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Sonora Readies for Annual Wool & Mohair Show and Judging Contests

by Steve Byrns
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SONORA - The 68th annual Wool and Mohair Show and the 45th annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest join the fifth annual FFA Wool Judging Contest here June 14-16.

These events will take place at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Warehouse and the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

Pascual Hernandez, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Sutton County and an event coordinator, said the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show is open to sheep and goat exhibitors of all ages.

"It is the premier event of its type in the world," Hernandez said. "The accompanying youth-oriented contests are nationally rated as evidenced by the top youth teams competing here from across the nation since 1947. Aside from Texas, teams at this year's contests are expected to hale from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.

"The objective of this show is to encourage the production of profitable livestock, knowledge of rangeland vegetation, and the profitable production and preparation of wool and mohair."

Sponsors are the Sonora Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company and Extension.

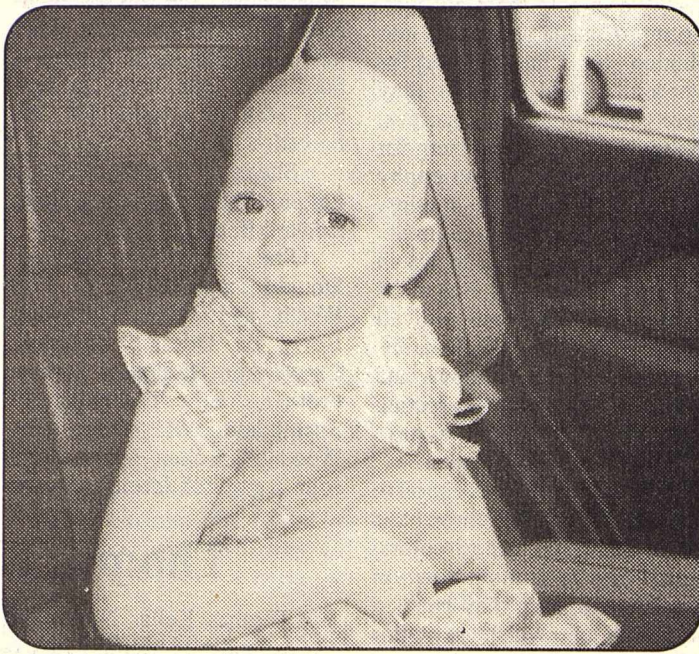
Included in the show's activities are an All Texas Show for 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters, the National FFA Wool Judging Contest, an open show for all U.S. producers and the featured event: The National 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

Wool and mohair fleeces and bag entries will be weighed and tagged starting at 10 a.m. on June 14 at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company. All fleeces must be in by 3:30 p.m.

Activities on June 15 begin at 7 a.m. with judging team registration at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Livestock judging competition starts there at 8:15 a.m. Judging of the junior and open division wool and mohair entries will be at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Warehouse, also at 8:15 a.m. Range judging participants will depart from the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 10 a.m. The wool and mohair judging contest is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the 4-H Civic Center.

Teams may register for the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests until 5 p.m. on June 15 at the civic center. June 16 activities open at 8 a.m. with the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests at the civic center. The day concludes with an 11:30 a.m. awards luncheon also at the civic center. Sponsors for the luncheon are the Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

For more information contact the Sutton County Extension office at (325) 387-3101.



Alyssa Collins takes her first trip away from the hospital in a long time, on her way to a special celebration with family and friends.

Alyssa Collins takes a walk in the wind

"There's wind, Mama," were her first words upon stepping out of the door at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth Friday afternoon.

After nearly three months of treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Alyssa Collins, the three-year-old daughter of Evan and Lindsey Collins, was released to the Ronald McDonald House with her parents for a week of rest and relaxation. Alyssa and her family, including Nathaniel, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, celebrated this event with a party at the home of Randy and Beth Settle in Granbury.

Alyssa is in a clinical trial for treatment of AML, cancer of the bone marrow cells that is being conducted through a partnership of Cook Children's and St. Jude's Research Hospital. With treatment, AML can be brought under control (no evidence of disease) in about 8 of every 10 patients. Alyssa has received a preliminary diagnosis of MRD (Minimal resistant disease) negative, but will undergo another bone marrow biopsy this week to verify the early findings.

Her continuing treatment will involve additional chemotherapy and possibly may include stem cell transplantation. AML is very rare in children, but current treatments offer long-term success in about half of the children treated, according to the protocol information given to Alyssa's family. Her parents have received instruction from the nursing staff at Cook's regarding taking care of the port in her chest and mixing the IV solutions that will help maintain her health during the time she is at Ronald McDonald House.

We are grateful to each person who has taken such a special interest in this precious child and thank you for your continued concern. We are looking forward to the day we can bring Alyssa home to Sonora.

Miss Sutton County contest offers scholarships to local young ladies

What better way to get to know the people of Sutton County than to represent us as 2005 Miss Sutton County. It's that time again, time for the Miss Sutton County Contest.

Any up-coming '05-'06 Junior or Senior girl may enter the contest.

The new Miss Sutton County will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship provided by the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association, a bracelet personally designed by the contestant and made by Lee Silver Co., and a TV with DVD/VCR Combo.

The 1st runner-up will receive a \$500.00 scholarship provided by the Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association and a pendant personally designed by the contestant and made by Lee Silver Co. The 2nd runner-up will receive a \$500.00 scholarship provided by the Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association.

