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Sonora Police Department Reminds Motorists To Be Aware in School Zones

by Storie Sharp

Sonora Chief of Police, Mike House, wants to remind ALL drivers to be extremely cautious in school zones from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It's especially important to slow down and watch out for kids at the beginning of the school year. Students are excited, apprehensive, not familiar with the new school schedule and may not pay attention to traffic safety practices.

When driving kids to school, leave with plenty of time to meet the child's schedule and your own. Accidents often occur at school because drivers are in a hurry and late for work. It is easy for parents or other drivers to become lax after several months of zipping past largely deserted schools during summer months. Adults must switch "mind-sets" as children return to school this fall. Slow down. Stay alert. Watch out for kids.

"Drivers might want to drive more slowly than the posted speed limit of 20 m.p.h., to ensure the safety of the children," Chief House said.

Drivers who violate the laws regarding school zone safety face stiff penalties.

Fines begin at \$1 per mile an hour over the speed limit, plus a \$55 court cost, plus a \$10 fee. Those fines will increase by \$30 each on Sept. 1 of this year.

Chief House reiterated the fact that they are just trying to keep our children safe. He also reminds drivers to NOT stop in the middle of the road to drop off children. It is important to keep traffic flowing as much as possible. House also said that it is important for drivers to observe traffic laws on Tayloe and be aware of high school students traveling from the building to the field house.

If you drive kids to school, make sure every child is buck-

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Hospital Board Approves Contracts

Keith Butler, Administrator/CEO, began the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, meeting on Monday, August 12, 2003 by advising that he had received notice from the Sutton County Appraisal Board that the mineral values had dropped \$12,000,000, instead of the \$25,000,000 they had first estimated. This will make the effective tax rate for the Hospital District .1842 for 2003, which last year was .1800.

Butler then presented the Quality Assurance Plan for the annual review. The only change in the plan was the addition of the Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehab department's plan. Maria Carrasco made the motion to approve the plan as presented. Sherrill Dannheim seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Butler presented the Rehabilitation Services policies and procedure manuals for their annual review. He advised there were no changes in the Physical Therapy policies and procedures. The Cardiac and Pulmonary rehab policies and procedures were also presented for approval. Preston Faris made the motion to approve the policies and procedures for the Rehabilitation Services. Mike

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New Royalty Reigns After Sutton County Days



Kelly Kearney is crowned the 2003 Miss Sutton County by out-going Miss Sutton County, Koda Armke, at the Saturday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Thia McKissack (second from left) was named first runner up, Megan Fitzgerald (far left) was second runner-up and Tara Green (third from left) was named Miss Congeniality.

by Storie Sharp

The 30th Annual Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo is sure to be remembered by many as a great time. Many observers have commented that the crowds seemed larger and there was much more to do than year's past. Chamber of Commerce Manager, Ruthie Bounds will agree, "It was exhausting, but great," she said.

Rodeo performances drew the crowds beginning on Wednesday, with some of the top cowboys and cowgirls riding to compete for an overall payout of approximately \$87,000.00. The big winners of the Outlaw County Roping Challenge were hometown boys, Tony Renfro and Laramie Hall with an overall time of 35.43. Keith Hudson also made his home town proud, winning the first round of the Calf Roping with a 9.6. Hudson finished 6th in the average, with an overall time of 31 after three rounds.

The newest event, Jr. Bullriding, was a big hit with crowd, with a couple of 80+ rides being made and a neighbor from the north, Travis Lively of Eldorado, TX, winning. The Bullriding didn't let anyone down in the excitement category, with several riders scoring over 80 points, and an 88 winning it on Bad Co. Rodeo's "Smoke". (For all the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo results visit www.badcompanyrodeo.com). Saturday was a day for winners,

starting off with the 5K Fun Run. This year's winners were: Div. I - Boys: 1. Tanner Esparza; Girls: 1. Kelsey Favila, 2. Abby Creek. Div. II - Marissa Prieto. Div III - Boys: 1. Dustin Neff 9:35 mins, 2. Tyler Creek, 3. Michael Stephens; Girls: 1. Brittany Hernandez 9:52 mins, 2. Ashley Brown, 3. Alyssa Favila. Div. IV - Boys: 1. Nick Favila 22:50 mins; 2. Colton Moore 23:40; Girls: 1. Erica McClintock 28:13. Div. V Mens: 1. - Bill Schnieder 23:50, 2. Fonzie Covarrubiaz 24:20, 3. Jeff Kimbrel 27:33, 4. Scott Garrett 29:27. Women Walkers: 1. Erica Hernandez 28:35; 2. Dora Mata, 3. Veronicea Hernandez.

As the runners were crossing the finish line, the sirens were signaling the start of the parade. Winners in the parade were separated into three categories: First in Organization or Group went to the Cub Scouts, with second going to the Devil's River Dancers. The West Texas Rehab was awarded "Best Float", with the Sutton County Road and Bridge Department winning second with their rebuilt Mack Truck. The "Out of Town/Best of Show" award was presented to the Devil's Sinkhole Bat Cave and the "Grand Prize" overall went to Multi-Chem, for the second year in a row. The winning didn't stop there. It was off to the Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County contest next, where Holly Sparks was crowned the new Little Miss and Robert

Zapata, III was named Little Mr. There were many adorable contestants, and Kylie Reiner was the first runner-up in the girls, with Elyssa Prieto getting second runner-up.

Straton Rushing was the first runner-up Little Mr. and Jonathan Garcia was second runner-up.

Everyone enjoyed great music from a variety of bands and entertainment throughout the afternoon, while the kids enjoyed the waterslide, jumping toys and other fun. Shoppers were kept busy with great choices of jewelry, Western art, furniture, great food and more. Washer Pitchin' was held under the shade trees by the dance slab, providing a resting spot for those that needed to sit for a while.

Saturday night, the ladies opened the show with Tara Green being named Miss Congeniality, Megan Fitzgerald was named 2nd runner-up, Thia McKissack was 1st runner-up and Kelly Kearney was crowned the 2003 Miss Sutton County.

Grammy-award winning John Arthur Martinez had the dance floor packed Friday and Saturday nights, with great tunes for sliding a boot.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the volunteers that worked so hard to put on another great Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo!

For more Sutton County Days fun, see page 10



The new Little Mr. Sutton County Robert Zapata, III and Little Miss Sutton County, Holly Sparks.

Sutton County Health Foundation Plans Additional Fundraising Activities

Submitted

The Sutton County Health Foundation met on Tuesday, August 12, 2003.

President Jim Stephen called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Alvis Johnson, Sharon Holman, Pascal Allison, Keith Butler, Ronnie Cox, Joe David Ross, and Carl Teaff.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved as printed.

Sharon Holman reported that the current bank balance at First National Bank is \$38,296.17 and the Sutton County Health Foundation Endowment Fund has a balance of \$100,000.00. Income from memorials for the month was \$5245.00. Income from donations was \$3,500.00. Expense for the month was \$111.00 for postage.

Carl Teaff moved to trans-

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And They're Off...



The Broncos stampeded back onto the field Saturday, starting the 2003 football season with a scrimmage against McCamey on August 16, 2003. The next scrimmage will be in Blanco on August 21st.

School Board Discusses Insurance Rates, Thunderbird and Superintendent Goals

submitted

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2003. Board members present were Scott Jacoby, President, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Barbara Jennings, Tom Payton, and Brant Myers, Superintendent. Sam David Hernandez was absent. School officials present were Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby and Cynthia Keel. Shane Davis, John Franklin, Cy Griffin, Mike McGee and John Williams were also present for the meeting.

