

Louis Powers Inducted into Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame

submitted

Louis Powers' children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered in Pecos on July 2, 2005, as Rodeo, the sport he loved, honored him with induction into the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame. With this honor, Powers joins an elite group of cowboys and cowgirls. In only its second year, the mission of The Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame, according to its website, is to honor the accomplishments and contributions of the men and women who "reached the pinnacle of their sport and served as worthy ambassadors to further the sport and sportsmanship of Rodeo."

"We are so humbled by the caliber of cowboys the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame has chosen for our dad to be grouped with, and we tip our hats to the talents and contributions that this set of inductees has to their credit," commented Powers' daughter, Trina Powers Hadley. "This is such a wonderful tribute and an awesome compliment to our dad's love for the sport of Rodeo."

Louis Powers was a consistent, solid competitor as a young man and a promoter, teacher and benefactor when, after more than 40 years of riding and roping, his active rodeo career ended. He was one of the old guard — one of the original members of the Cowboy Turtle Association, a Gold Card member of the Rodeo Cowboy Association, which is now known as the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. He carried card number 357.

According to a 1979 article from the Ballinger Ledger, Louis started riding horses as soon as he could walk. His father was a top cowboy and horseman who passed his love of horses on to his sons. With his brothers, Ted and Tom, Louis trained horses for his employers and the general public. "I have heard many cowboys say when the Powers boys finished a horse they never left a hair untrained," wrote Ballinger columnist Neuman Smith in his column, *Days Gone By*.

As a teen-ager during the depression years of the 1930s Louis bought and trained horses and sold them for profit to help his family. He later got a job working for cattle rancher and



Louis Powers

horse breeder Joe T. Davidson in Crockett County where he first became interested in roping and rodeo as a result of the famous "Ropin Parties" that brought cowboys from all over the nation for a three-day roping event.

He evidently discovered a knack for steer roping and, with his brothers, Louis began to participate in match ropings and small town rodeos, taking home many a prize purse and capturing headlines. He joined the Turtles in 1942 and traveled with John D. Holleyman, one of the top ropers of his day, for 10 years, performing in rodeos throughout West Texas and later, roping for bigger purses at Madison Square Garden, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Louis enjoyed success as one of the top ropers in the Association before cutting back on his Rodeo travels after the death of his first wife. While raising three sons and a daughter, Louis continued to compete as often as he could and organized roping events including producing Sonora's first Sutton County Roping, serving as a founding member of the San

Angelo Stock Show's Rodeo and Roping Committee, and organizing events for Junior Rodeo Association.

Louis wasn't a flashy man, just a solid, talented competitor who won the prestigious West of the Pecos roping event five times on horses he trained and rode to the pay window. In 1978, after 46 years of competition, Powers was honored at the Pecos Rodeo as the oldest living cowboy who consistently competed and won at the show. The following year, he was the first person ever honored by the San Angelo Roping Fiesta who dedicated its 26th annual event to honor Louis's years of work in putting on the roping.

Louis Powers is remembered locally for passing on his love of Rodeo to a younger generation by organizing roping schools he taught here in Sonora and for his efforts benefiting the West Texas Boys Ranch as well as promotion of the Sutton County 4-H Club.

His obituary, printed in the San Angelo Standard Times on January 3, 1980, paid tribute to a man whose efforts made the Junior Rodeo what it is today. "He has helped a lot of kids," said Johnny Bonner, past president of the San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Louis Powers did help a lot of kids, including his own. All six of his children have followed their dad's love and participation in Rodeo and have passed that love on to Louis's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy Powers Plumley,

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Area-Wide Anthrax meeting in Sonora set for Thursday, July 7

submitted by Carla Everett, Texas Animal Health Commission

An area-wide meeting about anthrax in livestock will be held in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 7. Dr. Thurman Fancher, Area 6 director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), will discuss the recently confirmed anthrax cases on two ranches in the county, answer questions about the disease and provide information on proper carcass disposal, vaccinating and reporting of possible cases.

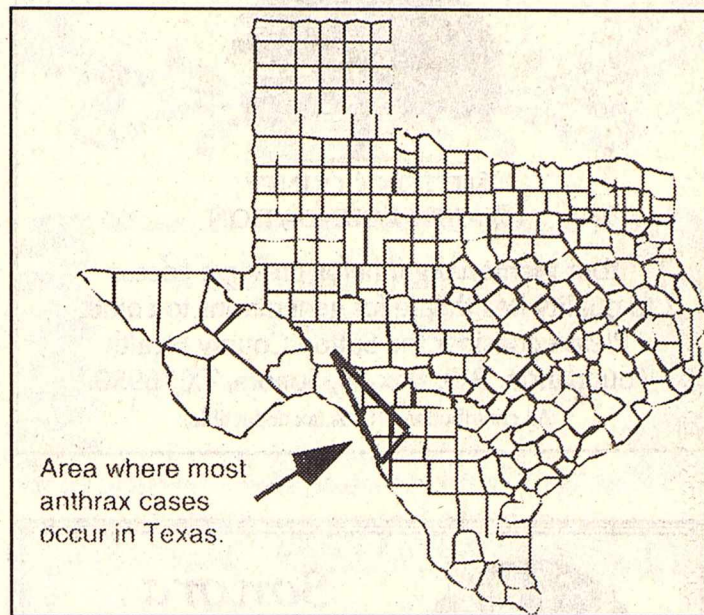
"Two ranches in (southwestern) Sutton County have laboratory-confirmed cases of anthrax in horses, deer and cattle," said Dr. Fancher. "Laboratory results are pending for several other sites in the county, where livestock and deer losses have been reported. Although this bacterial disease occurs almost yearly in this region of the state,

Cases have not been confirmed within Sutton County for more than 20 years. Typically, outbreaks are in Val Verde, Edwards, Kinney and Uvalde counties, but on rare occasions, cases have been confirmed as far south as Starr County."

"Anthrax is under-reported, because many ranchers in this area automatically dispose of carcasses and vaccinate livestock when they find dead animals that are bloated or bloody—common signs of the disease," said Dr. Fancher. "Anthrax is a reportable disease, however, and it's important to know when an outbreak occurs, so other ranchers can be notified to vaccinate."

Dr. Fancher explained that it is common to see death losses in one pasture, but not across the fence. However, all livestock in an infected area should be vaccinated, to prevent potential losses. There is no effective, approved manner to deliver anthrax vaccine to grazing wildlife that cannot be captured and confined.

Dr. Fancher said that, during the anthrax outbreak, deer owners enrolled in the chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance program are to report death losses, but they should check with their private veterinary practitioner before collecting brain tissue from the animal for CWD testing. "If a dead deer has clinical signs of anthrax, we may need to avoid opening the carcass," he said. CWD has not been detected in Texas.



Area where most anthrax cases occur in Texas.

"Anthrax is an ancient disease that occurs worldwide. The first reports in livestock date back to 1500 BC," noted Dr. Fancher. "When an infected animal dies, the ground becomes contaminated with the spores of *Bacillus anthracis* bacteria, unless the carcass and soil are purified with a very hot fire. Even though spores do not multiply or spread underground, they can lie dormant in soil for decades, awaiting the perfect combination of weather and soil conditions to become vegetative. Animals then are exposed to the disease when they eat grass contaminated with the bacteria."

TAHC regulations require that the affected animal's bedding, its carcass, and nearby manure be burned with wood, diesel or gasoline (tires and oil create too much pollution), to cleanse the ground. Do not create a burn ban in the area, contact the TAHC Area 6 office in Lampasas at 1-800-658-6642 for disposal information.

Livestock on the premises must then be vaccinated and held under quarantine for a short time, to ensure any anthrax-exposed animals are not moved from the premises. Laboratory tests, conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, and suspected cases should be reported to private veterinary practitioners or the TAHC's headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242."

Anyone handling or burning carcasses, or vaccinating livestock against anthrax should wear long sleeves and gloves. Exposure can cause a nasty, black sore that requires medical attention and antibiotics. General sanitation procedures should be followed after handling livestock, and equipment used on the animals

should be disinfected. Pets should be kept from dead carcasses or bones of dead animals, which may pose a disease risk. Healthy animals should be moved from anthrax-contaminated areas.

"Visitors to the area should not be alarmed by anthrax," said Dr. Fancher. "Just leave dead animals alone, and don't pick up shed antlers or old animal bones. By the time the area's hunting season begins, the cooler weather brings an outbreak to a close. If, after an outing, you develop an unusual sore, see your physician for treatment."