The contestants will make many public appearances during the contest period. The contestants will sell Outlaw Pro Rodeo and dance tickets. The ticket sales and scores from "out-of-town" judges will be totaled by a point system to determine the new winners.

If you are interested in being a contestant contact Kim Lewis at 387-5382 or 387-3478. Deadline to enter is June 17th!

West Texas Championship Cook-off crowns Sutton County cooks, chow-hogs and canines

The rigs started moving in on Wednesday night for the 2005 West Texas Championship Cook-off. Registration began on Friday afternoon, ending at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The actual cooking started Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. and continued throughout the day, with teams from all over Texas vying for the Grand Champion title. Competing in Brisket, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Goat, Chili and an "Open" category, 41 teams tried to prove that they were the Best in the West.

New to this year's event was the localized Sutton County Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards, with only local cooks allowed to be included in the points. Trying to bring out more than just the barbecue connoisseurs, there was an "Ugly Dog" contest that drew some very interesting entrants. Some were just too cute to be considered ugly, but the winner was definitely something to bark at! We're not sure where the Myer's family trapped this beast, but it won them "Top Dog" honors!

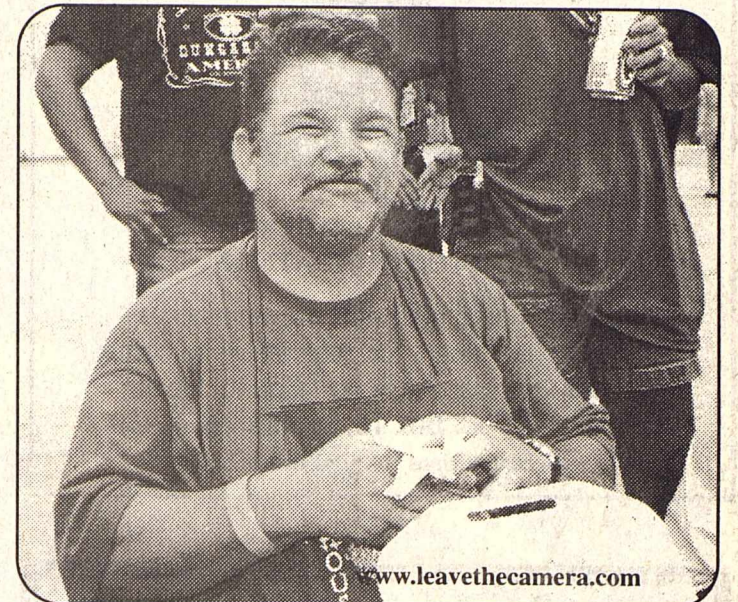
In the "Pico Paisano" eating contest, brought to us by Taco Grill, there was some chowing down done on the slab, with eight brave bellies taking a turn at the spicy birds! Tony Adkins proved that he is the Mouth of the West - scarfing down the entire plate in the fastest time. Adkins took home \$100 (and probably a belly ache) for his snacking!

In the Sutton County cooks competition, it came down to quite a ... grilling match, between Kirk Joy and Michael Kissire. When the points were all added it was the Pow Pow Shoot the Moon cooking team led by Joy who came out "back on top" to win Sutton County Grand Champion. Kissire took S.C. Reserve Champion and the 3 Primos cooking team, led by Kent Kearney came in 3rd.

The Overall Grand Champion went to "We Don't Cook Sheep" and Robert Bredemeyer of Sweetwater, Texas.

Reserve Grand Champion went to Colby Caton of the "No

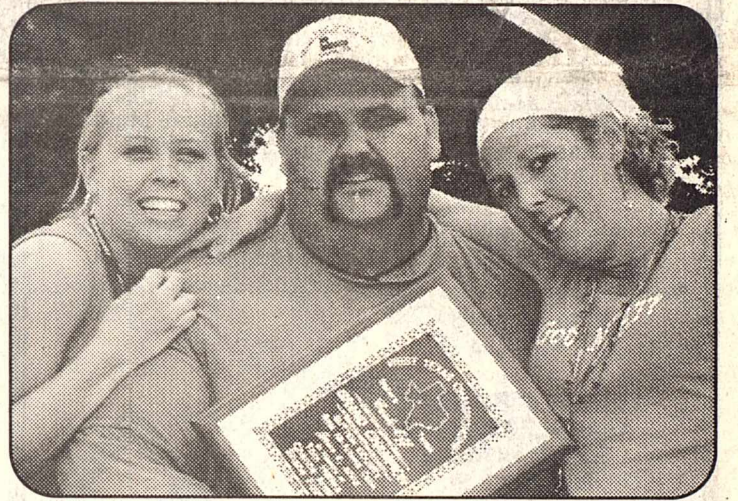
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Tony Adkins chowed down on some "Pico Paisano" to win \$100 in the West Texas Championship Cook-off eating contest.



Tanner and Brant Myers went to great lengths to corral this "Ugly Dog" contest winner - taking home prizes from Rafter W Feeds! www.leave-the-camera.com



It was dueling pits between some of Sutton County's best cooks, but Kirk Joy took home top honors, winning the first annual West Texas Championship Cook-off Sutton County Grand Champion title. www.leave-the-camera.com

Memorial Day Celebration pays tribute to Sutton County veterans

Submitted By Ann Kay

The 2005 Memorial Day celebration began on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn where the veterans and their families, as well as other members of our community, gathered to listen to the voices of our youth show their appreciation to the veterans. The program opened with the Mayor of Sonora, Gloria Lopez, welcoming everyone to the festivities. The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard and Eagle Scouts Roland Solis and Frank Gallegos did the presentation of the colors on the Sutton County Courthouse flag pole. The community was led in an invocation by Tommy Arnwine (a Vietnam Marine Veteran), followed by the dramatic interpretation by Red Skeleton of the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance by Frank Wamble and Susan Cusenbary.