After being called to order by President Scott Jacoby, the meeting began with the Superintendent, in the absence of the Chief Appraiser, giving the monthly collection report. Additionally, Myers expressed his appreciation to the Chief Appraiser for the excellent job she does in collecting taxes.

The Board and

Superintendent reviewed the list of current bills in the amount of \$544,620.15.

All minutes from prior meetings were approved as presented.

Superintendent Myers expressed his thanks to Pfluger and Associates and T.M. Davis Construction for allowing him, along with the Board President, to attend the meeting in San Antonio to revise prices for the bond project. Myers asked that John Williams, Pfluger and Associates, and Shane Davis and his team from T.M. Davis Construction review the revised documents. Following a question and answer session, the Superintendent recommended that the Board accept the base bid, base bid #2 and all alternates except for #7.

A motion was made by Fields to accept the guaranteed maximum price of \$7,738,619 which represents the base bid, base bid #2 with all alternates except #7 plus the auditorium.

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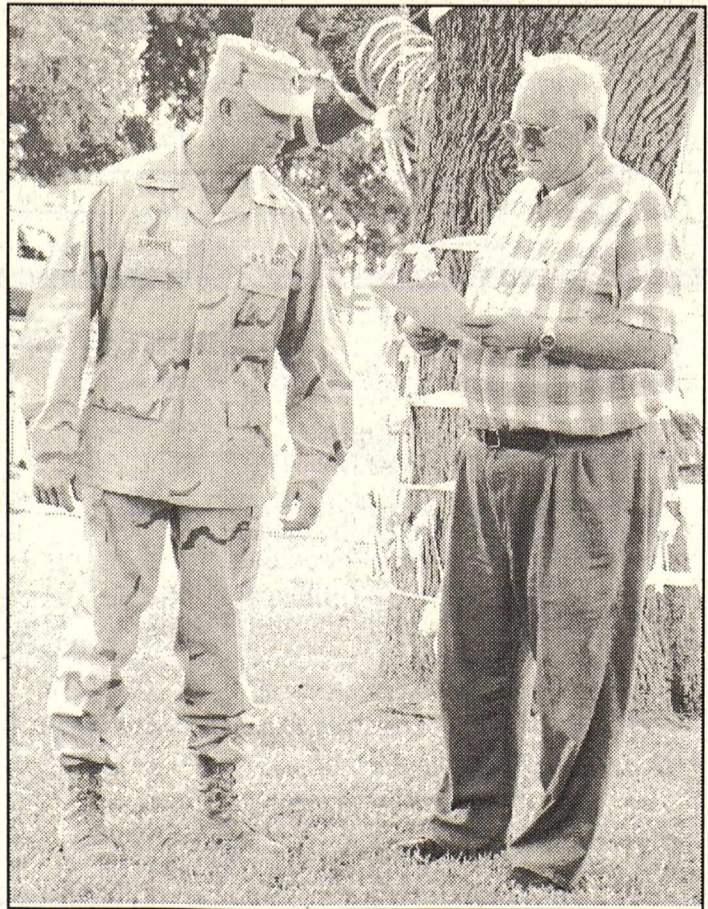
Welcome Home Soldier!

by Storie Sharp

Another yellow ribbon came down last week, signaling the return of yet another military personnel making it back safely. Jeff Kimbrel returned home from Iraq on July 3rd. Kimbrel had been deployed to Kuwait on January 10th, where he was active with the 96 Trans Company, an HET Unit with the U.S. Army, that hauled M1's, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and other tracked vehicles from port to different camps along the border. The company underwent direct fire two times while on the road helping everyone move into position. Eventually, Kimbrel's Company followed the 3rd ID to Baghdad with MRLS on their trucks. He said that 90% of the Iraq citizens were in favor of what the U.S. is doing to help them, and it felt good to see positive response.

Everyone in Sonora was happy to see Jeff "home" and he was presented with many mementos for the occasion, including the proclamation for "Yellow Ribbon Day", an "Old Rock School" ornament, dinner from Sonora's Dairy Queen and other souvenirs to take home.

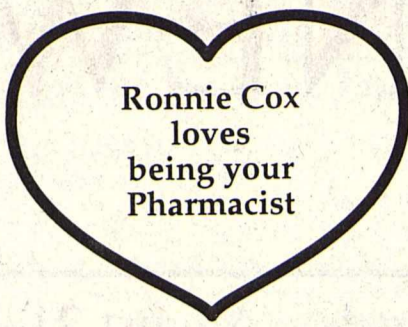
Kimbrel and his family, wife J.J. and three children, Chaskee, Oakley and Tanner,



Sonora Mayor, Jim Stephen, presents returning soldier, Jeff Kimbrel with a proclamation from the City of Sonora.

are stationed at Ft. Hood. They were just told this week that his Company would have to return to Iraq in 6 to 8 months. We all

wish Jeff the best and we were glad to have you back in Sonora.



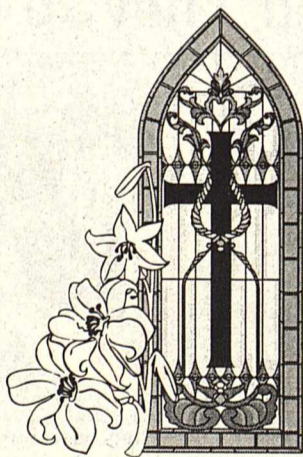
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Obituaries

Dr. Leo Brown Merrill

Dr. Leo Brown Merrill died Friday, August 15, 2003, surrounded by his family. He was born on February 8, 1918, in Eager, Arizona, to Fred and Della Merrill. Leo grew up on the family ranch in eastern Arizona where they caught, broke and sold wild horses. Included among their customers were the Apaches from the White River Reservation. Leo, his brother, Rex, and their dad were ranchers and freight haulers. Leo was very active in high school athletics and went on to play football at Gila Junior College. Because Leo was very interested in a better way to manage the family ranch, he went to Utah State and majored in Range and Forestry. Leo graduated immediately after joining the Naval Air Corps. He went on to pilot a Martin PBM seaplane, although he claimed he only "drove it." While serving at Harvey Point near Hertford, North Carolina in 1943, he met Pat Edwards and they married January 6, 1945, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford. Lt. Leo Merrill served in both the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean on patrol for enemy subs. While serving in the Pacific, he was stationed in the Galapagos Islands where he became fascinated with the diversified wildlife. Upon discharge after the war, he and Pat came to Sonora, Texas, where he went to work for the A & M Research Station. During this time, he completed his education at Texas A&M, receiving both his master's and Ph.D. in the field of Range Management. He spent his career doing range research, working to improve worldwide range grazing practices. He is known throughout the ranching community for his "Merrill 4 pasture deferred rotating grazing system."

Leo retired from A & M as the superintendent of the Sonora Research Station at the age of 65. Leo was a founding member of the Society for Range Management and president in 1956, a member of the Masonic Lodge and a past president of the Sonora Lions Club.

Leo was preceded in death by his father, Fred; mother, Della Brown; brother, Rex; and his good friend and brother-in-law, Roy Ransom.

Leo is survived by his wife of 58 years, Pat; son, Cliff and his wife, Pat; daughter, Pattie and husband, David Cutbirth; five granddaughters, Camilla, Catherine, Candace, Cassandra and Carolina Cutbirth and his sister Marjorie Ransom.

Graveside services were conducted by Leo's friend "Biscuits O'Bryan," a.k.a. the Rev. Monte Jones, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, August 17, in Sonora Cemetery.