Actions that should be taken during an anthrax outbreak:

1. Properly dispose of animal carcasses by burning to prevent exposure to other animals, such as predators or dogs. Remove healthy livestock from the area.

2. Vaccinate livestock if cases occur in the surrounding areas. Because the anthrax vaccine is a "live" vaccine, it should not be administered concurrently with antibiotics. Vaccinated animals are to be withheld from slaughter for two months.

(When administering the vaccine, wear a long-sleeved shirt and use latex or work gloves to prevent skin contamination with this "live" vaccine. Consult your physician for treatment if you suffer a "needle stick," splash vaccine in cuts or scratches, or if you develop a sore after handling vaccine or livestock.)

3. Restrict movement of livestock from an affected premise until animals can develop immunity through vaccination.

Should you need additional information you can contact the local Texas Parks and Wildlife office at 325.387.5539

Celebrating freedom by removing a yellow ribbon from the Old Oak Tree



submitted by Chelsea Martinez

Just in time for celebrating freedom and the Fourth of July, John Cunningham returned home from serving in the Army Reserves, to join friends and family. John's wife, Shirley, and their son were in attendance. John's proud father-in-law, Clay Barrow, and Aunt Gail Cade were also in attendance. John plans to move to San Antonio and retire from the military. John's local supporting business was State Farm Insurance. The Friends of Historic Sonora would like to thank the city of Sonora for coming out and recognizing John as a local hero. The Friends of Sonora would also like to thank La Mexicana for donating a welcome home meal to John and his family.

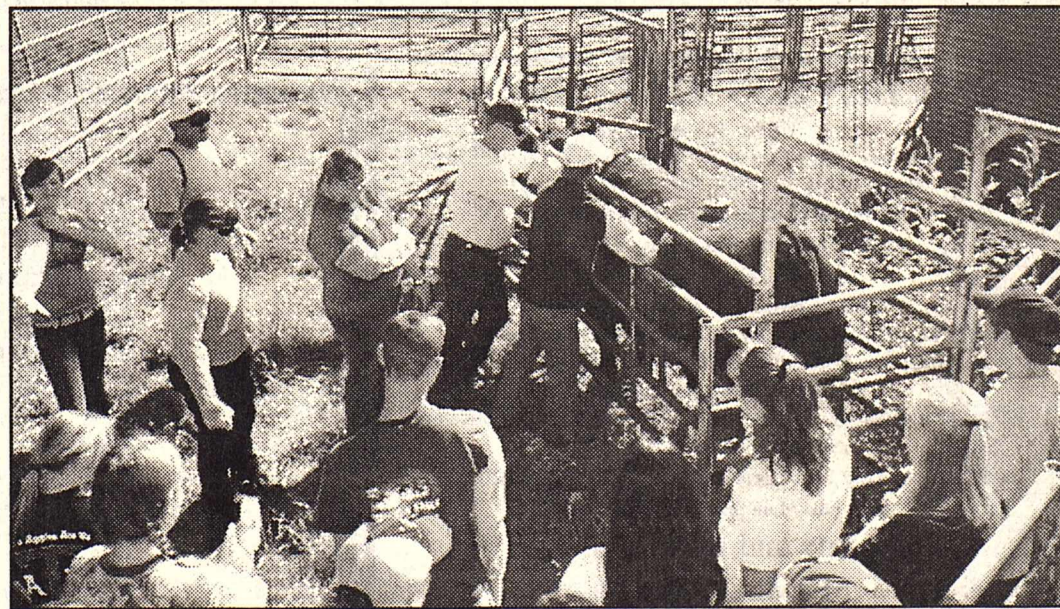
Sonora Hosts Annual Youth Veterinary Science Workshop



by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

Sonora hosted the Youth Veterinary Science Workshop, June 26-30. The week exposed participants to the many opportunities within the field of veterinary medicine. These included veterinary practitioner (in small, large, or mixed practice), veterinary technician, veterinary assistant, researcher, biological/pharmaceutical work, regulatory medicine, and more. Twenty-eight participants from throughout the state of Texas took part in this year's workshop.

The workshop offered classroom study, lab work and field instruction. Instructors included Extension and Texas Animal Health Commission personnel and veterinary practitioners. Course topics ranged from the Beef Quality



Vet workshop youth palpating a cannulated animal during a session on ruminant nutrition

Assurance program, toxicology, parasitology, anesthesiology, and anatomy to nutrition, first aid, beef feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, wildlife health management, necropsy and

horse medicine. The annual event is a youth career awareness educational effort by Texas Cooperative Extension agents in Sutton, Schleicher, and Tom Green counties.

As always, a sincere

"Thank You" to all the local and area supporters and sponsors who assist in offering this event.

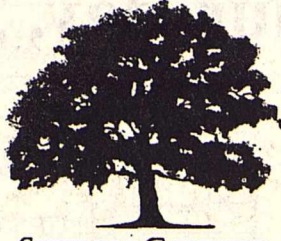
See more Vet Science Workshop photos page 6

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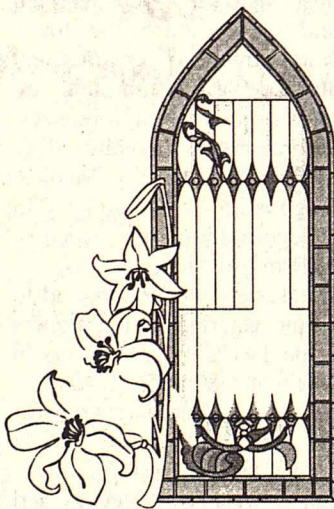
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Notes of Appreciation

We, the family of Antonio B. Lira, would sincerely like to thank the community for joining us in our time of sorrow, which gave the family comfort in this time of need. We greatly appreciate everyone and the flowers, the food, their help, and their prayers. A special thanks to Brenda Sanchez, Tabitha Abbrego, Elida Noriega, Juana Mesa, Joanna Hernandez, Pancho Galvan, Milton Castilleja and the church choir.

God Bless,
The Lira Family

Tales by Tumbleweed Smith

A crazy cattle drive in the panhandle



Tumbleweed Smith

When diesel prices went through the roof, truckers went up on their rates. That put ranchers to thinking about ways to save money getting their cattle from one place to another. Guy Walker of Hereford had some cattle grazing on wheat fourteen miles away and decided to drive the cattle back home.

"We had two obstacles we had to overcome," says Guy. "The highway and the railroad. We had to cross US 60, which is a very busy stretch of road. We were driving about 2500 head of cattle so we were strung out for a pretty good ways. The highway department helped us with that and got some highway patrolmen to stop traffic while we crossed.

"The railroad runs right alongside Highway 60 and we found that the train people were not as cooperative as the highway department. They were not interested in changing their schedule. We got hold of the train schedule and were just hoping we could get there when a train wasn't coming through.

"We had the cattle strung out over about a two mile area. I was at the back and we got the front end across the highway and everything went real well. About that time I heard that train whistle and I knew we were in trouble. Thank God we didn't have any cattle on the other side of the track or on the track.

"There is nothing that scares cattle like a train. I don't know what it is. I guess it's just a loud foreign sound that they're not familiar with in their usual environment. When that engineer laid down on that

train whistle, I think it meant that he was pretty scared, too.

He could see a long way down the track and probably thought this was a potential wreck. He really started sounding that whistle. Those cattle scattered. It's the first time I've ever been involved in a real stampede. It had rained the night before and there was a quarter section of wheat right by the highway. We finally got those cattle to mill on that wheat. You've never seen what 2500 head of cattle milling around in a wild frenzy can do to a wet wheat field. There was nothing but mud left when we drove the cattle out of there.

"After we got the cattle across the track we still had several miles to go across grass country. By this time word had spread about these nuts in Deaf Smith County trying to drive cattle across a railroad track.

Someone called the local news organization and they decided to fly a helicopter out to cover the story. We had a team of mules that were pulling a chuck wagon. These mules were not helicopter broke as we say and when that helicopter started to land, the mules took off. That wagon would hit the ground about every fifty feet and the cook had hold of that wagon seat with all the strength he could muster and his eyes were about as big as saucers.

"We finally got the cattle across the track and home. By the time we bought the wheat and paid for all the damages we probably could have paid to have the cattle shipped, regardless of the high cost of diesel.

"The drive took six hours, but it seemed a lot longer. I thought it was going to last several months."