"God Bless America" was sung by Lucy McGuffin and the music rang out in true patriotic fashion through the branches of the oak trees on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. World War I and World War II veterans were recognized by Chelsea Martinez.

The veterans from the Korean War and Vietnam War were recognized by Heather Hughes. The Desert Shield and New York 9-11 was remembered by Kristina Hernandez.

Iraq Freedom was remembered by Tami Adkins who is the mother of Marine Corp. Brandon Adkins who has returned home from Iraq recently.



Local boy scouts join Goodfellow Air Force Base Honor Guard to post colors.

Tommy and Beverly Arnwine removed the Yellow Ribbon on the Old Oak Tree for Capt. Barry Arnwine who has come home safely.

Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard presented the wreaths to the Sutton County Markers. Jerry Bois, Sutton County Veteran's Service Officer, extended his appreciation to the veterans and offered his services to the veterans of our community.

Nick & Nathan Favela operated the sound system and played the salute to the military personnel and veterans. Alicia Lowe presented a dramatic reading of the meaning "Taps."

Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard completed the Memorial Ceremony with a 21 Gun Salute and the playing of the "Taps." Rev. Beverley Parsons ended the Sutton County Memorial Day Ceremony with words from God and a prayer of appreciation for all the military personnel, veterans, and veterans families.



Callie Folmar and Chelsea Martinez pay tribute to the Fallen Soldiers in memory of Shane Folmar.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are proud to be a part of a 2001 Texas Downtown Awarding "Best Promotion Small City" and to recognize our military and veterans.

Bell rings on Legislature without school finance fix

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry made the school finance issue an emergency item on the Legislature's agenda, but the final bell rang on the 79th regular session May 30 with the matter still unresolved.

Not that lawmakers didn't give it the old prep school try in the waning hours of the 140-day session, but negotiations fell apart and House Bill 2 - the measure that would have overhauled how Texans pay for public education - did not get to graduate into law. Next step would be a special session, but no official word yet.

The numbers...

The governor has on his desk 1,389 enrolled bills to consider before his June 19 sign-or-veto deadline. Of those, 876 are House bills, 513 Senate bills.

After the last regular session, Perry vetoed 51 bills, compared to the 82 bills he nixed following the 77th Legislature.

Budget certified...

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn did quickly certify the \$139.5 billion state budget. She said it balanced but didn't go out of her way to support it.

The governor's deadline to sign bills into law or exercise his constitutional veto power is June 19. If the governor does not sign a bill that passed, it becomes law automatically.

Hutchison still not talking...

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison told partisans last week that she appreciated their support of her possible quest to provide "additional leadership in Austin by running for state office" but still didn't say if she intended to take on Perry.

She did join many other Texans in expressing her dis-

may at the performance of the Legislature, saying in an e-mail, "Like many Texans, I am disappointed that ... major problems facing the state failed to be addressed during the recent legislative session."

Combs sows campaign seeds...

The campaign picture for next year got a little clearer last week with Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs' announcement that she'll run for the comptroller's job next spring.

The same day, Sen. Todd Staples (R-Palestine) announced he would try to move up the elective food chain to replace Combs as ag guru.

Strayhorn still hasn't said what she intends to do in the spring.

A Democrat is third in line...

Should something happen to the governor and lieutenant governor, the person who would assume the status of chief executive in Texas will have a "D" after his name, not an "R."

That person is Sen. Frank Madla (D-San Antonio) who was elected president pro tempore of the Senate before the Legislature adjourned last week. Though the job is mostly ceremonial (he'll get to be governor for a day at some point), he's the guy technically in charge when the governor and lieutenant are out of the state. In the event of their deaths, he automatically moves up.

Occasionally, the pro tem has to take serious action. In 1943, while serving in that capacity, the late Sen. A.M. Aikin of Paris had to order Department of Public Safety troopers, Texas Rangers and national guardsmen into Beaumont to suppress a riot that broke out when the top two officials happened to be gone.

Caregivers Take Care of Yourself

Family members who take care of older, frail loved ones need time for themselves. Since 2001, the San Angelo Community Medical Center Rehab Unit and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley have partnered with other local organizations to offer family caregivers a day away from their caregiving responsibilities to rejuvenate and reenergize. Other event partners are Community Health Club of San Angelo, Royal Estates of San Angelo, Adult Day Care of San Angelo, VistaCare Hospice, Intrepid USA Healthcare Service and MedWay Home HealthCare.

The 2005 Caregiver Day Out will be held on Wednesday, June 22, at Glen Meadows Baptist Church, 6002 Knickerbocker Road, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The theme this year is Journey to Successful Caregiving. The activities will include visits to many wonderful pampering and educational ports of call as attendees "cruise" through the morning - massages, facials, manicures, exercise, yoga, tai chi, spirituality, shopping and informational exhibits. The journey will begin with a time of sharing about the importance of self care. Just before lunch, Piccolo the Clown will show us the importance of humor in caregiving. During lunch, Randy Coleman and Chef Henry Wiens from the "Let's Eat" television show will present healthy recipes and cooking tips. Caregivers will be issued passports to be stamped as they visit the ports of call. Refreshments will be provided throughout the morning and drawings will be held for door prizes. Reservations will be necessary to attend.