Eugene Gonzales

Eugene Gonzales, 79, of Sonora, died Thursday, August 14, 2003 in a San Angelo Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, August 18, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral home.

He is survived by three sons, Richard Gonzales of Overton, Texas, Johnny Gonzales of Brookland, Texas, and Eugene Gonzales of Waldo, Arkansas; two brothers, Alejandro Gonzales of Sonora and Luciano Gonzales of San Angelo; two sisters, Petra Gonzales and Engracia Hernandez, both of Sonora, and five grandchildren.

He was born November 15, 1923 in Sonora to Eljijo and Paula Garza Gonzales. He was a welder and a member of the Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louisa Gonzales in 1994. He was an Army Veteran of WWII.

Mary Tucker

Services for Mary Tucker, 87, of Andrews were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Ted Short, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, and the Rev. Bill Melton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tucker died Saturday, July 19, at her residence. She was born February 18, 1916, in Fredrick, Oklahoma. She married Eldon "Howard" Tucker on April 11, 1936, in Hobart, Oklahoma. They moved to Andrews in 1961 from Snyder. She had worked as a nurse's aid and had served as a Pink Lady for the hospital auxiliary. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Howard, of Andrews; two sons, Gerry Tucker, Sr. of Andrews, and Lee Van Tucker of Andrews; a daughter Micheal Ann Hall of Streetman; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Howard Tucker

Funeral services for Howard Tucker, 88, of Andrews, were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2003, in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Melton, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Andrews West Cemetery.

Mr. Tucker died Thursday, August 7, in Andrews.

He was born on March 2, 1915, in Nocona, Texas. He married Mary Frances Polk on April 11, 1936, in Hobart, Oklahoma. They moved to Andrews in 1961 from Snyder. He owned the Tucker Construction Company, and had owned Andrews Gas Company from 1977 to 1987. Andrews Gas Company supplied the City of Andrews with natural gas. He was active with many other oil related businesses. He was very active with the Andrews Senior Citizens Foundation and was president of the Andrews Senior Center for 10 years. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

His wife, Mary Frances Tucker, preceded him in death on July 19, 2003.

Survivors include two sons, Gerry Tucker, of Andrews and Lee Van Tucker of Andrews; a daughter, Micheal Ann Hall, of Streetman; two brothers, Bill Tucker of Wichita Falls and Coy Tucker of Seagraves; a sister, Freda Edwards of Tipton, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

Mary Ella Bundy

Mary Ella Bundy, 79, of Hico died Saturday, August 16, 2003 in the Hico Nursing and Rehab Center. A memorial service celebrating the life of this devoted wife, mother, and grandmother were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 19th at the First United Methodist Church in Hico, with Bro. Mike Fritscher and Rev. Sharon Robertson officiating.

She was born May 29, 1924 in Hico to Hugh and Lucile McCullough and was a 1940 graduate of Hico High School. She received a B.A. degree in English from the University of Wichita Jones and husband, Don, of Corsicana, a sister, Frances McCullough Meek, of Pecos, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hico Volunteer Fire Department or to the charity of choice.

Durango, Mexico, and Angel Fire, New Mexico prior to their retirement in Hico. She and her family were named Texas Presbyterian Family of the Year in 1962 while living in Sonora, where they were owners of The Devil's River News.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter Margaret Bundy Dempsey, and a daughter-in-law, Carol Jones Bundy.

She is survived by two sons, Stanton Schofield Bundy III of Hico, and Richard Hugh Bundy and wife, Merri, of Wichita Falls, a daughter, Lucy Bundy Jones and husband, Don, of Corsicana, a sister, Frances McCullough Meek, of Pecos, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lewis M. Roueche, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Roueche of Brady; sons, Hal Roueche of Grady, N.M., David Roueche of Brady and Steve Roueche of Yuma, Arizona; and daughter, Nina Ruth Wright of Valley Farms, Arizona.

Lewis M. Roueche, Jr., 84, died Saturday, August 16, 2003, at his residence. Memorial services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora. Arrangements are by Leatherwood Memorial Chapels.

Connie Reeves

Mrs. Connie Reeves, age 101 of Kerrville, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2003 in a San Antonio hospital. She was born September 26, 1901 in Eagle Pass, TX to William and Ada (Wallace) Douglas.

Mrs. Reeves was inducted into the Cowgirl and Cowboy Halls of Fame and was the first female in law school at the University of Texas. She was a school teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio and started the first girls' drill team, the "Lasso's", there and was still active in the group. She was employed at Camp Waldemar as a riding instructor for 70 years. She taught 30,000+ girls over the years. Connie also authored a book called "I Married A Cowboy." She was of the Methodist Faith.

Survivors include six nieces, Marilyn Baldwin of Chicago, Illinois, Beverly Felderman of Alexandria, VA, Gloria Goodwin of Kerrville, Kathy Fulgim of Abilene, Patty Barton of Pecan Plantation, TX and Dr. Glenda Smith of Austin; and six nephews, Gerald Witt of Camp Verde, Joe Dell Witt of Center Point, Dennis McPherson of Wharton, TX, Harry McPherson of Rockport, Gary Brothers of Michigan and Darwin Fisher of Uvalde.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Reeves in 1985.

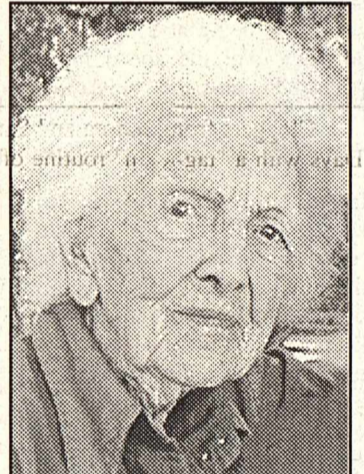
Services were held Wednesday, August 20, 2003, 10:00 a.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapel with Rev. Mac McKinney officiating. Interment followed at Camp Verde Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gerald Witt, Joe Dell Witt, Dennis McPherson, Harry McPherson, Darwin Fisher and Johnny Felderman.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapel of Kerrville, Texas.



School Lunch Menu • August 25 - 29, 2003

- Breakfast**
- Mon. - Breakfast burrito, juice.
 - Tues. - 2 pancakes, syrup, fruit.
 - Wed. - Grilled cheese, juice.
 - Thurs. - Biscuits, gravy, fruit.
 - Fri. - Cinnamon roll, juice.
- Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.
- Lunch**
- Mon. - BBQ on a bun, French fries, pickles, green grapes.
 - Tues. - Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, fruit, cornbread.
 - Wed. - Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce, carrot sticks, oatmeal cookie.
 - Thurs. - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit icee, roll.
 - Fri. - Corn dogs, mustard, baked beans, tator tots, fresh fruit.

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 School Holiday
Aug. 25
 Commissioners Meeting
 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
School Board Public Hearing
 5:30 p.m. • Administration Bldg.

The Community Calendar



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 School Holiday

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Lindbergh's Ups and Downs In Campwood



Tumbleweed Smith

In 1924 aviation pioneer Charles A. Lindbergh left San Antonio in a World War I bi-wing Canuck with the plane's owner, Leon Klink, and headed for California. Lindbergh had planned to follow railroad tracks west, since he didn't have any navigation instruments aboard.

Somewhere around Uvalde he got confused and started following a small rail line that stopped at Campwood, a hill country village northwest of San Antonio. The line had been built to haul cedar out of Nueces Canyon.

Running out of track and needing to know just where they were, Lindbergh made a rough landing in a cultivated field between Campwood and Barksdale.