Senior Center News

July 11 - Bingo
July 12 - Blood pressure checks w/ TDH 11:00 a.m. -
July 13 - Exercise w/ video! Sign up now!
July 14 - Work on summer crafts after lunch

Senior Center Menu

July 11 - Steak finger w/ gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls, peach cobbler, milk
July 12 - King Ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot/raisin salad, rolls, cookies, milk
July 13 - Oven pork chops w/gravy, zucchini & yellow squash, tossed salad, wheat rolls, fruit parfait, milk
July 14 - Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk
July 15 - Fried catfish, hominy, okra/tomato gumbo, rolls, apple crisp, milk

Mon. - Fri 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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

Obituaries

Sarah Claudann Morgan

KERRVILLE — Sarah Claudann Morgan, 65, of Bandera, Texas, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2005, at a local care center. Mrs. Morgan was born on Sept. 4, 1939, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Morgan was a true friend to all who knew her. There was never a time that she wouldn't stop whatever she was doing and listen to what you had on your mind. She loved many things about life, but she had some passions that she held close to her heart. She loved to draw, and was very good with artwork, she loved the outdoors, with horses being her favorite pastime. Mrs. Morgan could sew like no other, and cooking was a specialty, which the entire family and many friends enjoyed throughout the years. She even baked a cake, getting ready for her eternal journey and leaving the family with one last taste of her accomplished skill.

Family was the most important thing in her life. She married the love of her life, Travis W. Morgan Sr. on April 15, 1960, after which they made their home and raised their family together. They worked side by side for many years, and lived through many ups and downs, but never did they fail each other.

Mrs. Morgan was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Kerrville, Texas.

Mrs. Morgan is preceded in death by her parents, Travis and Lorena May Clark Burleson; along with two sons, Lesley Morgan and Wesley Morgan.

Surviving are her loving family that include her husband, Travis W. Morgan, Sr. of Bandera, TX; sons, Travis W. Morgan, Jr. and wife Mary of Bandera, TX, and Steven Anthony Morgan and wife Cammie of Medina, TX; mother-in-law, Evelyn Lorene Morgan of Kerrville, TX; 3 brothers, Carlee Burleson and wife Gaile of Snyder, TX, Lynn Carroldon Burleson and wife Beth of Sonora, TX, and Corylane Burleson and wife Julie of Snyder, TX; 9 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; along with a host of many loving friends and neighbors..

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Oak Rest Cemetery in Medina, TX, with Bro. W.N. Perkins officiating. Visitation was held at Kerrville Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.kerrvillefuneralhome.com by selecting Obituaries. Select "Sign Guestbook" at the bottom of the individual Memorial.

Antonio B. Lira

Antonio B. Lira, of Sonora, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 30, 2005.

Antonio was born in Zaragoza Coahuilla on November 14, 1930. He married Maria Isabel Aleman on May 27, 1956.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Isabel Lira; his three sisters and two brothers; his son and daughter-in-law, Luis and Isabel Lira; daughter, Carmen Lira; daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Randy Favila; son and daughter-in-law, Pete and Annette Lira; son and daughter-in-law, Victor and Janice Lira; daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Francisco Hernandez; daughter and son-in-law, Dora and Francisco Galvan; daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Esteban Gloria; his twenty-one grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Services were at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora, on Monday, July 4, 2005, followed by graveside services. Pallbearers were Luis Lira, Victor Lira, Pete Lira, Anthony Hernandez, Charles Lira, Christopher Favila and Luis Lira, Jr.

Anne Longfellow deBerry

Anne Longfellow deBerry passed away July 5, 2005 in the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. She is survived by one sister, Alice deBerry Brook of Ingram, Texas. Private services will be held at a later date.

Happy Birthday

July 7

Leslie Levario, Charles Stewart, Lesa Gamez, Lizzy Badillo, Armin Lujan, Selina Martinez

July 8

Everson Flores, Kayla Jones, Glenda Barton, Carroll McAfee, Jamie Braly, Emillio Santellano

July 9

Jason Jacoby, James Elliott, Braxton Snyder, Alexis Gaytan, Rose Hampton, Russell Green, Standley Anderson, Molly Elliott, Mariah Castro

July 10

Mark Warden, Lee Arredondo, Laramie Haynes, Pam Payton, Jimmy Gonzales, Brian Petty

July 11

Madeline Higdon, Ethan Morriss, Hunter Webb, Jon Zook, Paul Stephens, Madison Wolfe, Wayford Tyler, Sr., Sheena Johnson, Tracy Crites, Logan Hall.

July 12

Joseph Hopkins, Zed Snodgrass, Katrina Hernandez

July 13

Sandra Zaragoza, Rhonda Gulley, Baldo Castaneda, Jr., Edith Stanton, Aaron Holms, Nick Holms, Kooper Liverman, Debbie Geske, Mack Wardlaw

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Community Calendar

July 11

School Board Meeting at Jr. High Snack Bar
Public Meeting on Drug Testing
5:30 p.m.

July 13

Special Reading Program • Sutton County Library

July 30

Team Roping • Sutton County Arena
10:00 a.m.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County Historical
Society

Memorial Contributions received this week from:

Jack & Pat Shurley in memory of Merton & Pearl Shurley

Margaret Galbreath in memory of Mary D. Dunbar

George Ed & Joe Wess Hill in memory of Sheriff Wess Hill

Doris Chadwick in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Miers

A donation was received from: Bobby Doran & Rande Fawcett

Q. When did Jennie Murray die?

A. "The Devil's River News," Thursday, June 13, 1963-Funeral services for Miss Jennie Murray, 70, were held Wednesday afternoon, June 12, at the Church of Christ here with Mr. Clifford Fehl, minister officiating. Miss Murray, a long time resident of Sonora, died suddenly Friday, June 7, in Paramus, New Jersey while visiting with a nephew, Max D. Murray.

Born November 23, 1892 at Twohig, Texas, Miss Murray moved to Sonora in the early 1900's and had been a resident here ever since. She worked for the old San Angelo Telephone

Company and later for General Telephone Company until her retirement several years ago.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Belle Purcell of Christoval, and a number of nephews and nieces. Interment was in the Sonora Cemetery.

Many here remember Miss Jennie Murray and her long years of service with the telephone company. She started work when they had old crank telephones and an operator had to connect you to the person you wanted or place a long distance call for you. She worked and saw the phone systems converted to dial telephones. I would imagine she would be amazed, if she were still alive, to see the wireless cell phones and push button phones we have today.

In the same issue we find that Mickey Hardegree won 3rd in State Band Solo Contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hardegree and won third flute position in the All-State band. Mickey, then a freshman at Sonora High School, has also won district and regional honors entitling her to compete in the state meet in Austin earlier this month.

Melva Ray Shroyer was chosen Sonora High School's DAR Good Citizen for 1963. The contest is open only to Senior girls. Members of each Senior Class elect three girls who are outstanding in the

required qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. From the three girls thus elected, the high school faculty selects one who becomes the school's Good Citizen.

Melva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shroyer was a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the annual staff and other high school organizations, holding offices in the Choral Club and her senior class. She was named Class Favorite her freshman year in Sonora High School.

Q. When did Nicolas Garza die?

A. "The Devil's River News," July 25, 1963-Grave side services were held Tuesday morning, July 23, for Nicolas Garza, 60, with the Rev. Cyril Hermann, O.F.M., officiating. Garza died Monday morning July 22, at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for about a week.

He was born March 10, 1903, in Mexico and had made his home in Sonora for about 20 years. Garza was a ranch hand for several years and for the past few years had been shearing with Ralph Gomez shearing crew.

He is survived by one sister and a nephew, Frank Fuentes of Del Rio.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net. You may call us at the office at 387-5084. Please note the office hours are Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8-12 and we are located at 307 Oak Street, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. If you wish to tour the Miers Home Museum or rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building and amphitheater you should call us at the office or stop by when we are open.

Dues notices were sent out this past week. If you didn't receive one and would like to be a member of the society please send a check for \$10 for each person joining to the above address.

The Sutton County Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held on July 6 at noon at the Sutton County Steak House; election of officers will be held at that time.

We could use some volunteers to help us around the grounds. We have sprinkler problems that Rick is unable to fix so soon after his surgery. If you would like to volunteer to help fix the system please give us a call. Thank you!

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2 versions of school finance must blend or die

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Sen. Florence Shapiro's version of the House's school finance bill sailed through the full Senate last week - the second week of the month-long special session called by Gov. Rick Perry.

