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"Oh, Say Can You See..."

If you can't see it, you aren't looking. Travelers on IH-10, as well as Sonora residents, can't miss the new 20x30' American Flag flying high up on Eaton Hill. The flag was finally raised at a special ceremony held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

A large crowd was on hand as local Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts presented the colors and helped begin the raising of "Old Glory". Returning guest, FDNY Paramedic Frank Riboni made the celebratory first turning of the crank that started the red, white and blue up the 60 foot pole.

Justin McGeath, Sonora Industrial Development

Corporation Manager gave information on the flag project and thanked everyone that made the project possible: Jimmy Cahill and Cahill Construction, Rick Taylor, Son-Tex Rathole Service, Dominion, Schlumberger, Frank Wamble, Eagle and Boy Scouts, Concho Concrete, Texas Land & Ranches, contributors to the "Old Glory Fund", and all the volunteers that worked so hard to honor our country by having the flag put in place.

The "Old Glory Fund", located at First National Bank will help replace tattered flags and supplement the electricity costs to light the flag at night.

Dr. Johnson Resigns From Hospital Board

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, June 10, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex of the Hospital. The following directors were present: Lewis Allen, President; Sherrill dannheim, Vice President; Preston Faris, Mike Healy, Virginia Epps, and Lenora Pool. Also present were Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District; Ben Epps; Keith Butler, Administrator; Carolyn Lara; and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After the meeting was called to order and minutes from prior meetings were approved, Allen read a letter from Dr. Alvis Johnson. Dr. Johnson stated in his letter that he was resigning his position on the Board of Directors at this time.

Rex Ann Friess reported

current 2001 taxes were 98% collected. For the 2002 tax year, estimated taxable values might increase by approximately 69 million. Fifty-six (56) million of this is on the mineral and utility roll. Friess stated that she had reappraised all homes in town, which is a requirement by law to be done every three years. The increased appraised value of the homes is due to market sales being very low. Friess advised that July 24, 2002 is the deadline to certify the values.

Allen appointed Virginia Epps and Lenora Pool as members of the Joint Conference Committee, to attend the quarterly Medical staff meetings, for the year 2002 to 2003.

Butler advised the Board that the Open House would be

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Property Tax Protest And Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

The appraisal district encourages property owners to

meet with the staff to review the property appraisals before a protest is filed. Call Rex Ann or Mary at 915-387-2809, 387-6148 or go by the office at 300 E. Oak St.

Deadline for Filing Protest

The usual deadline is 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you. The mineral related notices were mailed May 24th. The protest deadline is June 24th and the hearing is scheduled for July 9th. The real estate notices were mailed June 6th. The protest deadline is July 6th and the hearing is scheduled for July 22nd.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you are unable to resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the review board.

The appraisal review board is an independent board of local citizens that review problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal dis-

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Courthouse Re-dedication Hosts Special Guests

The Sutton County Courthouse was re-dedicated on Tuesday, June 11, 2002. A Bar-B-Que lunch and ceremony celebrated the re-modeling job that began in February of 2001. The courthouse was restored to look like it did in its original state. Interior work was also done, adding an elevator and an ADA accessible restroom.

County Judge Carla Garner welcomed visitors and gave a brief explanation of the work that had been completed.

Miss Sutton County, Tori Valliant gave the Invocation, followed by a Proclamation from Robert Howden, Sr. Advisor to Governor Rick Perry.

After comments from Texas Historical Commission Deputy Executive Director Terry Colley, a plaque was presented by Stan Graves, the Director of the Texas Historical Commission Division of Architecture.

Mayor Jim Stephen followed with a reading of Proclamation from the City of



Sonora.

Honored guests were then introduced and recognized, including Lyman Labry of the Texas Historical Commission Division of Architecture, Debbie Head, PR of THC; Gabriel Lozano, Representative

of U. S. Congressman Henry Bonilla; State Representative Harvey Hilderbran; John Volz and Joan Cabiness of Volz & Associates Architects; FDNY Paramedic, Frank Riboni and CRMS EMT Rosey Velez.

A special Red Ribbon

Cutting was held on the Courthouse steps. Harold Martinez cooked up a great meal for everyone to enjoy. If you haven't visited the courthouse to see the improvements be sure to stop by.

EMS To Offer First Aid Course

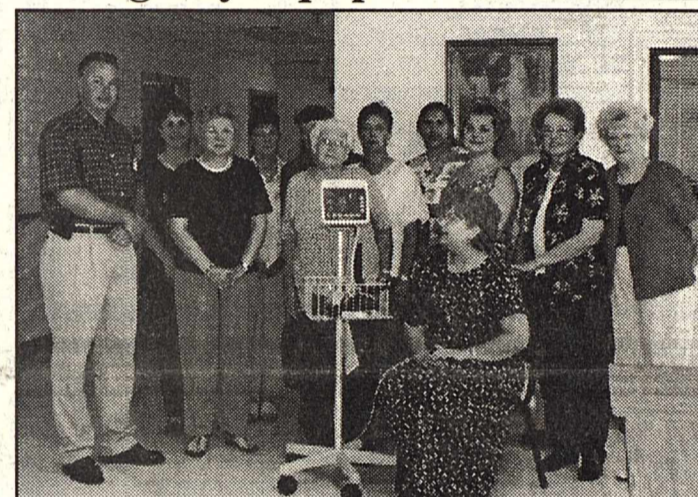
The Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor a Six Hour First Aid course for the public. The course will be June 26, (Wednesday) and June 27, (Thursday) from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. both nights.

The first aid course will include medical illnesses, such as heart attack, stroke diabetic emergencies and accidental injuries and their treatment. Among the list of skills presented, you will learn what to do for choking victims, how to stop major bleeding, and bandaging and splinting with materials you may have available in your home. This course is highly recommended for parents, teachers, and others who work with children. It is a valuable course for anyone interested in reducing the sudden effects of illness or injury.

The cost of the first aid course will be \$30.00 per person. To enroll for this course, please contact Sutton County Emergency Medical Service at 387-5132 or come by the office at 211 East Third. Pre-registration is required.

Remember the time to learn First Aid is BEFORE the emergency occurs.

Hospital Auxiliary Purchases Emergency Equipment



The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently purchased a CAS vital sign monitor for use in the emergency department. The vital sign monitor will automatically record blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation and temperature. The portable equipment offers flexibility for use in all three emergency rooms.

The vital sign monitor was purchased with the proceeds from the auxiliary cookbook sale held this spring. The monitor was presented to the hospital at the June quarterly meeting held on June 12, 2002. The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is a service organization which activities support the local hospital and health related missions. The auxiliary meets quarterly to enjoy lunch and health related educational programs. The auxiliary participates in several fund raising events annually.

School Board Approves Two New Teachers

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2002. Board members present for the meeting were Tryon Fields, President; Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, Tom Payton and Brant Myers, Superintendent. School officials present were Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Megan Childress, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody

Diane Jacoby, Nancy Jimenez, and Cynthia Keel. Others present at the meeting include Rex Ann Friess.

