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Sutton County shines in Symphony of Horses

The evening of Saturday August 20th, 2005 found two of Sonora's riders back in an arena, something they're both very accustomed to. But this found them riding to a different beat, literally.

Only the third time that such an event has been presented in the United States, the "Symphony of Horses" filled the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena.

The Symphony of Horses was a fundraiser for the San Angelo Symphony that consisted of a three part evening. The first part of the evening included a delectable beef tenderloin dinner prepared by Chef Henri Wien of San Angelo Community Medical and the TV show "Let's Eat!", and Chef Earl Mulley who is the personal chef for Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

The dinner was followed by an auction with items including: A Dallas Cowboys Football Autographed by Hall of Fame Member Roger Staubach and others, \$1,000 Gift Certificate to Julian Gold, an Antique Navaho Rug, an Original Rene Alvarado Painting, a framed print of "Flying Without Wings" by Artist Lesley Humphrey, 18K Gold Sal Prashnik Horse Pin from Holland Jewelry Co., an Exotic Animal Hunt on the Mayfield Ranch, and more!

Then, attendees witnessed a horse show like most have never seen! Horses of all shapes, sizes, breeds and riding styles performed. A narrative or story described the history of the horse, beginning with the Spanish Conquistador arrival in North America, and continuing through the Native American's adaptation of the horse to everyday life, the early

Cavalry's use of the horse in military maneuvers, and ending with the horse's use today as a recreational partner in sports such as jumping and polo. Each scene of the story showcased a different horse or riding group from the time described, performing to a specially selected piece of music played by the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra. For instance, when the story talked about the Spanish colonization of the Americas, the Texcelentes Precision Drill Team performed riding Paso Fino horses in Spanish dress, to Spanish music from "Carmen."

Each song was carefully selected to match each horse and rider, with music ranging from Classical to Broadway, and from movie music to patriotic songs.

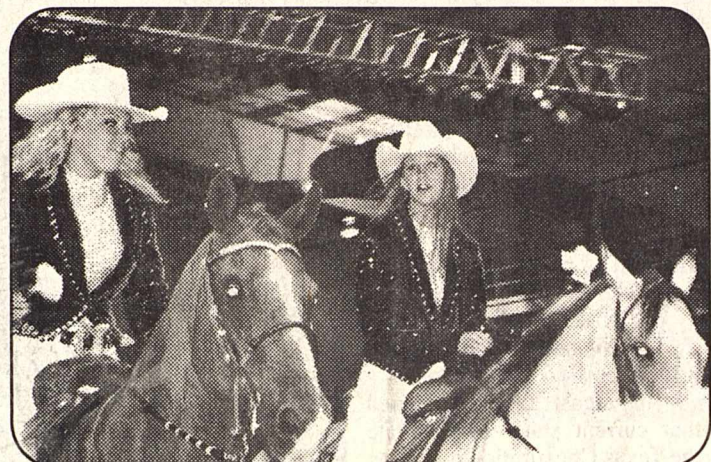
This special horse show has only been performed once before in the State of Texas but this was the first time in Texas that the horses performed with music played by a live orchestra with more than 60 musicians. This was the third time that the Symphony of Horses has been performed with orchestra in the United States.

The San Angelo Symphony, including its 64 musicians and Maestro Hector Guzman provided the music for the 45 award-winning horses. The Sahawe Indian Dancers also performed during the show.

Horses and Riders included: the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors (Kyla Turney of Sonora); the Fort Concho Cavalry (San Angelo, TX); bareback rider Gunter Pennington, 11 years old (Sonora, TX); Olympic Jumper Peter Pletcher (Magnolia, TX); Dressage Champion Pam Fowler Grace riding her



Gunter Pennington (above) and Kyla Turney (below right) make their horses dance at the Symphony of Horses in San Angelo.



Appaloosa horses "Star in Stripes" and "Pay N Go" (Katy, TX); the Texcelente Drill Team with their Paso Fino horses (Cat Springs, TX); Adrin Dulin and his Hackney Pony "Bobby" and Roadster "Love Ya Later" (Magnolia, TX); Lynn Walsh riding award-winning hunter

"Ocean Park" (Houston, TX); Jana Babuszcak riding a Tennessee Walker called "Roan Flash" (Tomball, TX); Western Reiner Jeff Buckley (Plano, TX); the Dartmore Pony Team of "Squeak" and "Janey" (Brenham, TX); and many others!