Now it's up to a conference committee to approve the Plano Republican's substitute to House Bill 2. The trouble is, the House version now carries 68 amendments. If the committee composed of House and Senate members fails to reach consensus the bill will die. If the committee resolves differences, next stop for the legislation will be the governor's office, for a signature or a veto.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst expressed optimism that Senate and House members could come to a reasonable agreement. House Speaker Tom Craddick was silent on the issue.

In any case, it's too early for supporters or opponents to declare victory, because the school finance, appropriations and property tax reform bills behave like giant amoebas. All three are squeezed into the petri dish we call the legislative process, and when one changes shape, the others do too. Appropriations (HB 1) and

property tax reform (HB 3) moved past the committee level but have not yet reached the House floor.

Even if the Legislature fails to pass school finance reform in this or any subsequent called session, Texas public schools still can open in September. An estimated \$23 billion of the \$35 billion school budget vetoed by Gov. Perry in the regular session rests safely in the general revenue fund managed by the Legislative Budget Board. Money to operate may be disbursed at the discretion of the governor.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate have adjourned for the Fourth of July holiday. House members will return for business on Tuesday and senators will be back at their desks on Wednesday.

Hutchison Decides to Stay Put

Republicans won't have to split loyalties in the March primary, because Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison announced she will run for her third term in the U.S. Senate, rather than challenge Rick Perry for the governorship.

The senator's decision made it easier for Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn, who has been nipping at Perry's boot heels for years.

Strayhorn, who is comfortable going against the grain, plans to defy the odds by wrestling the party's nomination from

a sitting governor.

Kinky Campaign Travels Texas

Hill Country singer-writer-storyteller Kinky Friedman is stumping around the state, getting people used to the idea of his now-serious drive to earn a spot on the November 2006 ballot as the Independent candidate for governor.

Friedman needs 45,539 valid signatures to get on the ballot, but can't begin to collect them until after the Democratic and Republican state primaries next March.

Only registered voters who have not voted in either primary can sign his petition and be counted. His slogan is "Save Your Vote for Kinky."

Commandments monument stays

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the six-foot-tall Ten Commandments monument on the state Capitol grounds does not violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

In a separate case, the high court ruled that framed copies of the Commandments on the walls of two Kentucky court-houses were unconstitutional.

Erected in 1961 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Texas, the granite-hewn monument sits near the oval drive on the northwest side of the Capitol.

Waiting and waiting for a train

Attorney General Greg

Abbott ruled that the Federal Railroad Safety Act passed in 1995 preempts a Texas law imposing a criminal penalty against a railway company if its train blocks a railroad crossing for more than 10 minutes.

Pass this test before you arrest

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, filed legislation that would require law enforcement officers to take a certification course on handling the arrest of a foreign national.

Sonora honored with other Main Street Cities

Submitted by: Friends of Historic Sonora Main St. Program

Written by: Kristina Hernandez

This year, 2005, has been going great for the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. For the fifth time, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and The Texas Main Street Program recognized the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program as a 2005 Accredited National Main Street Program. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program was one of 39 Texas Main Street Cities, out of 83 Texas Main Street Cities, that could be recognized. This award was

presented at the 2005 National Main Street Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on May 8-11, 2005, in front of an estimated 1800 people. There were more than 80 education sessions, workshops and tours offered.

This award will be presented to Sonora at the Sonora City Council monthly meeting on July 9, 2005.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is very proud of this honor and looks forward to many more honors and awards.

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Sonora recognized as Outstanding Program, invited to TDA Conference as speaker

Submitted by: Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program
Written by: Kristina Hernandez

The Texas Downtown Association has asked Joann Hernandez and Mary Ann Kay to join the panel at the Texas Main Street Annual Conference, November 1-4, 2005 in Laredo, Texas. The association has also asked for the two to give a presentation on the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, the Annual Sutton County Car Expo, and The Old Rock School Building Restoration Project.

The theme of The Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Program's 2005 conference is "Bridging Cultures and History: Celebrating Downtowns in Motion!" In today's fast-paced world, resurging downtowns are going to be different than those of the past. At the same time, utilizing tools that recognize downtown's heritage as the community's original center for socializing and commerce can be important for a successful revitalization effort. A wide range of sessions will cover many topic areas, from developing programs, activities and sites recognizing downtown's heritage and culture, to 21st century economic, social, and architectural influences. This conference offers valuable learning experiences and toolkits to take home—that look at all of the elements necessary to keep or put a downtown in motion.

Joann Hernandez will be discussing the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Annual Car Show. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration made over \$11,000 for the St. Ann's Catholic Church Building Fund this past year. This money is going to be used to build new Sunday School classrooms for the children who are a part of the St. Ann's Catholic Church. There is also a queen's contest, with the girl who raises the most money being crowned Miss Cinco de Mayo. This year the queens made almost \$11,000 and all of this money also was donated to the church. Overall this celebration is very successful and a great way for the St. Ann's Catholic Church to raise money for their building fund. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Annual Car Show is now not only looked forward to by the people of Hispanic heritage, but by the entire community.

Mary Ann Kay will be discussing the Old Rock School Building Restoration Project. The Old Rock School Building restoration project has been listed as an exemplary program by the National Trust. The project will be featured in the Preservation magazine coming out this fall. This is a very big honor and Sonora will be well represented at the Texas Main Street Annual Conference.

Teaching kids financial ABCs

by Henry Bonilla
Kids today can receive emails on their cell phones or use a CD-ROM for their homework. Yet, many don't know basic money skills like saving, budgeting, balancing a checkbook and comparison shopping, among other real-life skills.

Recent studies show that kids aren't learning about money management at school or at home. And to top it off, our

national savings rate is now lower than during the Great Depression. Studies show that Americans spend more than \$9.99 for every \$10 they earned in income—literally, a penny saved - with no relief in sight.

If parents, schools and community leaders don't teach children how to manage money, today's young people may become tomorrow's bankruptcy statistics.

Kids are advertising targets in the marketplace and statistics say they spend an average of \$104. dollars a week. Now that's a lot more spending money than what I was used to. From video games and trendy clothes, to compact discs, the message they receive is "spend" and by the time they become adults, it could be too late to teach them financial skills. Financial education now is an answer and an investment.

I encourage parents to teach their children about money. It's critical for their future -- good habits start early and healthy money skills last a lifetime. Here are some simple suggestions to teach your kids the value of money:

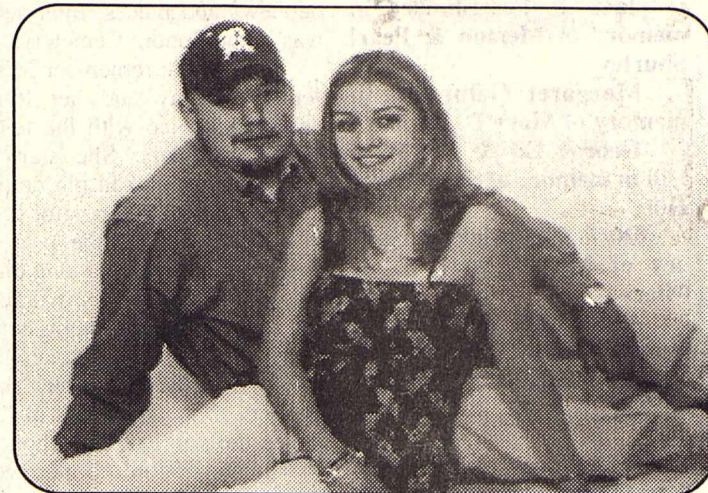
1. Give children an allowance. Six is the age when most children learn to add and subtract. With this money, you can introduce key concepts into a child's vocabulary such as budget, savings and interest. Help them create a budget worksheet with their money and teach them to save a portion of their allowance.
2. Let children help with shopping. Compare prices and values of grocery and household items. Give kids a small sum of money, or play money, for practice.
3. Teach young people the difference between needs and wants. Talk about the rewards of saving money rather than spending it. Start a savings account for the child and go over bank statements together. Explain the miracle of compound interest.
4. Reach teens before it's too late. Go over a sample credit card statement with them; develop a budget; and explain the impact that bad, and good, credit can have on people's lives.
5. Best of all, teach by setting a good example. Show them how you save. Deposit a portion of your paycheck in a savings account or make this the year you save your tax refund.

Finally, parents should realize that personal finance is a life skill, just like reading and writing. Even with adequate personal finance education in school, students must learn from their parents.