The meeting was called to order by President Fields, who announced that a quorum was present and who named the school officials in attendance and the invocation was given by Myers. The board then traveled to the Castle Hill Apartments to view the completed work of the

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The Farm Bill and the Rancher

The new Farm Bill offers real opportunities for all agriculturists, but the non row crop operator may have little understanding of the potential benefits. The Sutton County Extension Ag and Natural Resources committee in cooperation with others is offering a real educational opportunity to ranchers in the area about the new Farm Bill. On Monday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center a panel of experts will discuss portions of the Farm Bill which pertain specifically to the producers of wool & mohair. A special emphasis will also be aimed at operators interested in conservation practices and support programs such as EQIP and CSP. Dr. David Anderson, Extension Economist will be present to explain in detail the options included in a marketing

loan with examples of loan deficiency payments for wool and mohair. Dr. Anderson and Mr. Glen Fisher will also give the latest information concerning core testing requirements and development of the regulations which will set classes for the fibers. For more information about the program you may contact Preston Faris at the Sutton County Extension office at 387-3101. Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Persons with special needs are requested to contact the Sutton County Extension office at 387-3101 by noon on Friday, June 21, so that every effort can be made to make arrangements to meet your need.

Hall Brothers Compete at State



Stetson and Laramie Hall competed in the Texas High School Rodeo Finals this past week in Abilene. They were State Qualifiers in the Team Roping and Steer Wrestling. See Story page 5

Sonora City League Softball Ends Season With a Splash

by Julie Martin

The Sonora City League Softball program finished their season Monday, June 10 with a swimming party and cookout at the Sonora City Pool. The Sonora league has three teams in the ages 10 and under minor division and two teams in the 14 and under major division. Each team is sponsored by a local business. Thanks to all sponsors who make this league financially possible.

These teams competed against the Eldorado league teams also. The standings for the softball season are as follows: Minor league co-champions teams were Red Flash coached by Kate Jennings and Santiago Faz, and the Little Rookies coached by Patsy Samaniego, Javier Sanchez and Ranel Aguero.

Second place team was the Whirlwinds coached by Chapman and Joleta Traylor.

Third place was the Eldorado Blue Jays coached by Martha Lively. The major league results were as follows:

First place team was the Eldorado Untouchables coached by Chris Galan, second place team was the Stars coached by Julie Martin, Rachel Aguero, and Kate Higdon, third place team was the Rookies coached by Mike and Tommy Sanchez, and fourth place was the Eldorado Angels coached by Hakeem and Soila Rojas.

All-star selections were also announced, recognizing an exceptional job during the season. The all-star selections are elected by the coaches.

Minor League All-Star selections are as follows: Bethany Berry, Adrienne Sanchez, Shainah Johnson, Abby Fuentes, Patricia Hernandez, Victoria Robles, Alyssa Favila, Monica Sanchez, Monica Traylor, Macy Zuniga, Deisy Aranda, and Shelby Ramos. Sonora Major League All-Stars are: Christine Sanchez, Jessica Snyder, Ashley Brown, Valerie Torres, Mackenzie Perez, Desiree Alvarado,

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Sonora Church Directory

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Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.
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387-2035

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387-3190

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Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

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Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

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205 E. Main
387-3241

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387-6072

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Pastor Isai Oviedo
509 Amistad
650-3121

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

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Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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

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

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387-5658 or 387-5518

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Wedding



Thomas - Newkirk

Misty Thomas and Kent Newkirk were married June 8, 2002, at Southland Baptist Church of San Angelo with Bill Shiell officiating. Parents of the engaged couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newkirk of Sonora. Maid of honor was Dawn Thomas of Austin. Bridesmaid was Heather Thomas of Austin. Flower girl was Catrina Burris of Hereford. Best man was Brent Newkirk of Sonora. Groomsman was William Thomas of Austin. Ring bearer was Shelby Burris of Hereford. Ushers were Daniel Estrada of Hereford, Reyna Bannert, Michelle Thornburgh and Michael Curtis of San Angelo. The bride is a 1993 graduate of Christ Community in Austin and received a bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University. She is employed by San Angelo Independent School District. The bridegroom is a 1993 graduate of Sonora High School and attended Tarleton State University and received an associates degree from Texas State Technical College. He is employed by Ener-tel Services. After a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple will live in San Angelo.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to extend a THANK YOU to the community for your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and flowers. A special THANK YOU to the medical personnel, officers and everyone who helped me during my recent accident. A big THANKS to the Knights of Columbus, West Side Lion's Club, Oscar Chavez Jr. and the successful bake sale put together by our great community. So greatly appreciated and God Bless you, Bernardo Solis Jr. and Family

Another year of selling State Ticket sales has come and gone and we have the winners! First prize: \$28,000.00 Gift Certificate, was Aileen Gutierrez from Burkburnett, Texas; Second prize: \$3,000.00 gift certificate was Janice Goestic from Galveston, Texas and Third prize was a \$1,000.00 gift certificate awarded to Wanda Fanin from Wills Point, Texas. Levi's & Lace Square Dance Club would like to thank everyone who helped and bought tickets from us in Crane, Eldorado, San Angelo, Sonora and Ozona. For the fourth year I won the High Ticket Salesperson and it is quite an honor. I thank you. Maria De La Rosa

P.S. The 40th Annual Festival at Waco and the dancing was great.

On behalf of the Sonora City League Girls' Softball program, I would like to thank all the businesses that sponsored a team, and all volunteer umpires.

Without our umpires, we could not hold our games. Thank you for spending your time with our youth. Thanks also to Sam Hughes for helping us organize and giving advice when needed.

On behalf of the City League, thanks to all who volunteered their time in the concession stand and worked extra shifts when needed and to all that supported our raffle. These are our main fundraisers and pay for equipment and upkeep that is vital to the program. Thank you to The Devils River News and KHOS for publicizing all of our deadlines and information. We appreciate all who supported us!

Sincerely,
Julie Martin

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 2, 2002, at St. John's Episcopal Church, in Sonora, TX. They celebrated with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, church family, and friends. Armer Earwood and Barbara Tirrell were married May 30, 1942, in Massachusetts. They have three children, Elsie and husband Allen Belk of Winters, Melinda Crain, Edward Earwood and wife Carolyn of Sonora. Also, attending were their grandchildren, Harley and Michelle Belk, Barbara Belk, Quincy and Kelly Crain, Jesse Crain, Blair Crain, Riley Crain, Emily and Meredith Earwood. Great-grandchildren attending were Jaydan Crain, Jarrett Crain and Ashton Belk. Out of town guests were Peggy Brown, Mark Brown, Kay Ellis from San Angelo, Frank and Charlotte Brown, from Alpine and Keith Newland of Bryan, TX. Armer and Barbara live at the ranch in Edwards County. Armer is known in the ranching industry through his Angora goats and fine Rambouillet sheep. Barbara is well known for her artist talents.

Obituaries

Noah Higinio Marines

Noah Higinio Marines, infant son of Higinio and Magaly Marines, died Monday, June 17, 2002, in Fort Worth. Prayer service will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Service will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Survivors include his parents; grandparents, Higinio and Ana Lilia Marines of Sonora and Carlos and Miriam Flores of San Angelo.