Sonora to benefit from Texas Pecos Trail Region approval

submitted

In Odessa, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday August 23, 2005, a press conference was held to officially announce the beginning of a new Texas Historic Commission Heritage Trail.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region grant application was approved by the Texas Historic Commission in Austin on July 29, 2005. The Heritage Trail program is a grant program of the Texas Historic Commission with the main purpose of promoting heritage and cultural tourism in a designated area.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region includes 22 counties in West Texas, from Eagle Pass all the way west to Monahans & Andrews, and as far north as Stanton. This region will be the largest geographic region approved to date by the THC.

The Heritage Trail program promotes heritage and cultural tourism and provides some funds for the opening of a regional office to manage and promote tourism in the region. Basically all of the 22 counties involved the Texas Pecos Trail Region have pledged to add money to the awarded grant money to help promote this region. These pledges have been made by individuals, organizations, city and county governments, industrial development organizations, chambers and others involved in the tourism industry. The funds have been pledged for 3 consecutive years to help kick off the promotion of this sometimes forgotten area of our state. A regional coordinator will be hired and an office set up to house the headquarters for the Texas Pecos Trail Region. Sonora is one of the many communities that will be considered for that office location.

The long term and overall goal of the region will be to preserve, enhance, promote, and educate people about West Texas. There is so much history along the Texas Pecos Trail that was designated as an historic trail in the late 1960's by then Governor John Connally. The



Debbie Vickers with the Odessa Convention & Visitors Bureau, Chairman of the Texas Pecos Trail Region Application Committee officially announces the Texas Pecos Trail designation.

Texas Pecos Trail Region will envelope all of that designated trail and the counties and communities that it travels through.

So many times this region of Texas is thought of only as waste land, but it is so much more with such a wide diversity of cultures, economies, and historic significance. The vast panoramic views are sought by so many travelers that come through our office at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center. A very often asked question from travelers is, "How much farther west do we have to drive before we see the desert?" This is especially true of the tourist from other countries or from the east coast.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to working with the Texas Pecos Trail Region coordinator and board of directors to help promote tourism region wide. This is an exciting time for our part of Texas.

New Hunting, Fishing Licenses now available

AUSTIN, Texas — New hunting and fishing licenses for 2005-06 are now available, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is reminding customers to be aware of some significant changes. All current annual hunting and fishing licenses expire on Aug. 31.

Two significant changes in special stamp endorsements passed during the last legislative session will affect game bird hunters this year. Rather than individual stamps for various game bird species, TPWD has consolidated the special endorsements into two categories: upland and migratory.

The white-winged dove stamp and waterfowl stamp are now combined into a single Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7), which will be required to hunt all migratory game birds, including ducks, geese, white-winged doves, mourning doves, white-tipped doves, sandhill cranes, woodcock, snipe, rails, coots and gallinules.

The turkey stamp has been

replaced by the Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7), which will be required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca and lesser prairie chicken.

Anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package automatically gets these needed stamps.

In addition to the migratory stamp endorsement, Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required of all migratory game bird hunters. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird questions. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified to hunt migratory birds and these new stamp changes are automatically included in all lifetime licenses.

A sizable share of game bird hunters — those who hunt mourning dove exclusively and quail hunters — will be buying

See New Licenses page 6

Council hears concerns on water meter changes

The Sonora City Council met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2005. After the general business of approving minutes of the previous meetings, the council heard the Sutton County Appraisal District's monthly report.

A public hearing was held regarding a request from the SIDC to consider the approval of a \$25,000 grant to Sonora Hotel Management, LLC. SIDC office manager, Nancy Glasscock was available for any questions and concerns. The hearing was closed with no new actions. The SIDC 2004-2005 operating budget was approved with presented amendments.

Planning and zoning case No. 381 regarding Mrs. Lewis Spraggins' requesting the subdivision of a lot in block W36, lot 1 was approved.

The Council approved a contract with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the City's 2005 Texas Community Development Program project.