A man named guy Hutcherson drove his model T truck to the location, loaded their luggage, tools and Mr. Klink. This lightened the plane for a safe lift-off. Lindbergh then landed the plane on Campwood's main street, between the Fitzgerald Hotel

and Warren Puett's Hardware Store.

They loaded the plane and were taxiing down the dirt street, which had a number of ruts, causing the plane to wobble. The tip of the wing struck a telephone pole, throwing the plane into the side of Puett's Hardware.

The propeller was broken and a wing was damaged. They ordered a new prop and patched the wing. Lindbergh later said the plane forever flew slightly sideways the way some dogs trot. Lindbergh's offer to make restitution was rejected. Puett said, "People will come from miles around to see where this brave young birdman escaped death."

The two airmen stayed at the hotel several days, visited and danced with the local girls. Residents of Campwood called the 22-year-old Lindbergh "Slim." He was relatively unknown at the time, outside of barnstorming circles.

After a week, the propeller finally arrived, but it was the wrong size. A local mechanic, Russell Vernoy, made it fit. When the plane was repaired, Lindbergh gave several residents rides.

When it was time to leave, the young pilots climbed

aboard, said goodbye to their new friends, took off safely this time, and continued their journey westward.

Many years later, the park was named Lindbergh Park and the street in front of the Fitzgerald Hotel was named Leon Klink Street. The state placed a historical marker at the site.

The original propeller from the Canuck has recently been found. It had been in a garage fifty years.

Hill Country resident Tom Casey has made a replica of the plane Lindbergh flew into Campwood. It is in a museum in Campwood and is displayed the first Saturday in August of each year at the old Settler's Reunion. A few years after the incident, Mr. Klink visited the reunion and saw the hotel and the street named for him.

Two weeks after visiting Campwood, Lindbergh became a US Air Service Cadet at Brooks Field in San Antonio. On May 20-21 in 1927, he made the first solo flight from New York to Paris, and the world took notice.

Previously, fourteen people died trying to make that flight.

Happy Birthday

August 21 - Elizabeth Schenkel

August 22 - Kay Word, Tom Glasscock, Jody Harris, Bobby Mogford, Evalisa Martinez, Shannon Arnwine, Shane Arnwine

August 23- Tino Dominquez, Ulys Beard, Blair Crain, Coley Thompson

August 24 - Beau Hughes, Heather Lawson, Frank Gandar

August 25 - Linda Love, Orlando Segura, George Galindo

August 26 - Cassi Cole, Kate Kinder, Fran Pennington, Justin McGeath, Debra Hobbs, Kara Hard

August 27 - C.J. Badgett, Allison Higdon, Carl Johnson, Clifton Lipham, Megan Fitzgerald

Ladies Golf Auxiliary Plans Couples Tournament

submitted

The Sonora Ladies' Golf Auxiliary is sponsoring a Couples Golf Tournament on September 20th and 21st. The format is one man and one woman per team, select shot. Entry fees are \$160 per team (mulligans and carts extra). There will be a \$50 hole-in-one pot. Mulligans will be \$5.00 per person per day. Carts will be \$15 per day.

The tournament will be pre-flighted. Please turn in handicaps and home course, along with a printed verification. If some sort of verification is not received, players will be flighted where the Ladies' Golf Auxiliary think is appropriate.

There will be a cash pay out and hole prizes each day.

A couple's scramble will be held Friday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. Registration for the scramble is required by 5:00 p.m. with an entry fee of \$10.00 per team. 100% of the scramble will be paid back. A fish fry will be catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse Saturday night, followed by a team discussion.

Entry fees must be paid by Tuesday, September 16, 2003. No refunds after this date for cancellations.

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Devil's River Dancers Kick Up Some Fun At Sutton County Days



Dancers from Sonora and San Angelo perform for Sutton County Days with a "tag-team" routine of songs at the rodeo grounds and an a capella routine on the float. Pictured below are: front row (L-R) Patti Ratliff, Beverly Grenda, Carolyn McMeans, Debbie Thompson; second row (L-R) Roy Jean Johnson, Christa Carter, Sandy Rankin, Tara Carter, Sondra Chafey; third row (L-R) Patti Rainer, Brenda Berry, Cindy Middleton, Bobbj Boyce, and Victoria Richardson.



Thank You Sonora

Hudson Technology Consulting, Inc. would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone that made our grand opening a success. We especially want to say how much we appreciate Ruthie Bounds and Becky Allison of The Sonora Chamber of Commerce. It really pays to be a member of the Chamber! We look forward to serving our community's computer service needs.

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Senior Center News

Aug. 25 - Bingo!
Aug. 27 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Education. Noon!
Aug. 28 - Come and join us for lunch!
Aug. 29 - Birthday party for August. Noon.

Senior Menu

Aug. 25 - Steakfingers with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk.
Aug. 26 - Polynesian chicken salad, sweet peas, wheat bread, golden salad, vanilla pudding, milk.
Aug. 27 - Meatloaf with tomato, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk.
Aug. 28 - Oven baked pork chops, mixed squash, corn with pepper, wheat roll, tossed salad, fruit parfait, milk.
Aug. 29 - Fried catfish, tartar sauce, hominy & okra, tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp, milk.

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JV Broncos Score Five Touchdowns to McCamey's Two



by Ray Glasscock
 What a difference a year makes! Last year there were hardly enough players to field a single JV team and this year there will be a freshman and sophomore team. Both teams looked very impressive. While it is difficult to tell who all of the players are without numbers, we could tell who scored some of the touchdowns. Caleb Ramos had an impressive scrimmage with a long run to the Badger three yard line. From there he threw one of his two touchdown passes. Craig Leonard scored on a sixty yard quarterback keeper. Embre Smith ran and threw well. Many players played very well, but it was impossible to tell who they were.

Young Volunteer Makes A Difference At Senior Center

submitted
 Miss Mackenzie Perez volunteered at the Sonora Senior Center every Tuesday and Thursday in June and July. She worked more than 128 hours this summer, assisting in preparing meals, helping seniors with craft projects and helping prepare and deliver meals to home-bound seniors. She also answered the phones, did office work, where she was very good on the computer, and she served as an escort on transportation. It is very inspiring for a young person to dedicate so much time and effort on behalf of our senior citizens. The staff and the visitors at the Senior Center would like to say thank you to Mackenzie, and they look forward to having her back next year. Mackenzie is 14 years old and will be a freshman at Sonora High School this year.



She is active in basketball, track, softball and is a J.V. cheerleader. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Martinez and Jose Perez.

F.Y.I.

Cub Scout Rally - August 25th - Jr. High Cafeteria, for all boys 1st - 5th grade.

The Sonora City League Board of Directors would like to encourage all interested parents, guardians, coaches, volunteers, etc...to attend a meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2003. This meeting will take place at the Devon Energy Office, (in the Mercantile Building on Main Street) at 6:30 PM. We will be voting in new officers and new board members for the upcoming year. If you have a child between the ages of 5 - 16, that play Little Dribblers Basketball, Girls Softball, or Boys Baseball, then come be a part of a group that organizes these events for our children. New faces, and new ideas are always welcome. We hope to see you there! For more information call Shelly Hughes at 387-5008 after 5:00 PM, or Danni Price at 387-2507, or Julie Martin at 387-5136 after 5:00 PM.

Early Voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will be held on August 28, 2003 through September 9, 2003 at the County Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Election Day will be Saturday, September 13, 2003.