Helen Marie Willmon Johnson

In memory of a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister & friend Helen Marie Willmon Johnson, 76, passed away on June 15, 2002 in San Angelo, Texas. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 plus years, Nolan Johnson; son Brent Johnson & wife Nanette; daughter Annette Archer & husband David; sisters Pauline Pond & husband Jim and Marion Wolff & husband Robert; grandchildren David Archer, Craig Archer, Heather Hicks, Marlissa Byrd; great grandchildren Shalyn & Trey Archer, Morgan & Claire Hicks, Kolton Cox, Kaci Archer and Kobi Byrd. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sonora for over 40 years then moved to San Angelo in 1998 and joined the Second Baptist Church. She loved her family, friends, her dog Nicky and homemade ice cream. She was a great cook and had a wonderful sense of humor. We all will love and miss her very much. Services were held at Second Baptist Church, 2833 College Hills Blvd. at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 17th with Rev. M.W. "Skip" Hill II officiating. Burial followed at 4:00 P.M. in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Jeff Hicks, Craig Archer, David Archer, Archie Crenwelge, Robert Cathcart and Mack Caudle. The family request flowers and/or memorials be made to 2nd Baptist Church in memory of Helen.

Ronnie Cox
loves
being your
Pharmacist

Senior Center News

June 24 - Bingo! Come eat with us. Bring a friend and play bingo after lunch.

June 25 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.

Senior Menu

June 24 - Pork chop with gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, tossed salad, peach cobbler.

June 25 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini squash, garlic bread, juice, cake.

June 26 - Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, crackers, fruit salad.

June 27 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat roll, lemon square, orange.

June 28 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, 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.

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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Community

June 18-20
65th Annual Wool & Mohair Show
Sonora Wool & Mohair Warehouse
42nd Annual National
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Sutton County 4-H Civic Center
June 24
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

June 24
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2:00 p.m. • Civic Center
June 26-27
First Aid Course
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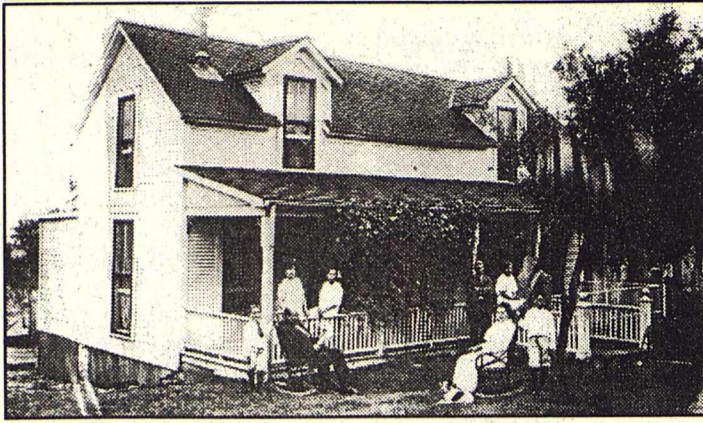
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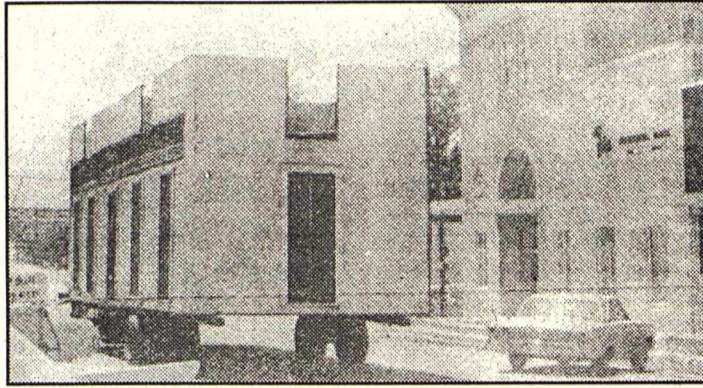
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Ask the Historical Society



by JoAnn E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. What happened to the old Trainer house that was next to St. John's Episcopal Church?
A. Devil's River News, April 27, 1927



Leaving the scene is the old 2-story landmark located next to St. John's Episcopal Church. John Eaton said that the house was built in about 1912 and was practically new when the Eatons came to Sonora. All of the George Trainer children grew up in the house which featured box construction, beaded ceiling, and windows that extended to the floor. C.J. Chidester of Menard will give the house and move it to a new location on New Street, near St. Ann's Catholic Church. Note: The house is still there.

Q. Where was J.W. Trainer's store located?

A. In 1927 Mr. Trainer sold his interest in the Vanderstucken-Trainer Store. He had a new store built for himself next to the Koeing/Craddock Building, where the old Barfield/Hurst Stable & Grain Yard once stood with the empty lot of the "Hotel that never was" on his right. The building has had many uses over the years, the latest being the Head Start Program.

Mr. Trainer ran a dry cleaners in part of the building and also sold men's clothing. You could buy a double breasted suit with 2 pair of pants and a vest for \$39.95. There were also an assortment of ladies silk garments and accessories for men and women.

The store made headlines in 1932:

Trainer Loses \$1,200 in Burglary Merchandise and Cleaning Work Removed Friday - Entrance Is Gained Through Back Door; Loss Not Discovered 'Til Morning; No Clues
Devil's River News - January 22, 1932

Merchandise and clothes from the cleaning department valued at \$1,200 were taken from the J.W. Trainer store here sometime during Friday night by unidentified persons. The loss was not discovered until 7:30 Saturday morning, when the store was opened by T.O. Goodner, cleaner.

Entrance was effected by forcing a safety lock on the back door. When the burglars left the door was again closed. An assortment of merchandise, seemingly chosen with care, was picked up from over the store, and about 10 suits and 3 dresses were taken from the cleaning racks at the back of the shop. The loss in the cleaning department was placed at \$400 and the merchandise missed was valued at about \$800, Mr. Trainer said.

Officers were summoned immediately on discovery of the burglary, but have announced no clues. Sheriff B.W. Hutcherson and his department, and J.E. Grimland, local fingerprint expert, investigated the case. Merchandise taken included a number of blankets, several dozen pairs of silk hose for ladies, men's socks, gloves, lumberjacks, leather jackets, work clothes, riding pants, shirts, sheep-lined coats, and two pairs of cowboy boots. Five dollars in change had been left in the cash register, and it was taken.

Historical Society Research notes: (1) September session 112th district court: Steve Callahan charged with burglary and theft in connection with the looting of the J.W. Trainer store last January, waived privilege of a trial by jury, plead guilty and accepted court's sentence of 2 years in the state penitentiary plus 4 years for a previous conviction less one month from time spent in jail here. (2) September 6, 1933 Mrs. Monte Sims Tipton, former Sonora resident, was given a sentence of 2 years in the state penitentiary on theft charge of J.W. Trainer store in January 1932. Her husband Reese Tipton, plead guilty to the same charge and in addition to burglary, waived trial by jury and was sentenced to 5 years.

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 give me a call at 915-387-2855.

Church of Christ Youth Meet at Caverns of Sonora



Young people from 11 congregations in the area gathered at the Caverns of Sonora to kick off a summer of gatherings for the Church of Christ youth. There were 120 young people present. Those attending were from as far away as Sterling City on the North and Nueces Canyon on the South. Following tours of the Caverns, the group was fed

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DPS Offers Suggestions For Keeping Kids Out Of The Hot Seat

As Texans creep closer to the hot summer season, it's time to take steps to ensure your child's car seat or booster remain safe and comfortable for summer use.

Here are some tips for "summerizing" your child's car seat or booster:

- Cover the car seat or booster with a towel or blanket when you're not in the car to help keep it cooler. Check the car seat's metal clips before placing a child in a car seat, so they don't get burned by a hot clip.