If we don't teach our kids the difference between a "need" and a "want" - Madison Avenue will.

Engagement Announcement

Fraire, Gutierrez announce August wedding plans



Juan Gutierrez, Jr. and Marisol Fraire

Isaac and Maria Fraire proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marisol Fraire, to Juan Gutierrez, Jr., son of Juan and Rosa Gutierrez, Sr.

The bride-elect will be a senior at Sonora High School. The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School and currently is employed by the Sutton County Road and Bridge Department.

The couple will marry on August 20, at Templo Jerusalem in Sonora.

Re-print

editor's note: Due to a layout problem in the June 23, 2005 issue, a line of type in the Weaver-Walsh announcement was hidden and not printed correctly. We apologize for the problem and wish the couple the best.

Weaver-Walsh



Carla and Bonner

Carla Weaver of Dallas, Texas, and Bonner Walsh of Dallas, Texas, were married on May 14, 2005, in Cozumel, Mexico. She is an attorney with Jenkens & Gilchrist in Dallas and is the daughter of Mrs. Nora Dempsey and Mr. Carl Weaver of Sonora, Texas. The groom is a student at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas. He is the son of Ms. Maggie Davis and Mr. David Walsh of Sonora, Texas, and the grandson of Ms. Margaret Galbreath and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Galbreath of Sonora, Texas. The bride is a graduate of Duke University and The University of Texas School of Law. The groom is a graduate of Washington State University where he received a bachelor of science degree in physics.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her mother and father. She wore a silk satin sheath gown with a V neck and deep V back designed by Henry Roth. In her hair were ivory roses under a two-tier veil with crystal edging. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and pink ginger. The groom wore a custom black suit with a pink silk Hermes tie.

The bride's niece and nephew, Logan Luttrell and Ryan Weaver of Del Rio, Texas, were flower girl and ring bearer. Michael Luttrell, the bride's nephew, and Corley Walsh, the groom's brother, both of Sonora, were ushers.

After the ceremony, friends and family were serenaded by a mariachi band as they enjoyed dinner al fresco in a beachside garden.

The couple will reside in Dallas.

Third Edition of "THE BULL" set for July 30-31 in Eldorado

submitted

The "Capital of Nowhere" will again host this unique gathering of those celebrating the "gift of gab," at the end of July. This is the third year for this festival which features cowboy poets, liars, punsters, tongue twisters, hoofing heifers, singers and anyone with a story to tell...true or not. Both amateurs and professionals share the stage for this event, neither intimidated by the other.

No one can quite figure out the instant allure of this one-of-a-kind "talkfest," but the first year drew dozens of talkers and over 3000 spectators, and it has grown exponentially each year thereafter. This year 5000 listeners are expected to roam the courthouse lawn over the weekend. The festival area is having to be expanded over more of the huge shaded lawn to accommodate the expected overflow crowd.

The festivities begin Saturday at 10 a.m. with a parade, the likes of which have never been seen in Eldorado. Entries are expected and welcomed from throughout the area. After the parade, spectators swarm to the courthouse to shop in the over-one-hundred vendor booths and/or bring their lawn chairs to sit and

enjoy the various "gabbers" as they "shoot the bull." The theme spoofs the running of the bulls in Spain by performers "running their mouths with a bunch of bull."

Supportive activities include a Saturday washer tossing tournament and rodeo, a car show and bull fry cook-off on Sunday, fourteen inflatables, a mobile dairy classroom, clogging groups and a plethora of arts, crafts and food booths.

This year's event will be MC'ed by the "Connecticut Yankee" Steve Skut, who brings his sarcastic humor to the fray. No expense has been spared to bring this psychotic talent to the stage. Other surprises are expected over the two-day run.

Interested participants are always invited to join headliner Dennis Gaines and other talents (and some non-talents) on the "Bully Pulpit Stage," and can contact organizer Jim Runge at eoboc@hotmail.com to obtain further information. Prospective entrants can rest assured that our FLDS neighbors have been barred from the stage as they have already proven that they are indeed the world's best liars. There is no entry fee and no admission fee to the grounds. Come enjoy!

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Steer clear of e-mail business offers from strangers



Attorney General of Texas
Greg Abbott

More and more frequently, my office receives e-mail inquiries from consumers asking about business offers they receive over the internet. Consumers are wise to seek independent information about a business they've never heard of, and we always stress that just because we don't have negative information about the business, that doesn't mean it's safe.

While the Internet is a tremendous resource for consumers, it is also a vehicle for rampant fraud. You can shop safely on the Internet-millions do every day-but you must take some simple precautions.

Be cautious if you cannot find any information about the business except what the business itself offers. You should be able to find independent information about it.

Be doubly cautious when the business contacts you through unsolicited e-mails...spam. Don't be fooled just because it looks like an individual e-mails you personally.

When the e-mail comes from an individual whose name you don't recognize, be aware that the person's name (and Internet identity) has likely been hijacked by a spammer. It may look like a personal message from someone who happened to hear about you, but it is not. It is one of millions of baited hooks being dangled in front of people to try and steal their money.

Legitimate retailers and services who market over the Internet generally do so by maintaining Web sites and online catalogs. You can use a search engine to find sellers of products that interest you. The Web site will provide a physical address and the business will be listed in all the usual directories (like local phone directories). Many offer toll-free telephone contacts as well.

Legitimate retailers and services who market over the Internet generally do NOT market their products by sending unsolicited e-mails. On the contrary, they generally provide visitors to their Web sites the opportunity to sign up for e-mail contact.

If an offer sounds too good to be true, it is most likely a scam. If you are asked by a stranger in an unsolicited e-mail to send an up-front fee to get more money later, please think twice.

The reasons offered for you to send money may include all sorts of investments, earnings, debt or mortgage services and complicated financial deals. The stories are getting more and more sophisticated and persuasive.

By now, many Internet users are too savvy to fall for the sad story of the widow of the political fugitive who was the Minister of Finance needing to

transfer \$30 million out of his worn-torn country. Today the offers sound more like business transactions and employment opportunities. Don't lose sight of the fact that a stranger is simply asking you to send money on a promise.

If a stranger approached you on the street and said, "Give me money and I'll make more money with it and share it with you later," would you do it? Not likely. It doesn't make sense to do business that way. When someone you don't know sends you an e-mail and the bottom line is that you should send him money, delete the e-mail and forget about it. It is a trap.

Points to Remember Avoiding Internet Fraud

- E-mails from strangers are usually spam, generated by the millions, looking for a victim/unsuspecting consumer.

- Most legitimate online businesses do not market by sending spam.

- Just because the Attorney General and Better Business Bureau do not have negative information about a business does not mean it is legitimate.

- Most legitimate online businesses provide a verifiable physical address and telephone contact information.

- If an unsolicited e-mail offer is supposed to make or save you money or erase debt, but you have to send money first, it is almost certainly a scam.

If you are a victim of Internet fraud, report your information to:

Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC)
www.ifccfb.gov/index.asp

Because internet fraud complaints are likely to cross jurisdictional lines, the IFCC acts as a clearinghouse for law enforcement nationwide. Your complaint to the IFCC will come to the attention of our own investigators as well as other agencies who may be able to assist you.

Is Mars Really Coming Close or Not?

by Paul Derrick

Perhaps you've seen it on the internet or heard it from a friend: On August 27 Mars will come closer to Earth, and appear larger and brighter, than it's been in umpteen-thousand years. Does that sound familiar? It should--it happened two years ago. It's history, not news, and a reminder that we should view what we read on the internet (or anywhere else) with a critical eye.

Even so, it's not totally off base. Mars is coming around for another near pass--something it does every 2-plus years. In the fall we will pass between the red planet and the Sun, bringing Earth and Mars close once again.

On average Mars orbits 141 million miles from the Sun while Earth orbits at 93 million miles, thus on average they are 48 million miles apart when they pass. But their orbits, like those of all planets, are elliptical rather than circular.

Earth's orbit brings it nearest the Sun (called perihelion) each January at a distance of 91 million miles, and farthest from the Sun (called aphelion) each July at 95 million miles. Mars' orbit is even more elliptical with perihelion at 128 million miles and aphelion at 155 million miles.

If the planets happen to pass when Earth is at perihelion and Mars is at aphelion, they come no closer than 64 million miles apart. But with Earth at aphelion and Mars at perihelion, they pass within 33 million miles. The latter was nearly the case in 2003 when Mars passed less than 35 million miles from us, and did appear larger and brighter than we've ever seen it. In late October it will come within 43 million miles--nearer than its average pass--and again appear larger and brighter than usual. It won't match its 2003 show, but will still be worth viewing.