There is no cost to attend, but advance reservations are required. Respite vouchers are available for those who need care for their loved one. Contact Carol Rigby at the Area Agency on Aging at 223-5704 for more information or to register.

Strong Children, Strong Bones

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp
CEA-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension

There is no doubt that the best way to ensure strong bones for life is to start early. Over the past two years, several studies have shown that girls ranging in age from 6 to 15 can greatly increase bone density from high-impact exercises. These studies, many of which have been conducted by Dr. Christine Snow and colleagues at Oregon State University, have shown that simple, high-impact exercises improve bone density over and above the typical activities that this age group of girls would normally

do. These exercises include jumping off of boxes, jumping up and down as high (and as fast) as possible, jump roping, and hopping in a variety of directions. Not only do the bones get stronger, but the girls also gain more muscle, lose body fat, get stronger and feel better. Most importantly, the girls love the exercises!

Encourage the young girls in your family to participate in a variety of jumping and skipping activities to help them have strong bones for life.

For more information contact your county extension agent at 387-3604 or visit <http://www.strongwomen.com>.

First Baptist Church

Pastor's Sermon Titles for June...

- A series on King Saul
- June 12 • The People's Choice
- June 19 • The Conquering Hero
- June 26 • Saul's First Defeat

Golf Tourney • June 18th Proceeds to benefit

the Ministerial Alliance Benevolence Fund
Don't miss it!!

Regular Weekly Schedule for Summer

- Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship • 6:30 p.m. Worship
- Mondays: 8:00 p.m. Men's Emmaus Group
- Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Ladies' Emmaus Groups
7:00 p.m. Preschoolers' & Children's Groups
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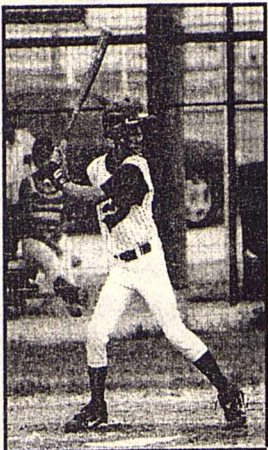
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Congrats Jansen

Way to go Sonora

All-Star Team!

Love, Pops & Grandma

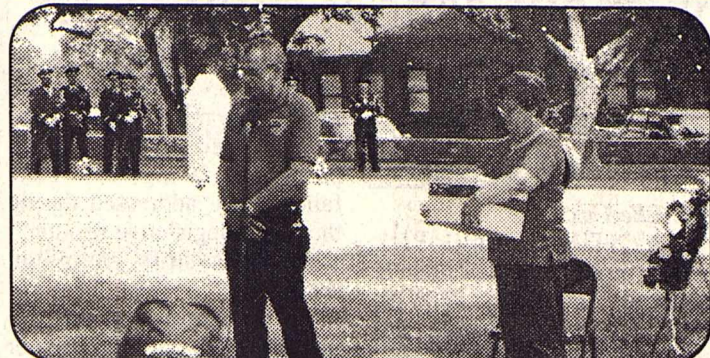


Wedding Announcement

Kerbow, Berry exchange vows in riverside ceremony

Erica Nicole Kerbow and Christopher Leon Berry were united in marriage on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at the Devil's River in south Texas. Rev. Lewis Allen officiated the riverside ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kerbow of Sonora, Texas and Mrs. LeAnn Bemis and Mr. Roy L. Berry of Longview, Texas. Attending the couple were the bride's sons, Dalton and Jansen Morris. The bride is a graduate of Sonora High School and is attending Howard College to attain a Nursing Degree. The groom attended Pine Tree High School in Longview and is employed by Holt Caterpillar in Sonora. After a brief wedding trip, the couple and her children are residing in Eldorado, Texas.

Note of Appreciation



Tommy and Beverly Arnewine share their special thoughts on Memorial Day as the Honor Guard keeps watch in the distance on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn.