- Don't use after-market harness strap covers or pads to place over car seat straps to protect children wearing tank tops or spaghetti straps. Instead, use pieces of old t-shirts cut and placed between the car seat straps and the child. After-market covers are too bulky and change how the seat is fitted.

- Replace and destroy any seat that was installed in a vehicle during a crash, even if the child wasn't in it. Car seats can sustain unseen damage from the physical forces expended during a crash.

- Kids grow out of seats before you realize it. Check the weight and height limits listed for the current seat and replace it if your child has outgrown the limits.

- Check for car seat recalls. Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website for an updated list (<http://www.nhtsa.gov>). Follow the link to "Recalls."

- To find a certified child passenger safety technician in your area, go to the NHTSA site (<http://www.nhtsa.gov>) and follow the links to "Child Passenger Safety/Technician Contact Locator."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. I would like to draw your readers' attention to the end of an era. After 14 years of tireless service to the citizens of Sutton County as president of the Hospital Board, Dr. Alvis Johnson has resigned from the Board to pursue other civic interests.

During a tumultuous period for rural health care in Texas and throughout the nation, during which hundreds of communities sadly closed their local hospitals, Dr. Johnson's firm guidance and visionary leadership are primarily responsible for preserving our hospital and maintaining it under local control.

At the close of this era, the current Board of Directors would like to express, on behalf of a grateful community, our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Alvis Johnson, a man who has more than fulfilled the duties of citizenship to his hometown.

Sincerely,
Lewis Allen, President
Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board

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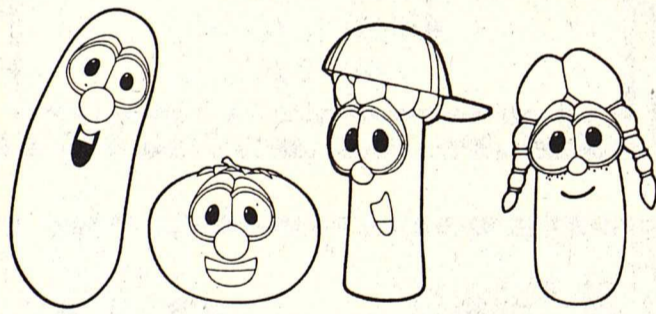


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Girls Hunter Camp Teaches Safety

by Rodney Knight
Retired Game Warden

The Girls Hunter Safety Camp for 2002, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the McPherson 4M Ranch, was held June 10-13, 2002. They came from as far away as White Oak, Texas. (Yeah, I had to ask where it was too!)

The girls included Hilary Schero, Sara Flores, Josephine Ruiz-Healy, Lauren McPherson, "Nealy" Stuckey, Lauren Vick, all from San Antonio, Starlyn Chadwick, Erin Newton, Lauren Schaefer, Kyla Turney, Stacy Sanchez, Shaylynn Kresta, all from Sonora, Chelci Rodriguez, Justina Rodriguez, Kassandra Tyler, Blake Chatham from Eldorado, Amanda Keller from Junction, Kassi Spencer from Somerset and Madlyn Craven from White Oak, Texas.

All the instructors agreed they were some very good girls, until the last evening. Have you ever heard what 19 hyper parrots sound like?!

The girls learned gun safety and handling while shooting muzzleloaders, rifles, shotguns and pistols. They learned the proper techniques and safety of archery. They learned about wildlife management, survival, game care and hunting ethics. All together they fire over 2100 rounds of ammunition including over 800 shotgun shells. The look on Hilary Schero's face when she broke two clay pigeons with one shot made my day!

Starlyn Chadwick was the winner of the pocketknife. She was selected by 4 game wardens, who said that's the hardest thing to do when they're all

Hospital Board from page 1

on Sunday, June 23, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Final plans were discussed and Butler invited each of the Board members to attend this function.

Butler stated that the brochure for the Hospital was nearly complete. This brochure will be given out during the Open House and also will be given to the Chamber of Commerce to be put in the packets that are given to newcomers moving here or interested in moving to Sonora. He then reported the Accounts Receivable for May was down from last month and stated that collections had been very good in May.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for April. She stated that revenue was up from March. Revenues were up in the Emergency Room, Physical Therapy, and the Laboratory. Expenses were all within budget.

Sherrill Dannheim made the motion to approve the May expenditures. Healy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Members of the board stated that they liked the earlier meeting time and the meeting was adjourned.



great girls. "Nealy" Stuckey was presented a cap for being the only girl to make 100 on the final test.

On the second night, Marla Tisdell woke me up about 1:00 a.m. One of the girls had fallen out of her top bunk and skinned up her knee. The next day the same little girl was swimming, and why that was picked her out of all those girls - I'll never know.

Between wasps, scorpions and ticks, there was never a dull moment. According to some of the girls, you would think those ticks weighed 20 pounds and had teeth six inches long.

This year's instructors included Game Wardens - Rick Gulley, Marco Alvizo, J.D. Gould, Will Allison and District Supervisor Scott Davis. Mary Humphrey taught the wildlife section. Also instructing were Jim Stephen, Preston Love, Marvin Shurley, Brent Gesch, and retired Game Wardens - Gary Dick and Rodney Knight.

The camp would not be possible if not for Sandy and

Dough McPherson. The two brothers furnish their ranch and all the food. This camp was sort of special because Sandy's daughter, Lauren, finally turned 12 years old and could attend the camp officially. She already sat through it eight times before. Also, without "General Maria" the McPherson's secretary, I'd be lost. She cooks and handles all the sensitive problems.

Thank You!
I want to thank my fellow Game Wardens and Instructors, Laborde Diagnostics of LaFayette, Louisiana, Rafter W Feeds of Sonora, Sonora Hardware, the U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Dean Dermody, and Marla Tisdell, who stays with the girls.

Overall it was a great camp with some wonderful girls who really made me feel good about having the camp. Throw in a couple of overflowing toilets and "Hey, what can I say?" They're worth every minute of it!

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Prepares For Business After Hours

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is scheduled for June 25, 2002 at the Bank Vault Park (the Pocket Park). The hosts will be Doyle Morgan Insurance, the First National Bank of Sonora and Texas Land & Ranches, Inc.

The Business After Hours will be at 5:30 p.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. We encourage you to beat the heat and dress casual. All chamber members are welcome to come and enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres compliments of Doyle Morgan Insurance, First National Bank of Sonora, and Texas Land & Ranches, Inc.

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Appraisal Review from page 1

tract to make the necessary changes to solve appraisal problems. If a property owner files a written notice of protest before the deadline, your case will be set for a hearing. You will receive a written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. Prior to the hearing you may ask to review the evidence the appraisal district will use to uphold their determination. The appraisal district may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. The review board will make its decision based on the evidences presented.

After the review board completes the hearings and approve final values, local gov-

ernments will use the appraised values to set tax rates for the year 2002 advalorem taxes.

Note: You must not try to contact review board members outside of the hearing. The law requires board members to sign an affidavit stating they have not talked about your case before the review board hears it.

Review by District Court

After the review board has made a decision on your case, the board must send a copy of its final order by certified mail. If you still are not satisfied, you have the right to appeal to district court. You must start the process by filing a petition with district court within 45 days of the date you receive the order.