A resolution adopting the National Incident Management System was approved.

The Council heard the first reading of an ordinance amending the Historic Landmark and District Zoning to provide for a nine member commission.

Ann Kay, manager of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, reported to the council that Trick-or-Treating for Pre-scholars will be on October 31. She also reported on the Texas Capital Fund Workshop grant application. The council recommended that the application be filled out for next year. Kay also submitted a request for the closing of a portion of Main Street for the annual Fall Festival and Homecoming Parade. The council approved both requests.

No action was taken on the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 54 to provide for the disposal of unclaimed

property, surplus or obsolete property.

The council voted to seek bids on the 2005-2007 depository for city funds and fuel purchases for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

A public hearing for 2005-2006 budgets was opened to the public. After a few comments and concerns the council approved the budget.

Following the budget discussion, a concern with the water raters and the possibility of changing personal meters back, was brought to the council's attention. After much discussion on the cost of changing the meters back to the original size if requested by a customer, it was agreed that a letter was to be written to those customers who have changed out their meters this year and would like to change back. If the customer wishes to change back to their original meter size, a formal letter of request will have to be presented by the customer, to the council, giving reasons why the request is being made. The council will review the letters and make decisions on providing the change, based on the customers needs.

City manager, Jim Polonis, presented the possibility of implementing electronic fund transfers for payroll. This program would also allow customers to make payments on line with any type of credit card.

The council approved a \$500 spending limit without council approval, for the city manager.

In the public comments, a local resident was concerned about heavy truck traffic on Deerwood St. The Chief of Police, Mike House, has talked with the owners of the property responsible for the trucks.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business.

Retire "Old Glory" at September 11 ceremony

The community is invited to an Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County rodeo arena, on Sunday, September 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Local Boy Scouts and Veterans will be performing the honored retirement ceremony. Music will set the mood, and a time to remember the fallen heroes of 9-11 will be held. The Friends of Historic Sonora will recognize community heroes; including the Firemen, EMS, Sonora Police Dept., Sutton County Sheriff Dept., Highway Patrol Dept., Game Warden, and Probation Dept.

If you have an American Flag that is ready to be retired, please drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street, Suite 101. If you have a story that goes with your flag that makes it special, please drop the story off with the flag.

Any veterans or Boy Scouts who are interested in being a part of this ceremony need to call 325-387-2248. Everyone is encouraged to take a moment out of your busy day to recognize the gift of freedom that the American Flag represents.

Local media honored

Storie Sharp of the Devil's River News and Donna Keese of KHOS/KYXX Radio were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Sonora ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 500 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included media representatives' efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and bal-

anced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Robert Sepulveda, TASB President.

The Sonora Board of Trustees passed a formal resolution in May, 2005 to add names of the media from Sonora to the 2005 Media Honor Roll.

Bank & Trust acquires SAISD property

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS - The Bank & Trust, s.s.b. closed on 2,687 acres at Knickerbocker Road and University Avenue Thursday afternoon. The property was formally owned by the San Angelo Independent School District. Plans call for The Bank & Trust, now located at 5106 Knickerbocker, to build an approximate 7,000 square foot state-of-the-art banking facility.

In May of 2005, the SAISD set a minimum bid for the property of \$1.15 million and began accepting bids. The Bank & Trust bid approximately \$1.23 million and the SAISD board authorized administrators to begin drafting a contract.

The Bank & Trust was chartered for business in 1910. The community bank with assets totaling \$255 million, has locations in southwest Texas including Brackettville, Del Rio, and Sonora. The

organization opened a Loan Production Office in San Angelo in May of 2004 and expanded to full-service banking operations in March of 2005.

Wrey Montgomery has been at the helm of the San Angelo market expansion in his role as President of The Bank & Trust San Angelo. "We have been searching for the perfect site for about a year. The Bank & Trust looks forward to building our main branch on this property while we continue to look for other growth opportunities," says Montgomery. "Architectural plans are near completion and we plan to break ground this Fall. Our staff is focused on building strong customer relationships while we look forward to moving into our new facility."

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Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
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Senior Center News

August 29 - Bingo

August 30 - Blood pressure checks w/ Interpid Home Health Program - noon!