Main Street says Thank You

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager
The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to all the Veterans and their families who were present at the Memorial Day Celebration 2005. We would like to thank all the supporters of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program: Joy Galbreath, Lucy McGuffin, Chelsey Martinez, Chassidy Garcia, Heather Hughes, Kristina Hernandez, B & H Caterers, Town & Country, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Roland Solis, Frank Gallegos, Carlos Gallegos, Mayor Gloria Lopez, City of Sonora, Rev. Beverly Parsons, Marlyn Young, Donna Read, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard, Nick & Nathan Favila, Beverly & Tommy Arwine, and the downtown businesses. The Memorial Day Celebration 2005 was a great success because of these folks!
We are proud of Capt. Barry Arwine who had his parents remove his Yellow Ribbon from the Old Oak Tree. It was very special to remove a Yellow Ribbon from the Old Oak Tree during the Memorial Day Celebration and we appreciated Tommy & Beverly Arwine for sharing their time and being a part of this celebration. Once again we are proud to have men and women like him to represent us and keep our country free! Thank You Capt. Barry Arwine and welcome home!
We would like express a special thank-you to B & H Caterers for helping the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program with the BBQ sandwiches and Bill & Nora Dempsey for the chips for the Memorial Day Celebration. The fund raiser was to raise funds for the Friends of Historic Main Street Program. This helps with the cost of the community events we host. The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard loved the BBQ sandwiches and chip plates. They expressed there is nothing like home cooking.
Thank you to all who came out and ate lunch with us on Memorial Day.
If you haven't been downtown lately, you are missing the beauty of the blooming of the flowers all the Main Street Pots and the Bank Vault Park. Jo Davis has donated the Main Street Pot's plants and maintains them as well, and we appreciated all the work that Jo Davis does to make our community beautiful. It is people like her that give their time and talent to make our community appealing to the tourists and community folks.
The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our gratitude to all who helped with the Tea Cups, Fashion, and Postcards Romantic Exhibit. The exhibit has closed and we enjoyed working with the folks who made this historic exhibit possible. Sponsoring the exhibit was the Bank & Trust, Lawrence, Larry, and Jodie Finklea, Smith Neal, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Barbara Newkirk, Tami Adkins, Patty Rainer, John & Dell Tedford, Sutton County Steak House, Alicia & Glenda Lowe, Joann Hernandez, Joy Galbreath, staff at the Bank & Trust, Tommy Whitehead, and all the ranch women who shared their stories and photos with us. If you missed this historic preservation exhibit you missed a treat, but we are now building another historic preservation exhibit called the Western Heritage (stories, cowboy hats, rodeo outfits, boots, rodeo winning saddles, rodeo equipment, & photos) coming soon! If you would like to show off and share these rodeo stories, cowboy and cowgirl information please call the friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office 325-387-2248. The exhibit will open in August just in time for Sutton County Days!

Erica and Chris

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Congratulations Briana!

On May 26, 2005 Briana Stewart graduated from the 8th grade to high school in Leakey, Texas with the honor of representing her class as valedictorian. This was Briana's first year at Leakey Junior High and already she has received such an honor that shows her dedication to her schoolwork. Proud parents of Briana are Dominion employee and Sonora resident, Charles Stewart, and Diana Conner of Leakey, TX, brother Tyler Setwart of Sonora and grandmother Collene Stewart of McLean, TX.

We love you and are very proud of you!
Lydia Cummings

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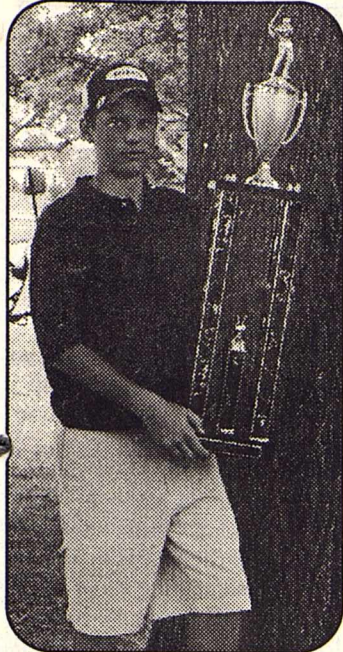


A lone bugler plays "Taps" at the Memorial Day ceremony on the Courthouse Lawn.

Devotion To Saint Jude
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.
St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers. Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered. **JJ**



Chamber Chatter



Hudson shoots personal best

John Duke Hudson won second in the 3-day "Best of the West" Junior Golf Tournament held in San Angelo with an accumulative score of 231. He shot his personal best score at Quicksand breaking par with a low score of 71.

Way to go John Duke!

Texas State Youth Water Camp set for July

by Steve Byrns

MONAHANS -- Texas Cooperative Extension's 13th annual Texas State Youth Water Camp is set for July 17-21 in the George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center here.

Derek Scasta, Extension agent in Ward County and the camp's coordinator, said the five-day camp helps older Texas youth learn about water issues.

"We strive to build an appreciation among the campers of the implications water management has on agriculture, industry, municipalities and homes," Scasta said. "The camp is an excellent opportunity for high school boys and girls from across the state to learn more about our water resources."

The camp will be conducted by Extension agents and specialists, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel and other water resource experts.

Field trips, tours and hands-on group project work will be included in the event. While time is made available for recreation, Scasta said the camp focuses primarily on water quality and conservation education.

Applications are currently being accepted for the camp, Scasta said. Individual registration is \$150. Scasta suggests that prospective campers check with their local underground water conservation district for financial assistance. Information about the camp can be found at <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu/> or by calling the Extension office in Ward County at (432) 943-2682 or 943-4112.

Bank & Trust chosen for Landscape of the Month; new Hudspeth Hospital to open with celebration



by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

The winner of the Landscape of the Month award for June is The Bank & Trust. Congratulations to The Bank & Trust for receiving this well deserved recognition. The Bank & Trust has continuously updated their landscaping to keep up with each season of the year. The signage as well as the plantings add to the overall appeal of the property. Their commitment to keep the appearance of their business inviting and welcoming to out of town visitors and local customers alike is obvious. The outside visible updates are evident to all who drive by, but the updates and redecorating of the inside of the building are not quite as evident, but just as beautiful. Stop by The Bank & Trust to see their completed remodeling project; it is absolutely wonderful and reflects so much of what life in Sonora is all about. Sonora as a community needs to be proud of The Bank & Trust; they are a wonderful asset to our Sonora. Congratulations to The Bank & Trust!!

Remember if you have a business or have noticed a business that needs to be nominated



The Bank & Trust works to keep their landscape looking sharp.

for the landscape of the month award, all you have to do is contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center and nominate that business. This recognition is available to any and all Sonora Chamber of Commerce members. To contact the Chamber Office you may call us at 325/387-2880 or e-mail us at soncoc@sonoratr.com, or come by the office at 205 Hiway 277 North, right next door to The Bank & Trust.