Sonora Golf Club Inc. 6th Annual Scholarship Tournament - 18 Hole Scramble. Green fees will be waived. 1st place, team names and players names on plaque. All proceeds will go to provide college scholarships to deserving Sonora High School Seniors who participate in the High School Golf Program. 3 person team \$100, 4 person team \$150, 5 person team \$200. August 23, 2003, 1:00 p.m. Call the proshop at 387-3680 or John Adams at 206-0886.

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association is looking for "Hunter of the Year" nominations. If you, or someone you know, has hunted in Sutton County for at least 20 years and should be voted the "Hunter of the Year" call Carl Teaff at 287-2452 by September 1, 2003 to make your nomination.

Applications for YMCA PeeWee Football will be available at the Elementary Office, Jr. High office, and J.J.'s Automotive starting Monday, August 18th through Friday, August 22nd. This is for grades 3 through 6. Deadline for all applications is Friday, August 22, 2003.

Lighthouse Community Church presents: "Breaking Free" by Christian Author and Leader, Beth Moore. Do you struggle with issues that seem to repeat themselves over and over? Well, maybe this study of God's word is for you! Everyone is welcome for classes beginning Wednesday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with childcare provided. FMI call Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

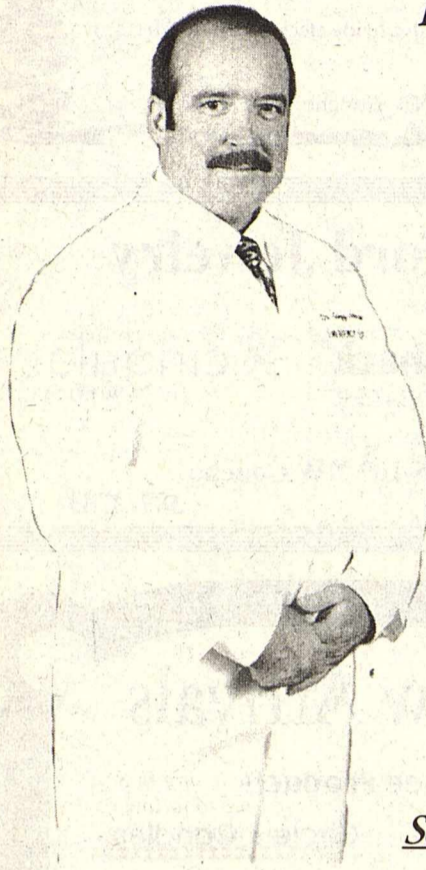
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Chamber Chatter

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber Manager
 Another Sutton County Days has come and gone, and we hope everyone had a great time over the weekend. We were very glad to see you all there. There is no way to thank everyone that helped to make this such a fun family event, but, I do want to say "Thank You". All of your help is greatly appreciated.
 We will be getting back to our regular Chamber Chatter Column next week. We will be featuring Sonora Chamber Of Commerce members, and letting you know about things that local businesses are doing.

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- 9/27 • Southwestern Oklahoma State # Family Day
- 10/4 • West Texas A & M* • Boy & Girl Scout Day • San Angelo • 7:00 p.m.
- 10/11 • Eastern New Mexico* • Portales, N.M. • 3:00 p.m.
- 10/18 • Abilene Christian* • Homecoming • San Angelo • 7:00 p.m.
- 10/25 • East Central # Team Day • San Angelo • 7:00 pm.
- 11/1 • Midwestern State* • Wichita Falls • 7:00 p.m.
- 11/8 • Texas A & M Commerce* • Military Day • San Angelo • 2:00 p.m.
- 11/16 • Texas A & M Kingsville* • Kingsville • 7:00 p.m.

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School Zone Safety from page 1

led in a child safety seat, a booster seat, or with a lap/shoulder belt that is age, weight and height appropriate. It's safer for all children ages 12 and under to sit in the back seat of your car whenever possible.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises motorists to help increase school zone safety by following these steps:

- * When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- * When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.
- * Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in a neighborhood.
- * Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- * Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- * Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions.

Health Foundation from page 1

for \$30,000.00 from the FNB Checking account to the SCHF Endowment Fund. Pascal Allison seconded and the motion passed.

Keith Butler reported that presentations have been given to the Downtown Lions Club and the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Foundation is scheduled to make a presentation to the Woman's Club in September. Banks, the funeral home and the hospital have brochures and donor envelopes on display.

Alvis Johnson moved to place a weekly ad in The Devil's River News on the same page as the obituaries. Sharon Holman seconded and all voted in favor.

Additional fundraising activities will include inserts for bank statements to First National Bank customers and Christmas cards. Matt Lewis will be invited to the September meeting to share his knowledge of fundraising techniques.

The purpose of the SCHF is long-term support of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County.

The goal of the SCHF is to provide supplemental funds for the operation of the hospital and other healthcare resources in order to decrease need for tax support of healthcare in Sutton County.

The SCHF will reach its goal by soliciting tax-deductible funds through bequests, contributions, memorials, and gifts. The SCHF will use income generated by the principal to supplement the income of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County.

School Board from page 1

The motion was seconded by Favila and all members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

The Superintendent expressed his gratitude to the representatives from both Pfluger and Associates and T.M. Davis construction for all the work they had done up to this point. Shane Davis thanked the Board and Superintendent for the opportunity to work for them.

In the Superintendent's report, Myers reviewed the following areas:

Campus - part of the locker project has been completed; the tile in the Middle School Gym and the carpet in the Middle School Band Hall have been replaced; and the interior portion of the High School air conditioning project is done.

Extra-Curricular - work is continuing on the public restrooms at the football field.

Housing - the work at the house on Water Street (band director house) has been finished and proved to be very cost effective.

Superintendent Myers invited all board members to attend the opening assembly for introduction of new teachers on Wednesday, August 13, at 8 a.m. at the High School Commons and the annual Lions Club Hamburger Supper on August 14, at 6 p.m., at the Depot.

Myers stated that the 2002-03 year had a closing enrollment of 913 and that it appeared the opening enrollment for 2003-04 would be in the neighborhood of 900-910.

A motion was then made by Fields, seconded by Jennings, to rescind the action which set August 11, at 5:30 p.m. as the date to hold the public hearing, adopt the budget and set the tax rate. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Tom Payton then made a motion to set August 25, at 5:30 p.m. as the time and date to hold the public hearing on the 2003-2004 proposed budget and the 2003-2004 proposed tax rate, to adopt the 2003-04 budget and set the 2003-04 tax rate. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Cy Griffin of Doyle Morgan Insurance gave a brief review of the quote in the amount of \$62,085 for property and casualty insurance (workers comp to be determined later) which reflected an increase of \$615,000 across the board. Board members unanimously approved Doyle Morgan Insurance as the carrier for property and casualty insurance for 2003-04.

President Scott Jacoby stated that he had requested that a discussion and possible action regarding a contribution for administrator insurance be placed on the agenda. Jacoby explained that the state had reduced its contribution to employee health insurance from \$1000 to \$500 for all school employees other than administrators and that administrators (salary over \$50,000) would receive no contribution. Jacoby stated that for Sonora ISD, seven employees were affected and he would like for the district to fund this contribution at \$500 per person for a total of \$3500.

Member Tammy Favila stated that administrators were given very nice salary increases recently while teachers had received very little.