Deep Impact Note: If all went as planned Mission Deep Impact crashed into Comet Tempel 1 after midnight the night of July 3/4. The crash was expected to bring about a temporary brightening of the comet, perhaps lasting several days. If it did, now is the time to look for it. See www.stargazerpaul.com for details.

Sky Calendar.
* July 5 Tue.: Earth reaches aphelion, its farthest point from the Sun for the year.

* 6 Wed.: The Moon is new.

* 8 Fri. early evening: The thin crescent Moon is above Venus with Mercury to Venus' lower left in the west at dusk.

* 9 Sat. early evening: The crescent Moon is to the right of Leo's brightest star, Regulus, low in the west.

* 12 Tue. evening: The large crescent Moon is to the lower right of Jupiter tonight.

* 13 Wed. evening: The Moon is between Jupiter and Virgo's brightest star, Spica.

* 14 Thu.: The 1st quarter Moon is to Spica's the upper left.

* 17 Sun. evening: The Moon occults (passes in front of) Scorpius' brightest star, Antares, about 11:30 p.m. This could be a rare grazing occultation from parts of the southwestern U.S.

* 21 Thu.: The full Moon of July is called the Thunder Moon, Hay Moon and Grain Moon. This full Moon occurs when the Moon is at perigee--nearest Earth in its elliptical orbit--thus it will appear slightly larger than the average full Moon.

* 22 Fri. early evening: Venus passes just Leo's brightest star, Regulus, low in the west soon after dark. Binoculars might be needed to spot Regulus.

Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening: Saturn is disappearing into the setting Sun, while Venus, low in west at dusk, is gradually climbing higher each evening. Fainter Mercury, to Venus' left, will sink into the setting Sun by month's end. Jupiter, still the brightest object in the southwest, sets at midnight. Morning: Mars, rising at 1:30 a.m., is the brightest star-like object high in the southeast before dawn.

Astro Milestones. July 20 is the 36th anniversary of the 1969 lunar landing when U.S. astronauts Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to land and walk on the moon. Will it happen again in our lifetime?

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or pjderick@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

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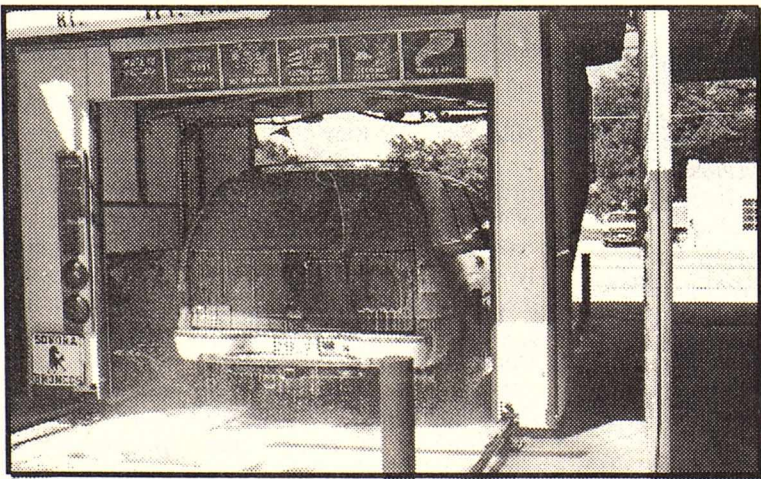
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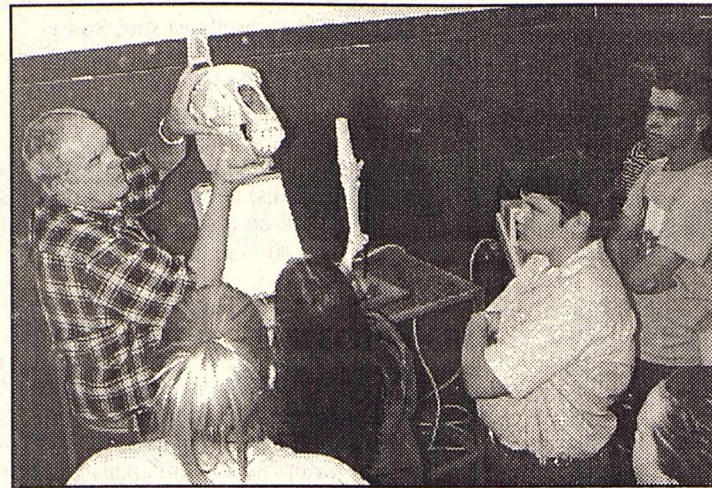
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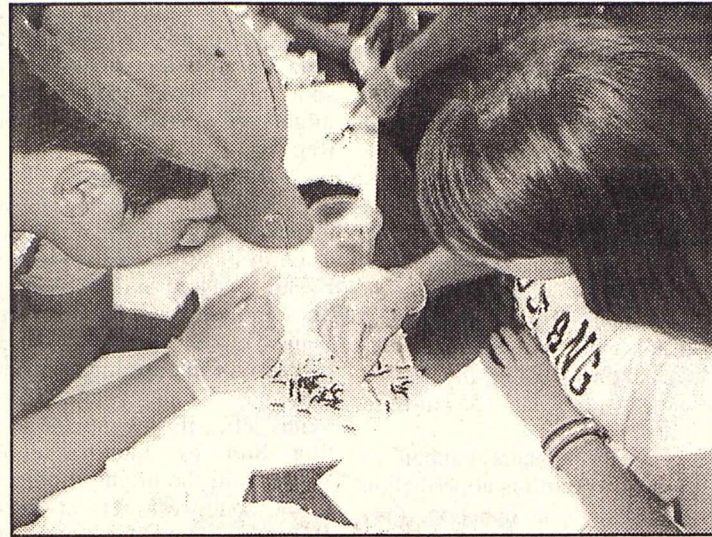
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Dr. Gary Hodges discussing horse anatomy.



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Dr. Patti Strauch demonstrating the use of ultrasound at the Vet Science workshop.

Fall Range Monitoring Workshops Scheduled at Three Locales

by Steve Byrns,

SAN ANGELO - It has rained and your pastures look good. But how much have they improved? Can you add more livestock? Has the rain sprouted too many weeds? How do you know?

The answers to these and other questions will be the focus of three fall meetings conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension's Rangeland Ecology and Management Department and local Extension staffs.

The dates, host locations and cooperating counties are:

- Oct. 12 in Fredericksburg (Gillespie, Llano, Mason and Blanco counties);
- Oct. 25 in Odessa (Ector, Ward, Crane and Andrews counties) and
- Oct. 27 in Sonora (Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett and Edwards counties)

Dr. Wayne Hanselka, state Extension project leader based in Corpus Christi, said the program will work in most rangeland situations.

"The whole idea is to help landowners develop a simple range monitoring system that ensures they are headed in the right direction and that they're not damaging the range," Hanselka said.

"There's several useful rangeland monitoring systems available, but most landowners won't use them because they're just too complex and time consuming.

"These workshops (a landowner need attend only one as all share the same format) will introduce a practical, simple monitoring system that's fine for landowners, managers or private consultants."

The system will help producers improve their range and identify problems before damage is done, Hanselka said.

For more information call Jim Word, Extension agent in Ector County, at (432) 498-4071; Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent in Sutton County, at (325) 387-3101 or Bill Botard, Extension agent in Gillespie County, at (830) 997-3452.

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Results Of BSE Test Announced

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture reported today that DNA has confirmed the 12-year-old cow testing positive for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy - commonly known as mad cow disease - was from a Texas herd. The cow, which was originally tested and sampled in November 2004, was blocked and removed from the human food supply last year at the time of testing.

"Texas cattle producers are committed to ensuring that the nation's beef supply remains safe for all consumers both here and abroad," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "It is important to remember that this animal was banned from the food or feed chain and that long-standing safeguards have been in place to protect public health."

Because the animal was unable to walk, it was removed from the food supply and was processed at a facility that handles animals unsuitable for human consumption. The carcass was incinerated.

The infected cow was born before the industry's ban on feeding ruminant-derived protein to cattle.

"Because of progressive steps taken by the U.S. cattle industry and the government and the strong firewalls in place, the American beef supply remains safe. For more than two decades, the government and industry have taken precautions to protect the public health," Combs said.