Sutton County Courthouse Re-dedication Celebration



Sutton County Commissioners accepted a plaque presented by the Texas Historical Commission (above) at the re-dedication celebration and CRMS EMT Rosey Velez presented Ann Kay with an assortment of special patches from New York (below).



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Sutton Co. Game Dinner Assoc. Business Meeting is Monday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Petit Jury set for June 24th at 10:00 a.m. has been cancelled.

The Bereaved parents Support Group will meet July 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of a child you are urged to attend. Your child is very important. Bring a picture of your child to share with everyone.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Board of Directors and Staff invite everyone to join them for an Open House on Sunday, June 23, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in honor of 51 years of service to the citizens of Sutton County and the completion of the newly remodeled facility. The come and go reception is sponsored by the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Auxiliary. Refreshments will be served.

X Bar Ranch Summer Dinner Shows 2002 Eldorado, TX June 29, July 27 and August 24. Gates open: 6:30 pm, Dinner Served around 7:30 pm, entertainment follows. Tickets: \$13 per adult, \$8 per (child 6-12 years). Tickets are non-refundable but are transferable. Advance ticket sales only - tickets sold up to two days before each performance. June 29 - Jim Runge, a performance historian, July 27 - The Pards - History and music of the Old West have influenced the cowboy duo Pards, August 24 - Bill Hellen, managing General Partner of C.W. Hellen Ranches, Ltd., will share some of his family's treasured Vaquero legends, artifacts and equipment with guests of the X Bar Ranch. The Pards will also be providing music during the evening. For more information call 888-853-2688 info.reservations or 915-853-2688. www.XBarRanch.com

The congregations of First Methodist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church invite children to "Catch the Buzz" about God's love at Vacation Bible School this July 8-12. For more information about Bug Safari Vacation Bible School, call Lewis Allen, VBS director, at 387-2616.

Anyone who has current addresses for any member of the SHS class of 1982 or needs information about the reunion, please notify Julie Martin at 387-5136.

The Bronco Booster Club is hand delivering letters to all those companies and individuals who advertise in the Bronco Football Program. Please respond as soon as possible to get your ad placed in this year's program. If you are a new company in town and would like information, please call Ray or Nancy Glasscock at 387-5617.

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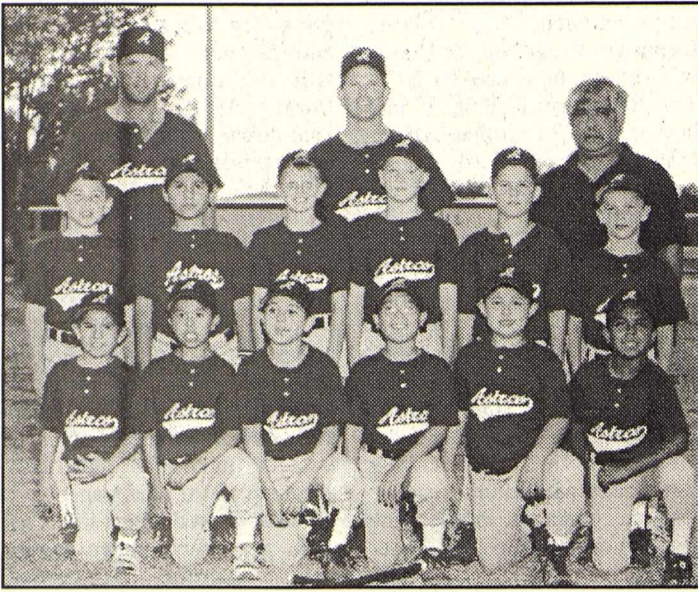
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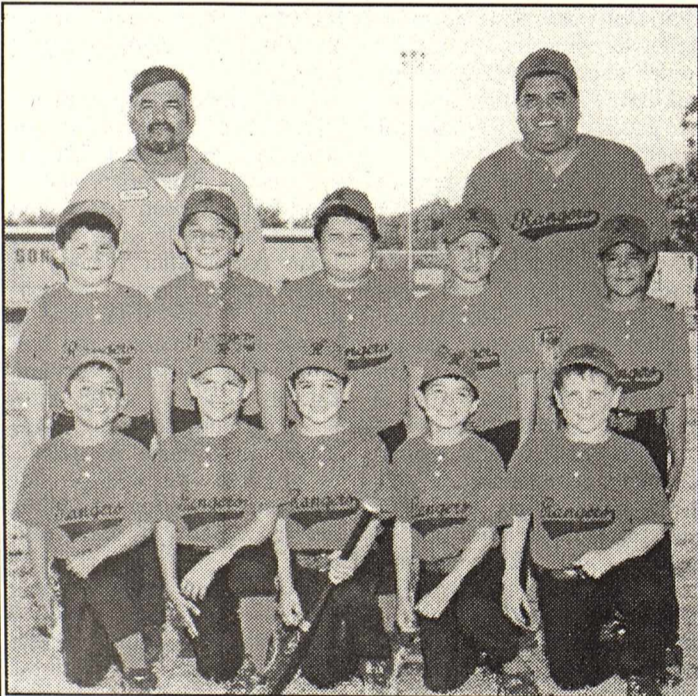
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Hall Brothers Compete At State Rodeo Finals

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In the first go-around at the Texas State Rodeo Finals, the team of Hall and Hall placed 5th in the Team Roping, with a time of 7.4. They won their first buckles together with this place. They also had a good clean run in the 2nd round, with a time of 7.8. This qualified them to go to the short-go Saturday night. Unfortunately, Laramie had tough luck with his head catch and they finished 6th in the State. To go to the National High School Finals you have to be in the top 4.

In the Steer Wrestling, Stetson placed 6th in the first round with a 4.9. He missed his 2nd steer, so that put him out of the average.

Laramie finished 12th in the State, which is a great accomplishment considering that most of the competition were upper

classmen.

Even though neither of the boys qualified for Nationals, they had a good State finals. During the awards presentation Stetson was awarded a \$2,000 Texas High School Rodeo Scholarship and a \$500 scholarship from Region II rodeo. He also was the 3rd place ad salesman for the state and got a breast collar. Both boys received THSRA jackets, plaques and belt conchos for finishing in the top 10.

Stetson and Laramie would like to once again thank Mr. Steve Duhon, Mr. Jimmy Powers and Mr. Houston Powers for all of their help and support. A big thank you goes to everyone that bought ads, raffle tickets, etc. during the year.

Thank you Stetson and Laramie for a great year of rodeo!

All-Stars from page 1

Sandra Yorba, Erika McClintock, Felicia Castillo, Sierra Gomez, Laura Martin and Kayla Webb.

There are various age groups in tournament play that include ages 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under. There may be several tournament teams formed over the summer to play in tournaments and practice games. The West Texas All Star Tournament will be in San Angelo on July 19-21.

This season was a very successful season. Every player showed progress and the local softball program gets stronger every year. This would not be possible without all the volunteer coaches, umpires and scorekeepers and the parents' support. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Angelo State Dean's List Released For 2002 Spring Semester

The Dean's List for the 2002 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Sonora area:

Romelia B. Castaneda, psychology; Joe David Gandar, interdisciplinary studies; Karla Gonzalez, interdisciplinary studies; Christopher M. Green, undecided; Zane Shurley Martin, psychology; Daisy Marie Mireles, psychology; and Linda M. Villanueva, psychology.