Member Barbara Jennings stated that she was against the proposal because the administrators were given nice raises while teachers received only their step increase. Additionally, Jennings made the point that with the reduction of the state insurance contribution and the increase in insurance premiums, a number of teachers would be making less than they had the year

before. The remaining members of the Board were polled. Bustamante stated that he felt the state was punishing the employees who earned more than \$50,000. Fields commented that he was torn in making a decision and that while he agreed with Mrs. Favila and Mrs. Jennings, the district had no control over what the state does regarding the contribution. Payton commented that he was leaning toward payment of the \$500 to administrator health insurance.

Business Manager Diane Jacoby pointed out that the district has to maintain the same maintenance of effort each year on health insurance and anything the district spends goes toward the maintenance of effort. Mrs. Jacoby also informed the Board that because of the decrease in the state's contribution and the increase in insurance premiums, a number of employees had either opted to find insurance elsewhere or to move to a lower plan.

Favila and Jennings once again pointed out that it would be detrimental to teacher morale for the district to contribute the \$500 to administrator insurance since the administrators had received nice salary increases while the teachers received only their step increases.

There was no action taken on the item.

A motion was made by Jennings, seconded by Fields, to adopt the Cafeteria Plan Resolution as presented. All members present voted in favor.

Superintendent Myers stated that he had received a request from Sutton County for Sonora ISD to donate \$5,000 toward the \$18,000 annual cost of operating the Thunderbird Buses. Additionally, Myers informed the Board that the Thunderbird provided transportation to a number of the district's low income students.

Favila questioned why the students would still be charged to ride the bus if the district contributed to the operating costs.

Fields commented that the district was looking at a tax increase while Sutton County was not proposing a tax increase, yet was asking the district to contribute to the operation of the system.

Favila stated that she would like more definite numbers regarding how many students use the Thunderbird before making the decision.

Superintendent Myers remarked that he understood both sides of the issue but that his main concern was the affect on certain students' attendance if the system was not in operation.

Favila once again commented that while she appreciated the system, she didn't under-

stand why the students had to pay.

Bustamante said that since the issue affected low income students, he would move that the district contribute \$5,000 toward operational costs. The motion was seconded by Payton. At this point, Fields called for more discussion. He stated that he would like more definite information regarding student use, and the campus principals in attendance informed him regarding the approximate number of students who availed themselves of the bus system. Following more discussion, Fields pointed out that the county was asking the school district to fund less than 1/3 of the cost of operation.

President Jacoby called for a vote on the motion. Voting "aye", in favor, were Bustamante, Field, Jacoby and Payton. Voting "no" were Favila and Jennings. Absent and not voting was Sam David Hernandez. The motion carried.

Precinct 2 Judge, Pattie Rainer, and her duly appointed clerks were unanimously approved as the Early Voting Ballot Board for the September 13, 2003 election for Chapter 41 purposes.

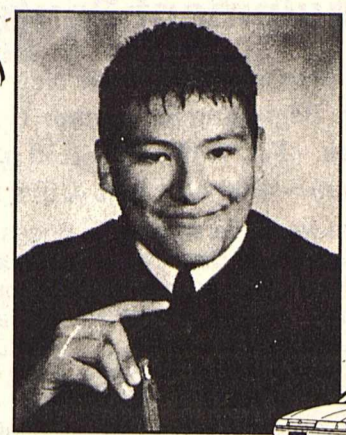
Myers presented the Superintendent Goals for 2003-2004 which had been developed at the team building session conducted on August 4. He stated that the administrative team felt the wording of Goal #1 was confusing and asked if there was another way to word it. Following a discussion, the Board revised Goal 1 to read: "Each student in Sonora ISD will perform at their highest academic potential with an aligned K-12 curriculum." The Board unanimously approved the Superintendent Goals for 2003-2004 as revised after a motion by Fields and a second by Payton.

Bustamante inquired if all Advanced Placement Courses at the High School had been cut and was informed by Principal Doug Bawcom that only A/P History was not offered, due to the fact that there had not been time to send anyone to the training after the resignation of the teacher who had been instructing the course. Bawcom stated that 11th and 12th A/P English is still offered along with A/P Biology and that A/P History would be offered again for 2004-2005.

Jennings read a thank-you note for flowers the Board sent after her recent loss. Additionally, she thanked the Board for their support and understanding while she was attending to a family member who was seriously ill.

No items were considered in closed session, so the meeting was adjourned.

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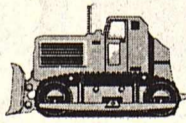
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I'm not sure how to best say it, so here goes:
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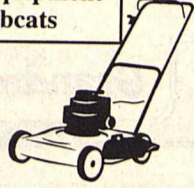
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from "The Multi-Chem Bunch"

Hospital Board from page 1

Healy seconded the motion carried. The Pharmacy manual will be presented at a later date, due to the new physician coming on staff. The formulary had to be adjusted for the additions and deletions of pharmacy items for the new physician.

Butler gave the list of the professional contracts to the Board. He advised that some of the contracts were ongoing due to the nature of their service. Some of the contracts are temporary and will only be a one-time service contract, once the job is completed. Butler said that there had been some additional contracts added, with the one physician moving and a new physician added to the active medical staff. The Lab Director has changed from last year and a new contract added for the new director. The Physical Therapy contract will be working with West Texas Rehab for some changes in the area of reimbursement in the new contract.

Butler went over the non-professional contracts providing service to the District. He explained what each company or individual service provided, and he presented the list of vendors that the district purchases their services/supplies from. The Board discussed the non-professional contracts and the vendors in depth regarding the various supplies and services provided. Dannheim made the motion to approve the professional and non-professional contracts and the vendors as presented and discussed. Virginia Epps seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Butler advised the Board that on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, that he will meet with Henry Schmidt, Architect, and Master Builders, contractor, and discuss and review the construction schedule for the expansion of the Sonora Medical Clinic. He also stated that O'Connell Robertson had submitted two conceptual drawing for the construction of the new Hospital. The topographical survey team was here for two days. The architects will be back, in a month for further

inspection of the building for more in-depth design. No action was needed at this time.

Butler presented the preliminary 2004 budget and advised that he had seven months of figures to project the remainder of 2003. The revenue for lab and X-ray was increased by 20%, due to Dr. Johnson starting his practice; the other services were increased by 10%. Expenses were increased by 4%, with the exception of the reference lab, which was increased by 10%. Discussion was held in depth regarding the budget. The final budget will be presented at the September meeting for approval.

Butler gave the accounts receivable report for July. He said that the goal is to be between 45-55 days.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for June. She reported that revenue was down in June due to Dr. Calderon's office closing at the end of May and Dr. Pajestka being on vacation. Expenses were up due to the first payment of the physician guarantee and the architect's fees. The Hospital had total operating revenue of \$167,960 and an operating loss of \$47,395, with a net loss of \$24,313.

The July expenditures were presented and approved.

There were no visitor's comments, but a discussion was held regarding the possibility of leasing a CT scanner. The Directors stated that the reception for Dr. and Mrs. Johnson on Sunday was very nice and well-attended.

News from the Neighbors

Disney On IceSM Presents Princess Classics In San Angelo

A rub of a magic lamp, a wave of a magic wand and "Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo" - true magic happens live, right before audiences' eyes as Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics. Disney's most memorable princesses - Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White - appear together in a live production for the first time in Disney history. The most dramatic moments of their stories spanning more than seven decades are woven together into one magical experience. The show will be in San Angelo, Texas at the San Angelo Coliseum from August 21, 2003 - August 24, 2003. Show Schedules are: Thursday, August 21, & Friday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 23, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 24, 1:30 p.m. To order tickets by phone: (325) 658-6464. Tickets also available: Blair's Western Wear, Convention Center Box Office, Saints Hockey Office. Ticket prices: \$30.00/\$25.00/\$18.00

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Disney's Princess Classics is a tale of triumph against evil using the strength of heart, humor and hope, as told through the eyes of seven princesses. The ice rink transforms into a jeweled, three-story, revolving castle. As the castle changes, audiences travel around the world - from Cinderella's England to the city of Agrabah, where Jasmine lives, to Mulan's China. The ice is filled with daring synchronized skating and romantic choreography, glowing costumes and princesses who inspire by making their dreams come true.