"Following the discovery of a Canadian-born cow with BSE in Washington state in December 2003, additional safeguards were added."

In 2003, USDA banned from the human food supply any cattle that are unable to walk or show signs of possible neurological disease. In addition, USDA mandates that material that would most likely carry the BSE agent, such as the brain and spinal cord, be removed from the food supply.

"Last year I met with British veterinarians, researchers and cattle producers in the United Kingdom to learn how the United Kingdom had handled its outbreak of BSE. Their system had clearly been inadequate. This is not the case in the United States," Combs said. "We have had a nearly 20-year plan with effective safeguards."

"Our strong vigilance should assure consumers that the United States has the safest beef supply in the world," Combs said.

Texas is the leading cattle state in the nation with 13.8 million head or 15 percent of the total U.S. cattle inventory. In 2004, cattle added \$8 billion to the Texas agricultural economy with a total economic impact of \$14 billion on the state's economy.

Hilderbran plan reduces frequency of appraisal caps

AUSTIN - Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) filed legislation today that would prohibit real property from being reappraised more than once every two years, effectively reducing the appraisal cap to less than 5 percent a year.

The tax code currently reads that property should be appraised at least once per three-year period, capping the increase at 10 percent per appraisal. This wording allows property to be appraised every year, leaving many homeowners to see an increase of more than 30 percent over three years.

"My bill takes a different route than what many of my colleagues have been trying to do in the House," Hilderbran said. "Instead of reducing the appraisal cap, we can reduce the frequency of reappraisals, thereby getting the same results in a more effective manner."

For example, should the Texas House of Representatives pass legislation reducing the appraisal cap from 10 percent to 7 percent, a homeowner whose property was valued at \$100,000 would see their value increased to \$114,490 in two years. With Hilderbran's plan, the increase over two years would only be to \$110,000.

"Right now we are trying to fund education without relying so heavily on property taxes that we drive people out of their homes," Hilderbran said. "Limiting the number of reappraisals will lower taxes just as effectively as lowering the appraisal cap."

Hilderbran's legislation is HB83.

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Texas Whitewing Zone Changes Accepted

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this week announced that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regulations Committee has accepted the Texas proposal to expand the Special Whitewing Dove Zone, adding a new portion of land west of I-35 and south of U. S. Highway 90 near San Antonio.

This means a 20 percent increase in the size of the special zone that is open to white-winged dove afternoon-only hunting the first two Saturdays and Sundays in September. Also new is a bag limit increase from 10 to 12 birds, allowing not more than four mourning doves and two white-tipped doves.

Although the change drops the mourning dove bag limit from five birds to four during the special season, it does mean more hunting opportunity along the Highway 90 corridor. Dove hunting starts on Sept. 1 just north Highway 90 in the Central Zone, but South Zone dove hunters until now had to wait until the first Friday after Sept. 20 to hunt south of the highway.

"We've seen a huge increase in whitewings in this section of country and hunters north of Highway 90 see whitewings trading back and forth across the highway and can't understand why they can't hunt both sides," said Vernon Bevell, TPWD small game and habitat assessment program director.

"The real issue with the Service has been growing concern for mourning doves," Bevell added, "which appear to be declining somewhat range-wide, even though there are still several hundred million of them, making them one of the 10 most abundant birds in North America. We have begun collaboration with other dove hunting states to band mourning doves and develop better databases to clearly understand changes in populations to see what is really happening. By gaining the opportunity to expand the Special Whitewing Zone we are at least able to offer some added opportunity to

hunters asking for this change." TPWD will be actively monitoring hunting in the area to determine that the additional opportunity is not adversely impacting mourning doves. Hunters will have to pay closer attention to what species of dove they are targeting to assure they do not take more than four mourning doves.

"We are pleased that our staff put together a good, science-based, proposal that was acceptable to the Service Regulations Committee," said Mike Berger, TPWD wildlife division director.

"The process requires that we run our proposals through the Central Flyway Council for endorsement, and that took place back in March. Staff recently worked with the Flyway and the Service to modify the proposal into a more acceptable recommendation by reducing the overall area of the request. That helped eliminate concerns that too many mourning doves would be taken in an area where some nesting effort extends into September. Until we have a better understanding of what is going on with mourning doves, we have to be sensitive to err on the side of the resource."

Berger went on to say that the new Migratory Game Bird Stamp that rolls the waterfowl and white-winged dove stamps into one stamp covering all migratory game birds this fall will give TPWD some additional funding over time to direct toward research on mourning doves. This should improve science and provide better approaches for future game bird management.

Since the Texas Legislature passed SB 1192 in the recent session, all dove hunters will be required to purchase the new \$7 Migratory Game Bird Stamp this fall. However, there will be no practical change for a large percentage of dove hunters who were already buying the white-winged stamp.

"As it was, we were already seeing more than 60 percent of dove hunters buying the Whitewing Dove Stamp, prob-

ably because whitewing numbers have grown so much and spread so far that hunters were concerned about staying legal," said Robert L. Cook, TPWD executive director.

Cook said the new stamp gives TPWD added flexibility to address mourning dove needs because the agency could not spend whitewing stamp funds on needed mourning dove work.

"Hunters should thank the game bird hunting conservation groups that supported game bird stamp reorganization in the recent legislative session, including Ducks Unlimited, Dove Sportsman's Society, National Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, and Texas Audubon."

The recommendations approved by the USFWS regulations committee still must be published in the Federal Register for another 30-day comment period. If they are approved, the 2005 dove season will be as follows: North Zone — Sept. 1-Oct. 30, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; Central Zone — Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and reopening Dec. 26 — Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; South Zone — Sept. 23-Nov. 10 and reopening Dec. 26-Jan. 15 with a 12 bird bag but not more than two white-tipped doves; Special South Texas Whitewing Zone — Sept. 3-4 and Sept. 10-11 afternoon only, with a 12 bird aggregate bag including not more than four mourning doves and two white-tipped doves.

The USFWS has also indicated there will be a September teal season this year but since there were weather related delays in some surveyed areas of Canada, the final recommendation will not be made for possibly another two weeks. That means if the Service approves a nine-day season with a four-bird bag the season will run from Sept. 17-25 and if they approve 16 days the season will run from Sept. 10-25. Only teal species are legal during this season, which has a bag limit of four birds.

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Louis's oldest child, is married to John Plumley who calf roped and team roped with Louis and her three brothers. John and Nancy have two daughters, D'Ann and Jettone.

Mickey Powers is a Gold Card holder of the PRCA and a founding and continuing producer of the Outlaw Pro Rodeo, a PRCA-sanctioned event held in Sonora each August. All three of Mickey's children, Rick, Rebecca and Zella have competed and won in Rodeo.

Jimmy Powers is a Gold Card holder and champion of the PRCA who served on the PRCA Board of Directors for more than 20 years. Jimmy has had two horses win the PRCA Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year awards. Jimmy still serves on the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Board. Jimmy's wife, Allison, was a winning WPRA barrel racer and represented the Texas Circuit on the national board of directors for the WPRA. Jimmy's son, Houston, is a winning PRCA steer wrestler and team roper. Louis's great-grandson, (Houston's son) Sam Powers has enjoyed throwing loops since he was old enough to swing a rope and is already winning ropings in his age group.

Zane Powers is a past rodeo champion on both ends of the arena and a past board member of the San Angelo Roping Fiesta. Zane's daughter, Stephanie, and granddaughter Kelsey, have both competed and won in Rodeo. Stephanie's husband, James Williams, is a PRCA team roper.

Pam Powers Haynes as a teen-ager won a rodeo scholarship and as a WPRA member won the barrel racing event at the Pecos Rodeo. She has produced the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and her daughters, Heather, Laramie, Cheyenne and Sheridan have been around Rodeo all of their lives and the older girls have begun participating in kids' rodeos. Pam's husband, Lance Haynes, is a past PRCA bull rider and producer.

Trina Powers Hadley is a 4-time qualifier to the Women's National Finals Rodeo in Team Roping. She served as the assistant director of the PWRA Board of Directors and was instrumental in changing the women's team roping event to reflect heading and heeling points following suit of the PRCA. Trina is a United States Team Roping State Champion qualifying to the USTRC Finals. Trina's husband, Jim Hadley, is a PRCA Gold Card holder and Mountain States Champion Calf Roper. Jim and Trina's children, Shiloh and Shane, compete and win in the Wyoming Junior Rodeo Association and Little Levi Rodeos. Shiloh was named 2004 Champion All-Around Cowgirl, and with her brother Shane won the 2004 Little Levi Team Roping title.