Sonora has a lot to celebrate this week-end. The new Health & Wellness Center at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and the new Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital are opening with a community wide picnic. A FREE picnic lunch will be served beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the LMH

Hospital grounds this Sunday, June 12th. There will be a short presentation, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and tours of the new facilities after the picnic lunch is served. I'm sure that you are looking forward to seeing this facility as much as I am, and I think it is totally wonderful to participate in a good old fashioned community picnic right after church on a Sunday afternoon. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Board of Directors, Executive Officer and staff of LMH Hospital on a job well done. As the advertisement in this issue of the Devil's River News says "A new era of health-care begins!!" We are so very fortunate to have such state of the art health care in Sonora. This is definitely a wonderful step into the 21st century.

Juanita Chavez inducted to Senior Hall of Fame

submitted

The 18th Annual Senior Spring Fling was held on May 5th at the 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena. This year's theme, Country Fair, provided lots of booths, entertainment, and food. The Senior Spring Fling is done each May in recognition of Older American's Month. This is the time when older adults in our community are recognized and honored.

The event is presented by the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, Retired Senior & Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the City of San Angelo Senior Services Division. The event was sponsored by San Angelo Community Medical Center, San Angelo Standard Times, Concho Valley Rural Transit District, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Texas, Vista Care, River de Health Care & Rehab Center, Outreach Health Services, TrisunRegency House & Meadowcreek, Premier Health and Rio Concho, Inc., Benchmark Research.

The senior inductees were announced during the noon program. Of the 16 nominees, Juanita Chavez of Sonora was one of the two chosen.

As part of the special recognition, a special letter was read aloud to visitors and guests...

"Dear Mom, If I am not mistaken, at this moment you probably have a big smile on your face and tears in your eyes because you have just found out you have been selected and are being honored as a senior citizen of the year. On behalf of all your children we congratulate you on receiving this much deserved award." The letter continued, sharing the children's views of Juanita Silvas Chavez, who has been



Area Agency on Aging Director, Betty Ford, presents Mrs. Juanita Chavez with her plaque as she is inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame.

"our own elder citizen hero since we were children and more important now as adults, as parent and for some of us as grandparents. As many of you know our mother has been unselfish as a volunteer and helper of others in the community. She has always told us to be respectful, mindful and supportive of people regardless of their color, religion, language, age or status in life. Her lessons and the importance she places on the value of life and the human condition have been extremely helpful in guiding us through our own lives."

The kids, Tive, David, Agustine, Dennis, Elie, Gigo and Ruben, reflected on how their parents managed to raise

and care for six boys and one girl in a one bedroom house.

They concluded that it was because of the strength and will power of their mother.

These words of encouragement are obvious in all that Mrs. Chavez does for the community of Sonora and Sutton County.

The Chavez children summed it up well, "we wholeheartedly agree that our mom is truly the Senior Citizen of the Year, for you see, she is that and much more. She is our shining sun, glowing moon and forever, the precious star in our lives."

Library invites youth to "Go Wild...READ"

The 2005 Texas Reading Club offers "Go Wild...READ!"

The "Wednesdays Only" reading program provides opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy reading.

The program begins on June 15 - July 6, 2005, at the Sutton County Public Library. This free program is co-spon-

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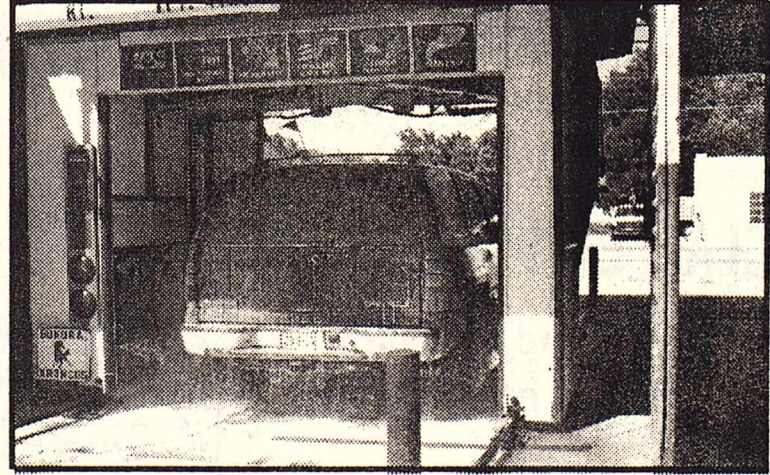


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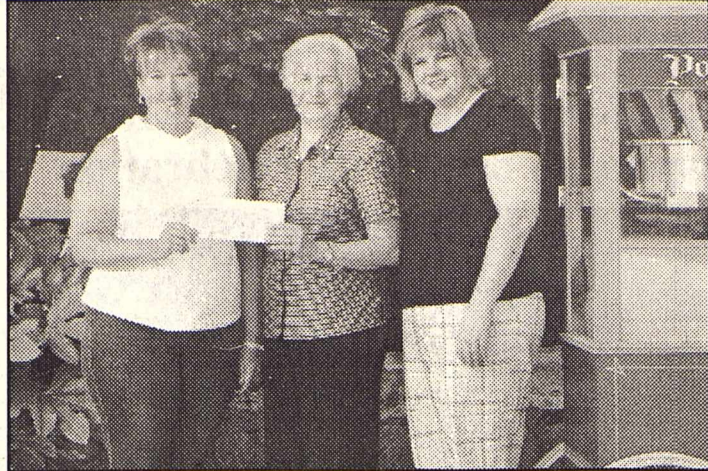
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Summer fun at the pool begins with Safety Precautions

Take one hot summer day. Add an inviting swimming pool. Fill with children and adults eager to cool off and you have a recipe for a relaxing day in sunny Texas.