"Disney's Princess Classics offers parents a chance to connect with their children," says Kenneth Feld, "and to share these uplifting stories of overcoming adversity, and the power of friendship and love. Mothers and fathers will enjoy seeing their children's eyes light up as they laugh, cry, smile and cheer together at one fantastic event."

Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Dear Poor Rix: I've heard many references to "The Dog Days of August," but normally, when I see a dog, it's just laying around. Don't they celebrate their month, or are they just not party animals? Mike Koewler, Reading, OH.

Mike, your two-part question on dogs hounded me. Finally, after barking up several wrong trees, we sniffed out an answer.

Long ago (before "reality" television), ancient astronomers named a star

"Sirius." They called it the Dog Star because it was part of the constellation Canis Major (the greater dog).

Sirius usually rose during July, and burned brightest during steamy late August days, when everyone sweats more than an ice cube on a radiator.

Since Sirius is the brightest star one sees with the naked eye (or even the eye wearing clothes), folks assumed TWO glaring suns made things twice as hot. So "dog days" referred to the most miserable summer hours.

Do canines celebrate during this period? Poor Rix asked his own dog, Poor Mollie. "What a great idea," Mollie replied. "I would like to celebrate. What does the word celebrate mean?"

Actually, Poor Rix lied. Mollie cannot speak English, but clearly understands the words food, eat, outside, walk, and - her favorite - "male mongrel next door."

But when it comes to party animals, few mammals can match the deer.

These guys show up with lots of bucks, bring their own horns, and stage some wild stag parties.

Yes, you can give me a home where the buffalo roam. But don't let the deer and antelope play there.

Poor Rix offers bad answers to good questions. To ask a question, e-mail him at rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Nashville Star Finalists Reunion Picnic at Riverstage on Aug. 30

The Nashville Star Finalists Labor Day Reunion/Picnic at Riverstage is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 30 in San Angelo. The gates open at 11:00 a.m. and the music starts at noon.

The event features eight of the 12 finalists in the USA Network/Sony Music Nashville Stars competition that was televised March 8 through May 3, 2003. 8,000 potential stars auditioned for the nationwide talent search to find the next great country music artist.

Nashville Stars appearing will be Travis Howard, Kristen Kissling, John Arthur Martinez, Brandon Silveira, Prentiss Varnon, Amy Chappell, Anne Louise

Blythe and Brandi Gibson

Also performing will be Kevin Fowler, one of the fastest rising country acts in Texas, Waylon Payne, Diamondback Texas, Sonny Burgess, Sammi Smith, Papa T and Jimmy Velvit. Tickets for the event are available at the San Angelo Convention Center, Blair's Western Western Wear, Saints Hockey Office or call 325-658-6464.

Prices are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the gate. Under 18 are 1/2 price and under 6 are admitted free.

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A Special Salute to Steve Duhon from Multi-Chem ■ Lois & James

Steve Duhon Steer Wrestling

This Louisiana cowboy, son of a horse trainer and part-time rodeo contestant, became interested in horses at age five. That interest in horses and rodeo led Duhon to a crossroads when he had to choose between football at Louisiana State and a career on the rodeo trail. He decided he had a better chance at success in the arena.

In 1985 that decision led to Duhon's capture of the PRCA Resistol Rookie of the Year honors. The next year he won the first three world championships. Along the way to those championships Duhon qualified for the National Finals eight times, won average titles two years and established a Finals record run of 3.0 seconds in 1986, which was not touched until it was tied in 2001.

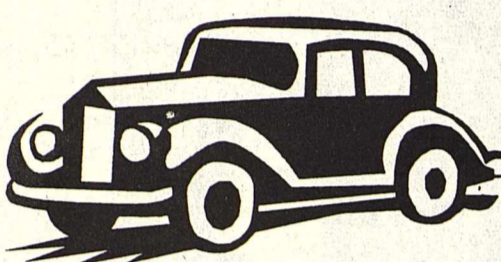
Road weary Duhon stayed home in 1990 and 1991 and might and might not have won that last world title if not for a call about a palomino horse named Yellow Dog. A few runs on the horse and Duhon had the rodeo itch again. The first year back he finished third in the world - the next year he was on top again with a third title which he says is better than the other two. Steve was born May 27, 1962 in Opelousas, Louisiana. World Champion Steer Wrestling 1986, 1987, 1993



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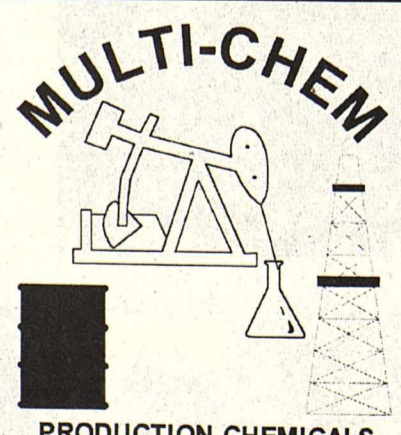


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 Ten consignors offered some of their best young goats for sale. Marvin Shurley, Quincy Crain, Tommy Morriss, William Renfro, Scott Jacoby, Preston Farris, Judy McDonald, Mike and Diann Keller, Nancy Glasscock and Ken Rowland. The sale was well attended and Judy McDonald had the high selling goat.
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Texas Historic Farms and Ranches Being Sought For Recognition

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking application for the Family Land Heritage Program that honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has honored 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

- "Texas was built by agricultural pioneers," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."
- To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications.
- The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.
 - The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.
 - Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.
 - If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.
 - Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1903 or before is Nov. 15, 2003.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March, 2004. The history of the farm or ranch will also be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512)463-2631.

West Nile Threat Not Over Yet

by Edith A. Chenaul
 COLLEGE STATION - A Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist is warning all Texans the threat of mosquito-borne diseases may be just beginning for humans this year.

"The reason people need to be even more cautious now of West Nile virus and other such viruses from now on is because these bird-reservoired, mosquito-borne viruses tend to build up during the early- to mid-part of the summer," said Dr. Jim Olson.

"Mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile then begin to spill over into human populations in late-summer, from August until the coming of cold weather in mid- to late-September. Usually by the 15th of October, things begin to quiet down," he said.

"Thus, the chances for people to be encountered by an infected mosquito go way up" in late summer and early fall, Olson said.

Even with the beginning of the school year, outdoor activities continue, and people still need to think about preventing mosquito-borne diseases. "In fact, if anything, they need to intensify their protective behaviors," he said.

By the end of July, the Texas Department of Health reported 13 human cases of West Nile virus in nine counties this year. Two people have died - one in Ellis County and the other in Montgomery County.

Certain occupations - such as those that require working outside in the early morning or at night - carry more risk. Police officers, firefighters and those who work in open-air facilities such as refineries "need to be extremely careful," he said.

Everyone needs to make sure mosquitos don't enter their homes, particularly the species that primarily cycles the virus. The *Culex quinquefasciatus*, or southern house mosquito, is primarily a bird feeder and will only feed on humans when they have no other choice, such as being trapped in a building or home, Olson said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, West Nile virus is commonly found in Africa, West Asia and the Middle East. It is closely related to the St. Louis encephalitis virus and can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses and some other mammals.