Hughes Named As Blinn Academic Honor Student

Brenham - Blinn College has announced its academic honor students for the 2002 spring semester on its Brenham campus.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Breg Hughes, a Sonora High School graduate and the son of Brad and Chandra Hughes, was named to the President's Scholar list.

Top Students Shine At Texas Tech University

Lubbock - Texas Tech University students are moving out of the books and into prominent lists.

Students earning a 4.0 grade point average, while enrolled in 12 or more qualifying semester hours, made the President's list. Students carrying 12 or more qualifying hours, with a grade average of 3.5 to 3.9, earned their place on the Dean's list. Cindy Leigh Jones, a sophomore majoring in Civil Engineering was named to the Dean's List. Cindy is the daughter of Johnny and Kathy Jones.

Commencement for graduating Texas Tech University students took place on Saturday, May 11, 2002. John Caleb Barker graduated with a Bachelor of Science. John Caleb is the son of John and Vicki Barker.

Honor Students Named At Baylor University

Waco - For the 2002 spring session at Baylor University 2,145 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List. Bryce Williams, son of Reggie and June Williams was named on the Spring Dean's List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Baylor also awarded 1,729 academic degrees to students at the 2002 spring graduation, according to figures from the university registrar.

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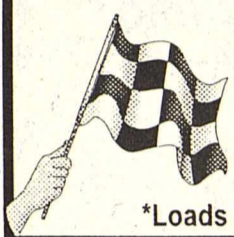
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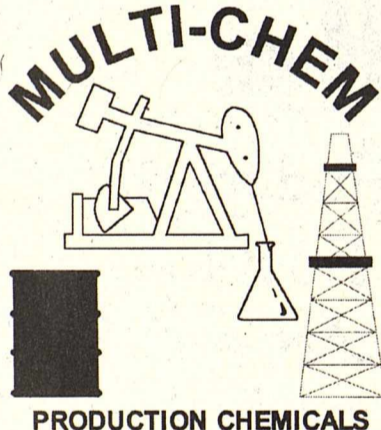
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Extension Launches Intensive White-Tailed Deer Management Program

by Jorge A. Ramirez

SAN ANTONIO -- Most people are familiar with the old saying that cotton is king in the South.

Byron Wright, a wildlife specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension, says there's a new twist now. Within the hunting industry, he says, the white-tailed deer is "King in Texas."

White-tailed deer are an enormous source of income for wildlife enterprises, and to assist those enterprises, Extension has created a new educational program called Intensive White-tailed Deer Management.

The program has been launched in Edwards, Kimble and Sutton counties and consists of seminars, workshops, tours and demonstrations providing landowners with knowledge and skills to help them better manage this resource.

According to Preston Faris, agriculture agent in Sutton County, each of the participating counties identified 10 area agricultural producers as a target audience.

"We've been seeing a change," said Farris, "with more of our sheep and goat producers leaving traditional agricultural enterprises and going to intensive wildlife management, even to the point of pen breeding and raising. That's who we're serving with the program."

T. E. Warren, ranch manager at George Land and Cattle near Cleo, said that the program fills a need and is indicative of "where agriculture is headed in

the Hill Country. There's not much money in livestock these days."

The new program takes wildlife management deeper, with ranchers looking intensely at habitat management, genetics, population management and supplemental feeding.

Topics covered in the program include breeding behavior, diet and nutrition, antler development and reproductive capability, as well as deer interaction with other species, including exotic deer, cattle, sheep and goats. According to Wright, white-tailed deer are very prolific and require a great deal of management to maintain range health and reach the landowners' desired outcomes.

As part of the program, participants identify goals and objectives, learn how to inventory their natural resources, generate economic projections and integrate planning into existing conservation plans.

At a recent seminar in Junction, seminar clients received training on evaluating habitat for deer, particularly in relation to forage. As part of a ranch tour and demonstration, they learned to identify plants for wildlife and to determine how much vegetation is being used by wildlife.

The next event in the program is scheduled for Aug. 20 in Edwards County with a focus on deer life history and physiology and multiple species interaction. A third major event in Sutton County on Oct. 15 will tackle nature tourism, including landowner/operator liability.

Pasture To Packer Lamb Feeding Program Set To Begin June 28

by Steve Byrns

VANCOURT -- Texas Cooperative Extension is gearing up for its 2002 edition of the "Pasture to Packer" lamb feeding program. The program begins with delivery of lambs to Denis Feedlot here from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on June 27 and from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on June 28. A \$3 per head entry fee is payable upon delivery.

The popular program offers producers a taste of retained ownership while providing them with their animals' feedlot performance and carcass data. The

program accepts ewe and wether lambs of any breed. Organizers prefer lambs to weigh 50 to 60 pounds, but not more than 100 pounds at delivery. Producers may bring 10 to 20 head. Lambs from known sires are preferred.

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo and the test's coordinator, advises producers to pre-condition their lambs for two to three weeks before delivery. He said lambs knowing how to eat prepared feed from troughs do better once they enter the feedlot than those who do not.

"This is a wonderful program for producers actively trying to improve their flocks," said Craddock. "All breeders should know how well their sheep fit our lamb production system. Pasture to Packer gives ranchers much needed information on how their lambs perform in the feedlot and on the packing house rail. It's not a contest. In fact, we've found from earlier programs that many producers are raising the right lambs for their particular environment. Others may want to use their results to change their flock's genetics to improve post-weaning performance and carcass acceptability."

The feedlot performance information collected will include: on-test weight, final weight, average daily gain, feed efficiency, total cost of gain, break-even price and net return.

The carcass information will include: carcass weight, dressing percent, quality and yield grade, fat thickness and loin-eye area.

For further information, contact Craddock or Kyle Eckert, Extension assistant for sheep and goats, at (915) 653-4576.

USDA Offers Additional Conservation Funds to Texas Farmers and Ranchers

College Station, Texas - June 14, 2002 - Today, John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced a second signup period for conservation funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that will run through June 28, 2002. The 2002 Farm Bill signed into law on May 13, further extends USDA's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

"Interested producers are encouraged to act quickly if they wish to make application during this 'second chance' opportunity for federal financial and technical assistance provided through EQIP," said Fuston.

EQIP was established under the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns through the application of select practices that were determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the tract of land being treated. Participants entered into long-term contracts and agreed to treat all conservation issues identified by using a "whole farm" approach to planning.

According to Fuston, "EQIP now has a more flexible approach. Producers can treat specific resource concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract. This gives

them options to address new or unforeseen conservation problems as they arise."

EQIP remains a voluntary, competitive program. The new Farm Bill outlines significant changes in program provisions pertaining to length of contract and payment limitations. The Bill eliminates Geographic Priority Areas (GPAs) and the "bid-down" option that enabled producers to make their applications more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation. For Texas, cost-share is set at 75 percent.

"To date, Texas FSA has allocated \$60.2-million in cost-share assistance and incentive payments. Proactive producers statewide used these funds to treat the most environmentally sensitive farm and ranchland, voluntarily reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and quantity, preserving wildlife habitat and insuring the sustainability of Texas agriculture," stated Fuston.

For more information regarding the EQIP application process, conservation practices and eligibility requirements, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Information can also be found on FSA's website:
<http://www/fsa.usda.gov>.