"Or you may have all the ingredients for a tragedy," said Kathleen Moore with the recreational sanitation pool program at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "Each year, people have to deal with the unintended tragedy of a friend or family member who is injured or killed."

In 2003, the last year for which figures are available, 311 people in Texas died from accidental drowning. Of these, 61 were children under 5.

Swimming pools generally are safer for recreation than natural bodies of water. "But it is taking specific safety precautions that make the real difference," Moore said.

At the top of the list: Never swim alone. "No matter what your age or skill level you should always take a buddy with you when you swim, even if a lifeguard is on duty," she said.

Second: Never take your eyes off a child in and around the pool. "Always supervise children in any swimming pool, wading pool or hot tub no matter how shallow the water," Moore said. "Anyone can drown in a matter of minutes."

In large groups or at parties, name a designated watcher to keep an eye on the children. Other safety suggestions:

- * Don't depend on inflatable arm bands or rings to keep children safe in water. Small air-filled swimming aids slip off children's arms or over their heads and are not intended to be used to prevent drowning.
- * Take CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first-aid training.
- * If you do not know how to swim, do yourself and your children a favor - take swimming lessons. And have your children take lessons as well. But continue to watch children closely, even if they have had swimming lessons.
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RoundUp This Week, Wool Show The Next



submitted by Pascual Hernandez

Well, Sutton County 4-H judging teams will be busy these next two weeks. They are spending this week at Texas A&M for Texas 4-H RoundUp, which is a state-level competition. Participants competed at area contests and district competition where they had to place in the top 3 teams to earn a trip to state competition.

Emily Earwood, Craig Leonard, Laura Martin, and Colton Moore will compete in Mohair Judging & Evaluation. They will place 2 classes of 4 fleeces each and check reasons; also 20 mohair samples will be evaluated for fineness. The project aims to further develop skills necessary in Angora goat production. The team is coached by Ms. Shawna Faris.

Justin Perez, Rodney Doyle, Aaron Gaytan, and Kaylynn Perez will compete in the range evaluation contest. They will identify plants, as well as their season of growth, origin, longevity, economic value, and importance. They must also assess range condition and decide on management options. The project stresses appreciation for conservation of

natural resources and implementing wise management practices. The team is coached by Pascual Hernandez.

McKenzie Watkins and Laura Martin will compete in a Sheep Method Demonstration. Their presentation is titled, "A Yarn to Spin." Method demonstrations are useful in developing speaking skills as they require participants to "show and tell" something about a current issue. The girls are coached by Julie Martin and Kelly Thorp.

As if that wasn't enough, the teams will be back home next week, but they'll be busy competing in the Sonora Invitational Contests. They will take part in wool & mohair evaluation, range evaluation, and judging livestock. This event is also the National Wool Judging Contest and has a fleece show. The events take place from the 14th through the 16th. Call the Extension Office for details.

Before we close out, thanks are in order for all the adults who serve as coaches and leaders for competitive events. Other leaders include Sherry Ingham and Randy Knight, who coach shooting sports. Fran Pennington serves as the range science coach for junior 4-H'ers. We appreciate your dedication.

Wish us luck!

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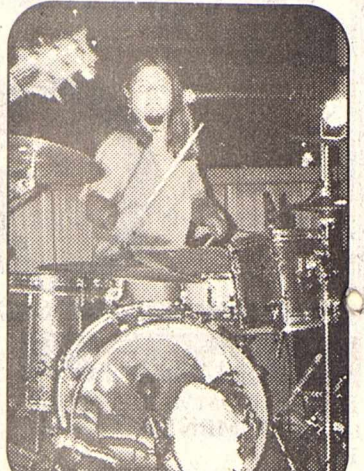
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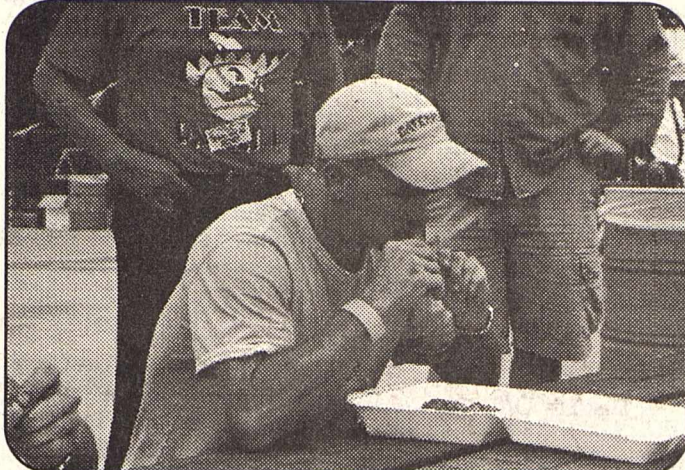
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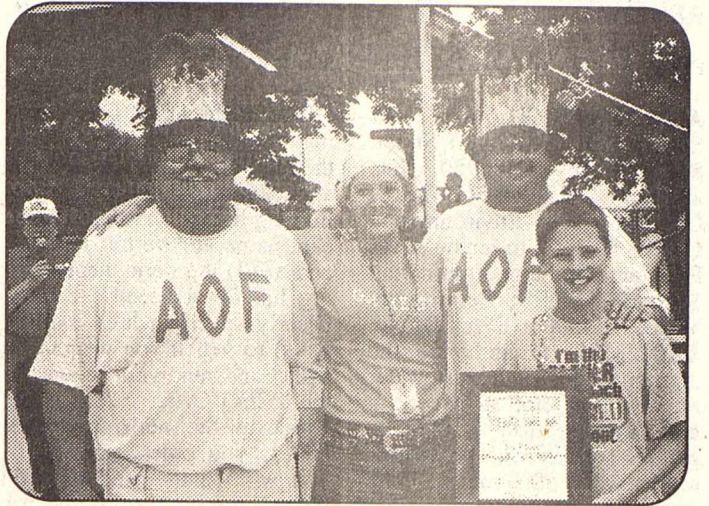
The W.T.C.C. committee girls congratulate Michael Kissire (center) and the Barbecueists for winning West Texas Championship Sutton County Reserve Grand Champion!