People who have contracted the virus will have flu-like symptoms to begin with, Olson

said. "Generally, that's where it stops - the headache, the fever, general ache," he said. However, the virus can lead to a stiff neck, lack of coordination, coma, and possibly death.

To avoid mosquitos and the possibility of disease, Olson recommended the three P's:

- Protection of self, by wearing protective clothing and a repellent of choice and avoiding being outside during the times of day when mosquitos are active.
- Olson suggested wearing clothing that is loose-fitting. "With tight-fitting clothing, mosquitos can drill right through the fabric," he said.
- Long-sleeved and long-legged clothing provides protection for skin. Clothing should be light-colored because mosquitos are attracted to darker hues, he said.
- Prevent mosquito breeding around the house by removing all sources of standing water, dumping artificial containers and removing those containers.
- Prevent mosquitos from getting into homes with the proper screening and sealing frames doors and windows. Many human infections of West Nile and other encephalitis viruses are caused by bites either in the home or places close by, such as yards and patios.
- Citronella candles offer some protection outside if they are used in areas with little wind movement, but Olson urged people to practice fire safety when burning those.
- Insect-killing devices, such as the "bug zappers" and the newer mosquito-trapping devices should be placed at a distance - about 50 feet - from the area you're trying to protect. "They do tend to attract more mosquitos than they kill," he said.

Community-wide spraying can be effective if done properly, he said.

"Any spraying that is done needs to be based on need, as indicated by the presence of mosquitos and, even more so, the presence of the virus in that area," Olson explained.

Proper surveillance by health authorities can determine whether spraying is needed.

"Indiscriminate spraying of mosquitos that is not out of a sense of need is not recommended. There has to be an actual need. Otherwise, other measures are sufficient," he said.

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Immediately following the budget hearing, the District will hold a management plan hearing.

Immediately following the management plan hearing, the District will hold a District Rules hearing.

Immediately following the District Rules hearing, the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003-2004. The proposed tax rate is \$0.02746 per \$100 of value. The previous tax rate was \$0.023 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District by 16.85%. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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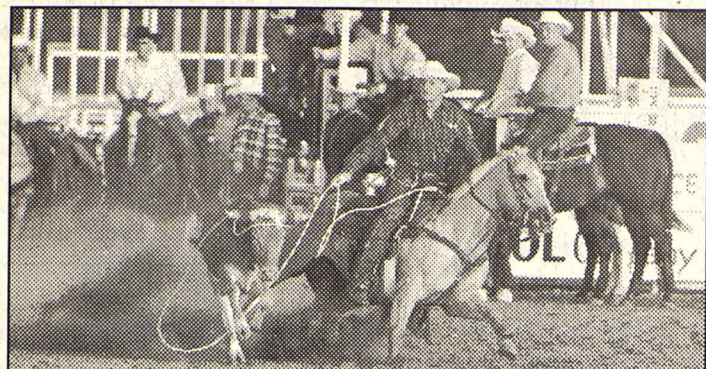
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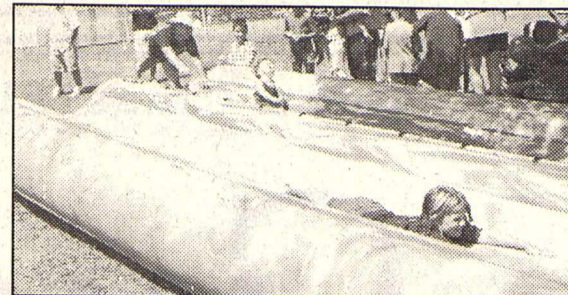


World Champion Roper, Roy Cooper, spins one at the Outlaw Pro Rodeo. *David Jennings Photo*



West Texas Rehab wins "Best Float"

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The water slide kept kids cool all day!



The fun was soaring at the slide!



Jimmy Powers hazes for Cowboy Hall-of-famer, Steve Duhon in the Steer Wrestling. *David Jennings Photo*



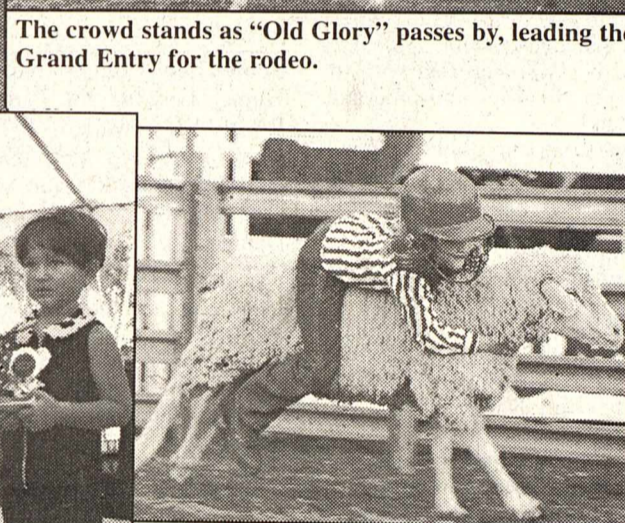
Tony Renfro and Laramie Hall rope for the win in the County Roping. *David Jennings Photo*



The crowd stands as "Old Glory" passes by, leading the Grand Entry for the rodeo.



From 5 to 15 to 50, cowboys of all ages enjoy Bad Co. and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo



Kylie Love wins the Mutton Bustin'



Little Mr. Sutton Co., Carter Zook, sings a song of farewell.



A new Little Miss Sutton Co. court, Holly Sparks, Kylie Reiner and Elyssa Prieto.



Rodeo Bullfighter, Mark Callihan, gives the Miss Sutton Co. Queen Contestants, Megan, Thia, Tara and Kelly, a hard time on Saturday.



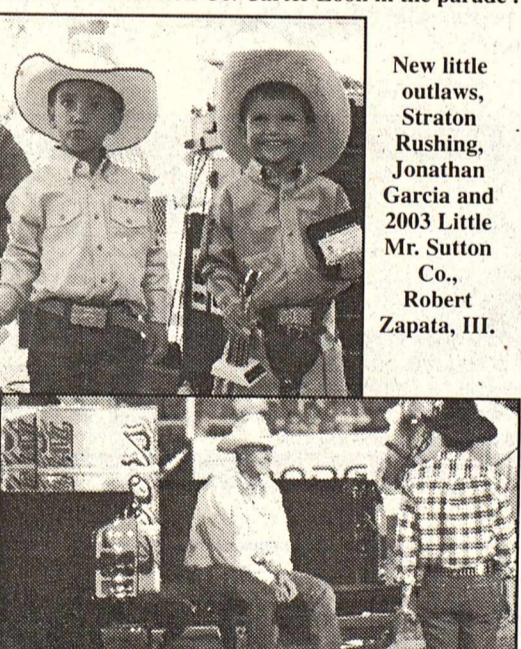
2002 Miss Sutton County Koda Arme, is joined by Little Miss Sutton Co. Kaitlyn Lopez and Little Mr. Sutton Co. Carter Zook in the parade.



PBR World Champion, Paulo Crimber rides Bad Company's "YMCA". *David Jennings Photo*



The mechanical bull provided fun for those not ready for the real "Bad" bulls.



Josh Hopkins is awarded a scholarship from the Outlaw Pro Rodeo for his years of volunteer service.

New little outlaws, Straton Rushing, Jonathan Garcia and 2003 Little Mr. Sutton Co., Robert Zapata, III.

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