As a cowboy who got into professional Rodeo in its infancy, the records are incomplete on all of Louis's winnings. He might just consider the accomplishments of his progeny the fattest purse of all.

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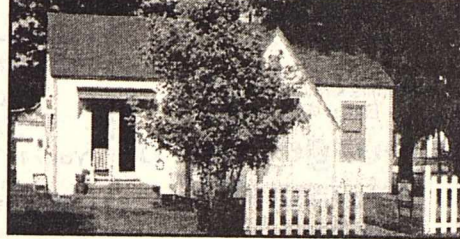
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Comstock Rodeo Club - 42nd Annual, Saturday, July 9, 2005; Girls 12 & Under - Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Goat Tie Down; 13-19 Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Breakaway Roping; Boys 12 & Under - Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Breakaway Roping; Boys 13-19 - Tie-Down Roping, Ribbon roping, Breakaway Roping, Rescue Race; Little Britches Boot Scramble, Barrels and Poles - Free; Entry Fees - \$3 per event if entered and paid before 7/9/05; or \$5 per event if entering or paying on 7/9/05; Books close 9:00 a.m. on 7/9/05; Bar-B-Que lunch served on the ground, dance at 9 p.m. in the 4-H barn. Entry information call Mary Dobbins (432)292-4526. All horses need proof of Coggins test to enter grounds. Team Roping and Open Roping following rodeo

KERR COUNTY MARKET DAYS - SATURDAY, JULY 9. Saturday, July 9 will mark the birthday of Kerr County Market Days, an old fashioned market on the square in downtown Kerrville. Starting in July of 2001 artists, crafters and plant and produce growers have gathered on the second and fourth Saturday of the month to sell their handcrafted goods. In celebration of the occasion free cake and coupons for free and discounted ice cream will be available to all marketgoers beginning at noon. There will be selections of fabric handbags, jewelry made using gold, silver, semiprecious stones and beads, as well as furniture and decorative pieces crafted from wood and metal. Other booths feature handmade soap and lotions made from natural plant derivatives, while other vendors offer hand-thrown pottery and ceramics. Ray Courtney displays an entire village of birdhouses along with well crafted bird feeders and August Barecky uses license plates in his birdhouse construction. Don't miss the artwork of photographers Steve Griffin and Dianna Kirkpatrick along with John McClure's metal sculptures. Community fundraisers continue with cookbooks, crafts and raffle tickets on sale at various booths to assist the Comfort Public Library, Animal Welfare Society, and K'Star Youth Shelter. You can also sample the delicious cookies at the Dieters Senior Center booth. Enjoy birthday cake and homemade ice cream while you shop. Roasted corn, hamburgers, sausage and sweet treats will be also available. A visit to Market Days makes a great family outing and you may bring your pet on leash. For more information call 830-895-7962 or go online to www.kerrmarketdays.org.

Outlaw Pro Rodeo Team Roping Challenge, Saturday, July 30, 2005 - Jackpot Team Roping, #9 & #13, ropings will run together with separate fast backs, \$50 a team (cash), limit 5 entries per roper in each roping. Books open 10:00 a.m., close 10:45 a.m., rope at 11:00 a.m. USTRC & Coors numbers, must show card, producer has right to re-classify. Open Draw Pot Roping, (open to all residents of Sutton and adjoining counties and Outlaw Pro Rodeo Sponsors), May enter twice, draw four, \$100 per roper (enter with a partner), Books open 12:00 p.m., close after first round of 9 & 13 roping. Top 12 teams will return to rope in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo (6 Thurs. slack, 3 Friday, 3 Saturday), Buckles awarded to winners of County Roping. For more information call 325-206-0272 or 650-8675.

Narconon Arrowhead reminds you that during the summer months, our children are more apt to let boredom set in and drugs and alcohol can work into their lives. To help your child this summer, recognize the signs of drug and alcohol addiction and get the help they need. If you or someone you know is struggling with an addiction, call Narconon Arrowhead. Narconon offers free addiction counseling, assessments, and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide and to your community by calling 1-800-468-6933 or logging onto www.stopaddiction.com. Help save a life. Call now!

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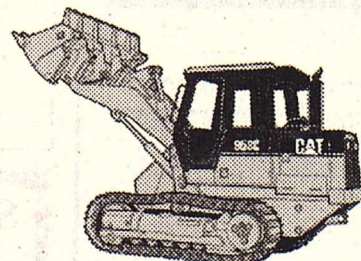
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Think About the Future When Buying a Home

Submitted by
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Owning a home is part of the American dream. However, as we get older, our American dream home may need to change to accommodate our changing bodies. Whether buying a new home or remodeling your existing home, keep in mind the fact that you may have special needs as you grow older. The principle of Universal Design is meant to simplify life for everyone by making products, communications and the built environment more usable by as many people as possible. Universal Design benefits people of all ages and abilities. When looking for that new home or thinking about remodeling your existing home, think about the following principles of Universal Design.

A home that has a ground-level entry way provides easy access in and out of the living space. Stairs leading up to the doorways may interfere with your ability to get in and out of your home. Make sure that the doorways in your home open wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair, if that ever becomes necessary. Also, check the width and slopes of the sidewalks around your home to ensure that they, too, will provide easy wheelchair access.

A single-story home allows for better maneuverability in the event you are ever physically impaired. Stairs pose a great risk for falling for persons of any age, especially older adults. Be sure that stairs are covered with a non-slip surface and that they are well-lighted. If you have a multi-story home, consider whether or not you have everything you need on the ground floor, such as a bedroom or bathroom, in the event you are unable to climb the stairs.

The kitchen is the new "family room" of today's home so you should make sure your kitchen is accessible. Make pathways through the kitchen wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair or walker. Also,

make sure that if you are ever confined to a wheelchair that you will have access to your cabinets and drawers. Equip your sink with push/pull lever faucet handles rather than the standard knobs in case something like arthritis or stroke impairs your ability to grip things.

With regard to doors, cabinets and other things that may have knobs or pulls on them, try to avoid small knobs and grips. For door handles, choose "lever" type door handles that may be pushed down or lifted up to open. This will allow access even if you are impaired by arthritis or stroke. Choose handles rather than knobs for your kitchen cabinets and other cabinets in your home. Many home improvement stores carry pull-out trays that fit into your existing cabinets that allow easy access to your utensils without having to stoop down and dig through your cabinets.

Access to the bathroom in your home is paramount. Will you be able to get in and out of your bathroom if you are in a wheelchair or using a walker? Will you be able to reach your sink? Make sure that the doorway to your bathroom is wide and that there is plenty of floor space to move around inside of it. Handrails and grab bars may become important later in your life and you should ensure that the walls in your bathroom will support such devices. Most tubs and showers should be able to accommodate a chair or bench so that you are able to sit while bathing. Showers and tubs may be fitted with hand-held shower heads that may be used if you are unable to stand in the shower.

Many other ideas and suggestions combine to make a home using the principle of Universal Design. For more information, contact your County Extension Agent at 387-3604. You may also find this information and more about housing and environmental concerns on the accessibility section of Texas Cooperative Extension's Housing website at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/housing/ind ex.php>.

Summer reading tips

Houghton Mifflin reading experts suggest: "This summer, take time to read, read, read to your children to help build their vocabulary."

Summer is a time to relax, recuperate and rejuvenate, but it is important for children to keep reading and learning during their break from the school year. Reading experts from education publisher Houghton Mifflin Company offer these tips for families this summer:

- Read TO your children, including older children. Don't stop reading to children just because they have become fairly adept readers themselves. The books adults read will have a great deal more vocabulary and much more complicated content — just what children need to be successful readers.

- Read WITH your children. Make reading fun: share what you are reading and read together in choral fashion.

- ENCOURAGE them to

read. Stories are great, but so are informational materials. Collect brochures and pamphlets on your summer vacation (and when doing day-to-day activities) and help your child read them.

- Research suggests that children's vocabulary and concept development can be expanded considerably if adults use sophisticated words for known concepts. For example, all children know the word "happy." So...use "cheerful," "overjoyed," "delighted," or "ecstatic." You don't have to teach any new ideas — just use new words. It will improve their comprehension.

- Have discussions even when you're not reading. While watching television, for example, discuss the plot during commercial breaks. Why did the main character do that? How was she feeling? What do you think will happen next? Why?

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