Jeremy Yager returned home to get everyone movin' with his band, Hog Legg Ellis.



Contestants raced the clock and other eaters to see who could eat the most "Pico Paisano" in the shortest amount of time!



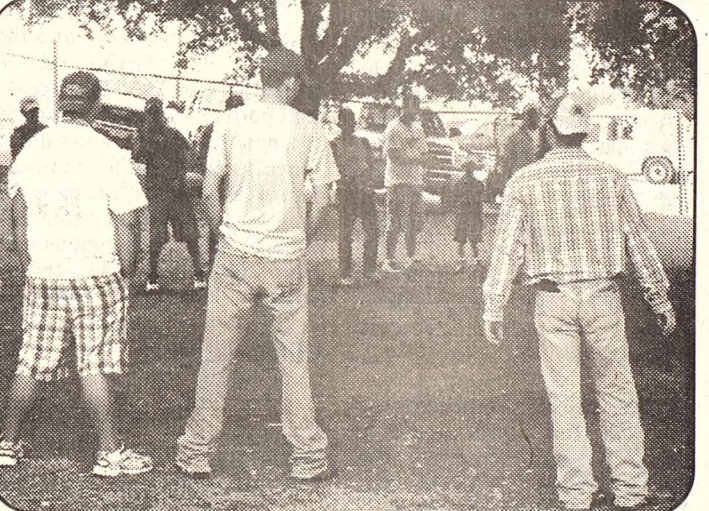
The Ashes on Fire team of Leo Cavaness of Rankin and John White of Clyde walked away with the People's Choice award, Best Pit, 3rd in Showmanship and placed in Ribs, Chicken, Goat, and Chili!



The Mata family returned to heat things up, cooking up some fun and some great meat!



E.M. Hobbs weren't just sponsors for the cook-off, they had a team competing!



Pitchin' washers under the trees by the slab kept lots of people busy!



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- People's Choice**
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 - Longest Distance**
1. Stump's Cooking Team - Alvin; 2. Bad to the Bone - Devine; 3. Deputy Darlene & Special Ranger Randy's Teams - Canyon Lake
 - Showmanship**
1. Outhouse Gang - Adkins Family - Sonora; 2. Sweet Meats - Fred Lazarus - San Angelo; 3. Ashes on Fire
 - Best Camp**
1. Sweet Meats; 2. Los Cheyene; 3. Garden Club - Wayne Webb - Sonora
 - Best Pit**
1. Ashes on Fire; 2. T.B.'s Bar & Grill - Bullet Beard - Del Rio; 3. Chili Cookin' Bean Counters - Dennis Read - San Angelo
 - Brisket**
1. Ed Kelly (Team Midland); 2. R. Bredemeyer (We Don't Cook Sheep); 3. James Timmons (No Luck Cookers); 4. Kirk Joy (Pow Pow Shoot the Moon); 5. Sue Yates (Happy Cookers); 6. Michael Kissire (Barbecueists); 7. Darlene Evans (Deputy Darlene); 8. Johnny Murray (Murray's Smokin' Grill); 9. Colby Caton (No Butts); 10. Fred Lazarus (Sweet Meats)
 - Ribs**
1. Steve Taylor (Circle T. Cooking); 2. Colby Caton (No Butts); 3. Flo-Rite (John White); 4. Stump; 5. R. Bredemeyer (We Don't Cook Sheep); 6. Sue Yates; 7. Kirk Joy; 8. Kent Kearney (3 Primos); 9. Johnny Murray; 10. Randy Evans (Special Ranger Randy)
 - Chicken**
1. R. Bredemeyer; 2. John White; 3. Darlene Evans; 4. Colby Caton; 5. Michael Kissire; 6. Steve Taylor; 7. Leo Cavaness; 8. Kirk Joy; 9. Johnny Murray; 10. Jerry Longoria (Gunsmoke)
 - Goat**
1. R. Bredemeyer; 2. Fred Lazarus; 3. James Timmons; 4. Kirk Joy; 5. Chappo (Stealth); 6. Thomas Adkins (Outhouse Gang); 7. Colby Caton; 8. Rick Martinez (R-EO); 9. Leo Cavaness; 10. Johnny Murray

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