy after federal authorization National Guard at selected private and government infrastructures during periods of high alerts.

4. Recommend the Governor consider supporting funding of additional personnel and training for the Department of Public Safety for intelligence and law enforcement efforts to detect and deter terrorism.
5. Recommend that the Governor consider requesting federal funding from the Department of Defense for a second certified Civil Support Team (CST) for the Texas National Guard.
6. Recommend the Governor consider an administrative action to ensure that appropriate training resources are available for all first response efforts.
7. Recommend the Governor consider requesting all cities of 100,000 or greater to seek the Texas Department of Transportation's assistance in developing plans for designating hazardous material routes.

"This is a great time for the citizens of Texas to take an active role, because it's everyday citizens that have the task of reporting suspicious matters," Turner stated. "I encourage citizens of Texas to contact me or my staff with their comments and recommendations."

The task force will meet in Dallas on November 27th. The time and place are not confirmed at this time. You may follow the progress of the task force by calling Representative Bob Turner's office at (512)-463-0644 or go online at www.governor.state.tx.us/homelandsecurity <<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/homelandsecurity>>

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Lay The Rumors To Rest



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

The past eight weeks have been tough. There are scores of terrible, heartbreaking stories out there. Stories of lost loved ones. Stories of desperate situations. Stories of terrible circumstances.

These stories have been difficult to swallow. They've brought on emotions that many of us did not know we possessed. And then on top of these human life stories, we have the never-ending barrage of warnings, news updates and added threats. Sometimes it's just too much to handle. We force ourselves to close the newspaper and turn off the television. Anything to find some relief.

The amount of information is staggering. But when you start adding "urban legends" to the list, it becomes too much.

Urban legends are a lot like the "telephone" game we played when we were kids. With every additional person who tells the story, it becomes more and more distorted. Like any rumor that circulates at the office water cooler, most of the time, we have no idea how these things get started. A friend of a friend? A sibling's friend's roommate from college? Or maybe a conversation overheard in line at the grocery store? Unfortunately, what begins as harmless gossip turns into tales of confusion and anxiety.

In an attempt to end the rumors, I'd like to introduce three myths that have been circulating since September 11th.

An email distributed within days of the September 11th attack claimed that thirty U-Haul trucks had been stolen by terrorists who will use them in the ongoing attack on America. This helpful "heads-up" email fed upon the fear that further terrorist attacks were imminent and that they could take place anywhere, at any time. Thankfully, this rumor was completely false. Spokespeople for Ryder, U-Haul and Verizon trucks denied that any of their trucks went missing or had been stolen.

Just weeks before October 31st, another warning began circulating. The message warned of a potential terrorist strike on Halloween. The email tells of a girl who received a letter from her disappeared Afghani boyfriend. In the letter, the boyfriend warns that terrorist are going to strike at U.S. malls on Halloween. This story is another example of an email hoax. Although the FBI's National Press Office fielded many phone calls about this message, they could find

no evidence of an original letter. There were no attacks on malls or any other destination. This was nothing more than a cruel hoax meant to concern people.

Many of us heard rumors of a crop duster that sprayed boats on the Mississippi with a harmful substance. There was a second rumor that a couple days later, a second plane dusted a Coast Guard post with fine white granules. The close proximity of the two incidents fueled concerns that yet another terrorist attack was underway. Thankfully, both incidents turned out to be absent of ill intent. As it turns out, the Mississippi boat was sprayed by harmless smoke. And the plane that flew over the Coast Guard post was flying through a substance apparently already in the air. The pilot of the plane just happened to be flying overhead and contacted authorities himself the next day.

These are just a few examples of the urban legends that are circulating across the country and the world. It's tough to sort out truth and conspiracy when you receive an email that has been forwarded multiple times. But I'd like to remind you that in many instances, there's no truth or obvious threat. You should feel confident that if there is a serious threat upon our nation, our law enforcement agencies are doing their job and taking care of our welfare. As we've seen in weeks past, they are keeping us informed every step of the way.

The best thing we can do right now is trust those in charge and not get caught up in what amounts to a vicious rumor.

I'm thankful to report that not all of these urban legends are based on fear and anxiety. My final example is another story that has been passed along by email. It tells of the incredible generosity that was seen in a small town in Newfoundland. When American airspace was closed after the September 11 terrorist attacks, the town of Gander played host to thousands of airline passengers stranded there. A total of 240 flights were rerouted to Canada, and 39 of those flights ended up in Gander. The townspeople of Gander came through amazingly in the crisis. They provided beds and living accommodations in the town schools, planned tours for the stranded passengers, cooked dinners and kept restaurants open to feed hungry mouths.

This story reminds us of the goodness and kindness that exists in the human spirit. It reminds us that good does conquer evil. It reminds us that we will prevail, we will move forward and we will be stronger for it. God Bless each of you. And may God continue to bless America!

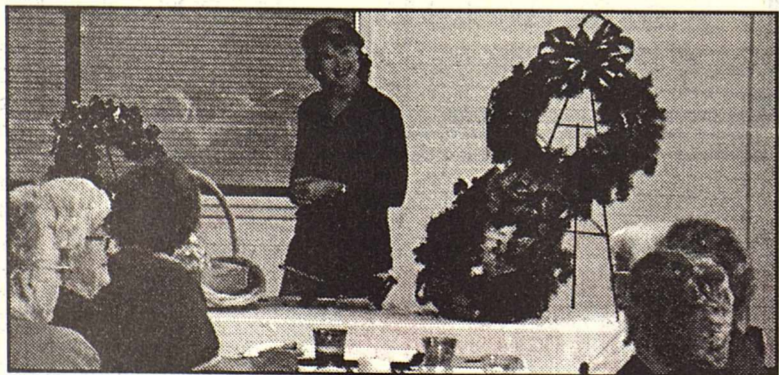
Hudspeth Education Series Offers Healthy Holiday Tips



Kelly Thorp, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, entertained guests at the 3rd quarter Hudspeth Educational Series with Healthy Eating Tips for the Holidays. Kelly gave information on how to give your Thanksgiving meal a make over, since the average person gains 7 lbs. over the holidays. Kelly then prepared a Healthy Holiday Recipe for the ladies to taste.