It's Official. Texas Loses Cattle Tuberculosis "Free" Status

Texas ranchers will need more than a truck and trailer to move breeding cattle and bison out of state for the foreseeable future. On June 6, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its "interim rule" that officially downgraded Texas' cattle tuberculosis (TB) status from Accredited-Free to Modified Accredited-Advanced. Texas' status was lowered because TB infection was confirmed in two Texas cattle herds in 2001. Now, unless they are moving directly to slaughter, Texas breeding cattle and bison must be officially identified and tested for cattle TB within 60 days prior to being transported across state lines (interstate movement).

Untested Texas cattle and bison still can move freely within the state.

"Stock covered by the breeding cattle testing and identification requirement include weaned heifers, bred heifers, cows and bulls intended for breeding purposes," explained Dr. Max Coats, assistant executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "The USDA has delayed until January 1, 2003, additional restrictions on moving feeder cattle out of the state. Feeder animals include steers, bull calves and heifers destined for grazing and feeding for slaughter."

"We've worked to prepare Texas cattle producers for the impact of this regulation change for several months and have conferred frequently with related industry associations. Brochures outlining the changes in the testing requirements can be obtained from the TAHC at no charge," said Dr. Coats.

"This new federal regulation will require ranchers to plan ahead before selling or moving their breeding cattle out of state," he said. "Ranchers may find their breeding cattle to be more marketable if the animals are tested prior to arrival at the livestock market. Untested breeding cattle and bison will be restricted to movement only within the state or directly to a slaughter plant, unless a buyer makes arrangements to have the animals held and tested after the sale. Ranchers will be responsible for paying their USDA accredited, private veterinary practitioners for testing."

To conduct a TB skin test, an accredited veterinarian injects a tiny amount of tuberculin into the animal's skin near its tail, in an area called the "caudal fold." After a 72-hour waiting period, Dr. Coats said the veterinarian examines the site for swelling that might indicate the animal has been exposed to cattle TB. If there is no response, the accredited veterinarian can issue a document as proof of testing, recording on it the test results and the animal's official identification--either a brucellosis ear tag, or for purebred cattle, a firebrand or tattoo registered with the breed.

"About one percent of the 'caudal fold' tests will be positive, and this is expected, as

there can be false-positive test results," noted Dr. Coats. "If this occurs, a state or federal veterinarian must run a second test within 10 days. This 'comparative cervical' test, run on the animal's neck, also requires a 72-hour waiting period, and if it is negative, the animal can move freely. A positive test, however, is a strong indication the animal may have cattle TB, and it must be slaughtered and carefully examined for internal TB lesions. Tissue samples will be collected and forwarded to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, for laboratory confirmation."

"There are three exceptions to the TB testing requirements for breeding cattle moving across state lines," said Dr. Coats, who heads up TAHC's field operations and animal health programs. "Nursing calves can move without a test, if they accompany their TB-tested dam. Cattle going directly to a slaughter plant from a farm or livestock market don't need a test. Ranchers also can move animals freely from a TB accredited-free herd, a status gained through annual herd testing." (Dr. Coats advised producers to call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 for information about the TB accreditation program.)

"We are working with the USDA, states that receive our cattle, and the livestock industry to develop a plan for adequately identifying feeder steers and spayed heifers moving out of Texas on or after January 1, 2003," said Dr. Coats. "We continue to wrestle with how to handle feeder heifers and bull calves after that date, as these animals could be selected for breeding purposes after being moved out of state. As quickly as possible, we will provide additional guidelines regarding the movement of these animals."

Dr. Coats explained that Texas initially earned Accredited-Free status for cattle TB in November 2000, with the exception of El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, which were "zoned out" by the USDA, due to low levels of infection that recurred in several large dairies in the area. For purposes of cattle movement and cattle TB eradication, he said Texas will remain "split," as El Paso and Hudspeth Counties cannot apply for Accredited-Free status until at least three years after its dairies are depopulated and no additional infection is detected. On the other hand, he noted, the state's other 252 counties may reapply to the USDA for TB Accredited-Free status in two years, if no more infected herds are found.

The USDA is accepting public comments on the US cattle TB regulations until August 5. A copy of the regulation downgrading Texas' cattle TB status and instructions for submitting comments may be obtained on the internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>, or by calling the USDA's Regulatory Analysis and Development at 301-734-8682.

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Local Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts fought the wind on Tuesday to get the new flag raised on Eaton Hill. Many of the boys have helped in the progress of Eaton Hill and the Flag Pole area as part of their Scouting projects.

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first section of the apartments.

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the May 7th and May 29th meetings, the Tax Assessor/Collector Report and the payment of current bills in the amount of \$290,718.26. The Quarterly Investment report and the Quarterly Cafeteria report were both given. The Superintendent gave a detailed listing of expenditures for the reseeding project at the football field. He also reviewed the Board Report which is contained as part of the bill list and pointed out the figures that the Board should be aware of each month.

Member Scott Jacoby asked the Superintendent to find out if it was necessary to include the Tax Assessor/Collector Report each month in the consent agenda since no action was taken on the report.

Member Tammy Favila expressed her appreciation to the Superintendent for developing the breakdown of the reseeding expenditures.

Following all comments, a motion was made by Jesse Bustamante, seconded by Sam David Hernandez to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Appraiser, Rex Ann Friess, gave information regarding estimated values for the 2002-2003 school year, stating that the school district has a projected increase of 67.2 million, subject to the Appraisal Review Board, and that unless circumstances drive up the gas prices, there could be a significant loss the following year.

Elementary Principal, Louise Dermody and Middle School Principal, John Berry, gave information regarding summer school and stated that K-4 had 59 students registered and 5-8 had 45.

The Superintendent stated that the end of the year attendance rate was 96.98% with enrollment at 910 students. Myers reviewed the work covered in the May Maintenance Report and also listed various projects being undertaken for the summer months. He also stated that, as requested by the Board, he had inquired about leasing security equipment but had been informed that short term leasing (school months only) was not an option. Myers then gave information regarding the fencing of the street area by the Field House which should provide much better safety in that area.

Myers presented the detailed report developed by the City of Sonora regarding payment for all the years of double metering at the Castle Hill Apartments. He then stated that he looked forward to seeing the Board at the Summer Leadership Institute on the 13th - 15th and that he was proud that all the members were attending.

Myers then went over the agenda for the June 17 policy review meeting. Due to the 4th of July holiday, the Board was in agreement to move the July regular meeting to the third Monday of the month (July 15).

The Superintendent stated that the Facilities Committee had met two weeks ago with the architect and that he felt very comfortable with the progress up to this point on the upcoming renovation project. Myers also stated that he had signed the contract with the financial advisor after having it reviewed by the school attorneys who made a few changes. The Superintendent concluded his report by stating that the Board would meet in late July to discuss the bond sale.

The Superintendent presented detailed information regarding various aspects of school finance and then conducted a highly detailed review

of the first draft of the proposed budget. He commented that as of the last year, all auxiliary personnel had been placed on a salary schedule, which used a formula tying years of service and type of work to salary and salary increases. Myers stated that he would like to encourage the Board as they begin the budgetary process to now consider some sort of incentive/reward/increase for teachers.

Elementary Principal Louise Dermody and Pre-K Teachers Megan Childress and Nancy Jimenez gave information regarding the pros and cons of opening up the Pre-Kindergarten Program for all students and charging tuition for non-eligible students since presently students are determined eligible either by limited English proficiency skills or low income. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Tom Payton to allow the Superintendent to expand the Pre-K Program at his discretion depending on the number of students and the effects of staffing for the district. The motion was seconded by Hernandez and carried unanimously.