The Ladies Auxiliary met after Kelly's presentation and discussed upcoming fundraisers. A cookbook is in the process and all proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new Cardiac Telemetry machine. They are also planning a rummage sale for the first Friday in December. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the purchase of patient recliners for the newly remodeled hospital rooms.

After the Auxiliary meeting was adjourned, Lisa Seaton of Lisa's Flowers & Gifts and Irene Friess of Flowers by Irene, gave demonstrations on holiday wreath and centerpiece making.



Visitors were treated to holiday crafts by Lisa Seaton and Irene Friess.



Broncos from page 5

With a minute and twelve seconds left in the first quarter, William Renfro would use pure strength and power to break tackles and pound into the end-zone for his second score of the evening and the Broncos third. Stetson Hall would drill the PAT to put the Broncos up by twenty-one. Eagles 0 - Broncos 21.

The Eagles fourth possession of the game would end in the same fashion as the previous three. Three plays and punt. The Broncos would close out the first quarter in possession of the football. In the opening minute of the second quarter, the Eagles would finally be able to stop the Bronco Express. Good defensive pressure would keep the Broncos from converting a fourth and six play at the Eagle forty-two. With eleven minutes showing on the second quarter clock, the Bronco defense led by Josh Everett and Chance Armke would continue to limit the Eagles on yardage gained. The Broncos would suffer their first miscue on their next possession. Short runs by Renfro and Fields would move the ball into Eagle territory at the Eagle forty-seven. When it looked like the Broncos were on their way to another score, Sean Fields would have the ball knocked from his grasp and Eagle defender, Wesley Jones, would recover at their own thirty-nine. It would be the only bright spot of the first half for the Eagles, as the Bronco defense continued the relentless pressure and forced Eldorado to punt for the fifth time. With three minutes and forty-five seconds left in the half, the Broncos would start again at their twenty-six.

Going primarily with the pass; Bronco quarterback, Scottie Moore, would connect with James Elliott, Stetson Hall, and Emmanuel Lopez to get the Express on the move.

Runs by William Renfro would also aide in advancing the ball to the Eagle seventeen. At the seventeen, the Eagle defense would stiffen and force the Red Hosses to try a thirty-five yard field goal. The snap from Brandon West was good, the hold by Sean Fields was good and the kick by Stetson Hall was up and away and good by a yard. Eagles 0 - Broncos 24. With only eleven seconds showing on the halftime clock, the Eagles were content to run out the clock.

Having deferred, the Broncos would start the second half with the football.

It would not take the Broncos long to establish their intent. It would take three plays; the first, a pass to Elliott that Andrew Anderson would bat away. The second, a sixteen yard run by Sean Fields and the third, a forty-nine yard sprint by Fields that would result in the Broncos final score of the night. Stetson Hall would remain perfect on the night, as he would split the uprights for the Broncos thirty-first point. Eagles 0 - Broncos 31. Eldorado's first possession of

the second half was a mirror image of the ones in the first half. Beau Hughes, Chance Armke, Israel Arevalo, and Stetson Hall would lead the Big Red Machine in forcing the Eagles to punt. With a little over nine minutes showing on the third quarter clock; the Broncos went back to work at their own twenty-four. Runs by Fields and Renfro along with passes to Elliott moved the ball to the Eagle twenty-nine. Faced with a fourth and eight, the Broncos suffered their second miscue of the game. Quarterback, Scottie Moore, would throw an interception; with Eagle defender, Benji Gonzalez being the recipient of the pass. Eldorado would return the favor on their next possession, as Bronco new-comer Chris Martin would pick off a Ramon Barajas pass to give the Broncos excellent field position at the Eagle thirty-seven. With five minutes and eighteen seconds left in the third quarter, the Red Hosses were unable to capitalize on the turn-over and would have to turn the ball over on downs after only gaining a yard to the thirty-six. The Eagles woes would continue on their next possession, as Bronco cornerback, Sean Fields, would intercept another Barajas pass and give the Broncos possession at their own thirty-one. With a little less than two minutes left in the third quarter, the Broncos were unable to get anything going offensively and were forced to punt to close out the quarter. To open the fourth quarter, the Eagles were finally able to put some points on the board. Using almost three minutes and seven plays; Eldorado used the running attack of Quisto Gonzalez and Benji Gonzalez to cover the fifty-four yards needed. On a second and goal at the two, Quisto Gonzalez would score the Eagles touchdown. He would also score the two point conversion to give the Eagles 8 points to the Broncos 31. Each team would have a possession to finish out the fourth quarter. The reserves for the Broncos would advance the ball into Eagle territory and then have to punt for the first time in the game. The Eagles would prove to be more productive; as they would start at their own nineteen and advance the football to the Bronco ten. However, the final "buzzer" would sound before the Eagles could cross the Broncos goal line. The Broncos would preserve their final 2001 district win 31 to 6.

The Broncos second season starts this Friday in San Angelo. The Red Hosses will play the Ozona Lions in this Bi-District bout starting at 7:30 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

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