Special Education Director Alice Cox presented information regarding a TIF Grant for students with disabilities. She stated that the school district would be responsible for paying 10% matching, an amount which was part of the proposed 2002-02 budget. A motion was made by Jacoby to approve the grant application. The motion was seconded by Favila and carried unanimously.

The Integrated Pest Management Policy was unanimously approved as presented after a motion by Payton and seconded by Bustamante.

Business Manager, Diane Jacoby presented information regarding student and football insurance for the upcoming school year. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Bustamante to approve the quote of \$14,630 from Texas Monarch Management Corporation and America's Choice underwritten by Columbia Life pending clarification regarding the coverage for all extra-curricular participants grades 7-12 and to approve an additional charge of \$750.00 to provide catastrophic coverage for athletes grades 7-12. The motion was seconded by Favila and carried unanimously.

None of the board members indicated an interest in attending the TASB Convention; therefore, no action was needed regarding appointing a delegate and alternate delegate.

Member Favila stated that she had attended the Primary School Awards Ceremony and was so proud of the large number of students who achieved perfect or almost perfect attendance along with all the students who received reading awards and TAAS achievement awards. Additionally, Mrs. Favila praised High School Principal Doug Bawcom for the attendance rates of the sophomore and junior classes and incentive programs he employs to attain this rate.

A motion was made by Favila to employ Dustin Glidewell as 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher/Coach and Kelly Glidewell as Middle School Special Education Teacher as per the recommendation of John Berry, Middle School Principal. The motion was seconded by Hernandez and carried unanimously. The Superintendent distributed and reviewed the tentative coaching assignments for 2002-03. There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ozona Jury Sends Big Lake Child Molester to Prison for Life

OZONA, TEXAS — June 7, 2002 — On Thursday, June 6, 2002, an Ozona jury of eight men and four women sentenced a Big Lake man to life in prison. The jury found Pinson guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child. The jury heard evidence that Jimmy Lee Pinson molested a 7 year-old Big Lake boy in 1999.

The case was tried in Ozona on a change of venue from Big Lake and lasted two weeks. Pinson was represented by Abner Burnett of Odessa, Texas.

The jury took almost four hours to find Pinson guilty and three hours to sentence him to the maximum prison sentence for this crime. Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child is a First Degree Felony. The punishment range for a first degree felony is five to ninety-nine years or life in prison. A maximum fine of \$10,000.00 can also be assessed. During the guilt-innocence phase of the trial, the prosecution presented testimony of the child victim, his mother, and law enforcement officers from several local and state agencies.

The Reagan County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation, which began in October 1999. Others assisting in the investigation included Texas Ranger, Brooks Long, Richard Dickson, Texas Department of Public Safety,

and D.A. Investigator, James Quintana. "Friends for Hope", the Big Lake victim's advocacy organization, provided support and other services for the victims and their families throughout the case and during the trial.

"This verdict shows that the people of Ozona and West Texas will not tolerate child molesters," said Shannon Flanigan, lead prosecutor. "Our office will aggressively prosecute these offenders, like we did in this case, because we know our juries will give the maximum allowable punishment."

"We truly appreciate the hard work and cooperation between the law enforcement agencies and officers, "Friends for Hope", the victim and his family, and the punishment witnesses and their families," stated Laurie English, who assisted Flanigan with the prosecution.

Ori White, District Attorney, said "Sex crimes against children are the most egregious crimes we prosecute. The Pinson verdict represents justice for our children." "I would like to thank everyone involved and commend them for a job well done. We could not have effectively prosecuted this case without all these organizations and individuals assisting our office in the investigation, victim support, and prosecution."

Liphams Honored at Truby Cemetery Dedication



Curtis Lipham accepts a plaque from Mary Faye Lipham Stanley at the Truby Cemetery Dedication.

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A dedication of the Truby Cemetery Historical Designation, gate, archway, flag pole, memorial garden and white crosses placed on the unmarked graves, was held Friday, June 7, 2002 at the Truby Cemetery, Jones Co., Texas.

Featured speakers were 17th District Congressman Charlie Stenholm and Blake Woodall, District Coordinator of State Senator Troy Fraser. Mr. Woodall briefly explained requirements for obtaining a State Historical Designation.

Posting of the Colors were by the Color Guard of Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. The United States flag was obtained through Congressman Stenholm, having been flown over the White House, January 1, 2002. Texas Flags were presented by State Representative David Counts and Representative Pete Laney, Speaker of the House, with a certificate from Representative Laney, stating the flag he sent was flown over the State Capital on Memorial Day, May 27, 2002.

Caffey Welch of Anson, led the singing of "The Star Spangle Banner" and the "Eyes of Texas". Leslie Zacharias Lipham, Eagle Scout of Ft. Worth, grandson of Mary E. and the late Bill D. Lipham, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Emcees for the occasion were: Mary E. Lipham of Abilene and LaFawn Hall Biddle of Denver Co.

Mary gave the welcome address, stating her grandson was the 6th generation associated with Truby.

County Judge Brad Roland introduced Steve Lollar, County Commissioner of Precinct 4 and assisted Congressman Stenholm and Blake Woodall in the unveiling of the Historical

Medallion and Historical Plaque. Juanita Zachry of Abilene, graduate of Noodle Horn, who assisted in research, read the Historical Plaque.

The eleven Veterans names on the marker were read by Chuck Prewitt, Jones County Veterans Officer, followed by James Garrett reciting "In Flanders field..." Leslie Lipham Jr. is listed as one veteran.

A Poem by the late Melba Joyce Eason, "The Silent City", inscribed on the back of the stone marker was read by her sister, Lettye Faye Eason Howell of Austin. Melba Joyce had written the poem in 1940, about the Truby Cemetery, when she was 15 years old.

County Historical Chair Ken Deatherage was recognized. State President of the Historical Association, Shirley Caldwell of Albany sent her regrets in having a conflict in commitments.

A "Certificate of Merit" was presented to the Lipham Family of Sonora, families and extended families of Rita Whitehurst and the late Leslie F. Lipham Jr., for construction of the archway, flag pole, curbing and walkway on Van's Memorial garden and placing of the white crosses on the unmarked graves.

Also, a "Certificate of Merit" was presented to Dorothy Welch for her dedicated work as secretary of the Truby Cemetery Association. Truby History was given by James Garrett of Moran, and the Benediction was given by W.C. Payne of Nolan.

The committee for the project included Mary Faye Lipham Stanley, research; and trustees: Lavern Lipham Barnes, of Abilene, Donald Ward of Anson and Dorothy Welch of Truby.

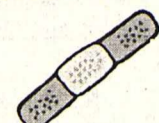
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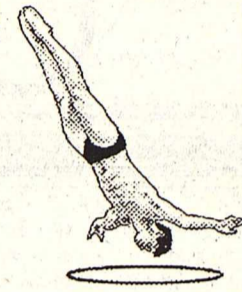
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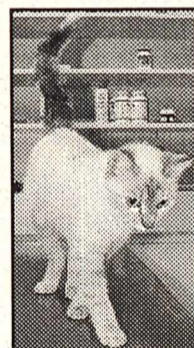
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