Senior Center Menu

August 29 - Pork chops, w/gravy, potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk

August 30- BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread apricot/banana medley, milk

August 31 - Polynesian chicken salad, sweet peas, wheat bread, golden salad, vanilla pudding, milk

September 1 - n/a

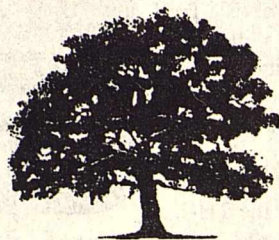
September 2 - n/a

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.



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Legislature adjourns with mission unaccomplished

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Attempts to upgrade the funding of public education and simultaneously bring tax relief failed yet again, as month-long special session II of the 79th Texas Legislature ended.

After House and Senate gavels signaled adjournment sine die on Aug. 19, in the minds of some the only thing missing around the Capitol was a sound resembling the release of air from a birthday balloon. Others thought no legislation is better than bad legislation.

During the regular session that ended May 30 and the following special sessions, House and Senate majorities, in effect, conceded they could not act without hurting people who sent them to Austin in the first place.

Lawmakers could have knocked down property tax levies, but not without closing franchise tax loopholes, not without raising cigarette and alcohol taxes, and not without hurting their friends in the oil business, among others. Some lawmakers even suggested legalizing Las Vegas-style video lottery terminals to generate revenue. But that was a no-go.

No - not even mounting pressure from a governor who is seeking reelection that would put him in that high office for an unprecedented 10 years - could make House members wrench loose their dug-in rowels.

Maybe not individually, but collectively, lawmakers saw that doing nothing turned out to be the best way for them to go, especially in light of a lawsuit by poorer school districts heard by Travis County District Judge John Dietz.

In August 2004, Dietz ruled that current state laws violate the Texas Constitution by taking away school districts' meaningful discretion in setting local property tax rates and through unfair funding formulas making the cost of funding an adequate education beyond the means of poorer school districts. On Nov. 30, 2004, Dietz gave the Legislature until Oct. 1, 2005, to address his legal conclusions.

The state appealed Dietz's ruling and oral arguments were heard by the Texas Supreme Court on July 6. A ruling on the state's appeal could come any day.

House Speaker Tom Craddick resisted the passage of slap-dash fixes to these enormous problems. He has been content to wait for the Texas Supreme Court to hand down what he hopes will be a template for the Legislature to use to satisfy the state constitution.

It is anyone's guess how such a template might look in regards to caps on Robin Hood contributions by wealthy school districts, increases in teacher pay and benefits, and dollars spent per pupil on actual classroom instruction that has nothing to do with the time-consuming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam.

Suppose the Supreme Court rules. The governor may be moved to call another special session if so directed by the court. Lawmakers could find themselves back in Austin fairly soon.

Executive authority to the rescue

Gov. Rick Perry swatted the Legislature for its failure. On Aug. 20, he trumpeted his

intention to use executive authority to pay for new textbooks and grant teachers a modest raise.

"Even though the Legislature did not act, I will," Perry said. Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, joint chairs of the Legislative Budget Board, have said they approve Perry's stop-gap funding plan.

AG comments on Vioxx verdict

An Angleton jury on Aug. 19 awarded a \$250 million verdict to plaintiff Carol Ernst in a case against drug maker Merck. The jury said the death of Robert Ernst, the plaintiff's husband, came about as a direct result of his taking the pain medication Vioxx.

Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The verdict also shows why Texas deserves to get its money back from Merck; the company purposely peddled a drug on the open market that it knew could harm people."

"Merck compounded this problem by giving false information to the state's Medicaid program about the drug's safety."

Sutton County ranchers ready to round up for Rehab

submitted

Three-year-old Breanna shows off new boots and a Barbie doll as she maneuvers her pint-sized walker.

She's much too busy delighting her parents and therapists to notice that hundreds of ranchers are rounding up livestock this fall to help her overcome the disabling effect of cerebral palsy.

Sutton County ranchers are gearing up to participate in special livestock auctions to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center beginning September 22 and continuing through early November.

Local Round-Up for Rehab chairman James Barton, whose message to Sutton County area ranchers is simple but sincere: Let's help Rehab help Breanna and 21,000 other Rehab patients receiving treatment this year at WTRC.

Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 22 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale October 24 at Junction Stockyards.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For Breanna and the hundreds of other children and adults we serve regardless of financial status, I thank everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Corporate underwriters for this year's Round-Up for Rehab include Central & West Texas Farm Credit Association, Group IV Member-Owned Electric Cooperatives, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife, Town & Country Food Stores and Wrangler. Sponsor for the Rehab chuck wagon is Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare. Honorary Round-Up chairman for the third consecutive year is legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall and the four general chairmen are Jody Frey of San Angelo, Bob Helmers of Christoval and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene.

Information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates and arrangements for hauling donated animals are available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

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To reach the port of heaven,

we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it

but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor

Community Calendar

August 27

Benefit Softball Tournament for Rosita Castillieja
for more information please call

387-5267

August 29

Band Booster Meeting

Sonora High School Band Hall • 6:00 p.m.

September 6

Public Hearing on Tax increase rates
Sutton County Courthouse Annex • 9:00 a.m.

September 11

Flag Retirement Ceremony

7:00 p.m.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County Historical
Society
Donations: Robert and Diane
Malone

Q. What ever happened to Will Carver's uncle, Richard T. Carver, after Will died?

A. We have some interesting news about Richard T. Carver and his children that just came into the office. Richard T. Carver was born in November of 1849 in Missouri. He married Margaret "Maggie" M. Scott, who was born on September 12, 1852 in Missouri, on September 5, 1870 in Bexar County, Texas.

Maggie was the daughter of Rev. Jeremiah M. Scott and Itha Jane Rigsby Scott. She and Richard had 4 children. The first child, Rosa O. born in 1872, married Lafayette Bond then Ben R. Kelly. The second child was Joel Thomas whom Bandera historians say died young. We have found that Joel was born between 1874 and 75 and married Ellen Hale (1875-1943) and himself lived until 1964 and was buried in the Nucla Co. Cemetery in Delta, Colorado in a well marked grave. Some folks call it the Garnett Mesa Cemetery. Next came Albert R. "Bert" who was born in 1877 in Uvalde, Texas and died on October 29, 1946 and is buried near Joel and his wife in an unmarked grave. The last child of Richard T. Carver and "Maggie" was John W., who was born in 1879 and married a woman named Fay (1886-1975) and died on May 20, 1958 and is buried in the same cemetery.

Richard T. Carver had been arrested for mail robbery and sent off to federal prison. Family says that "Maggie" died of loneliness at Uvalde, Texas on August 29, 1883. Her children went to live with their maternal grandparents and for some reason Joel Thomas Carver disappeared from history locally. Richard T. Carver got out of prison and might have taken his oldest son with him, no one knows for sure how he left home.

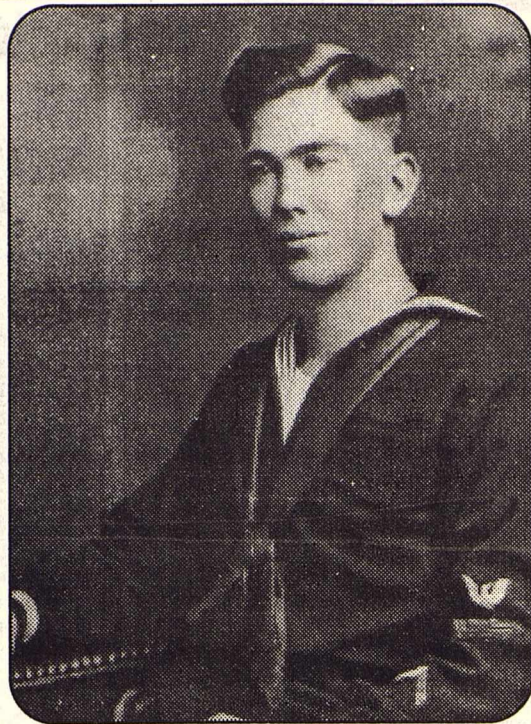
What we do know is that Richard T. married again to a woman named Louisa in about 1890 and after bearing him 4 children she died in Douglas, Arizona, in 1905. We are still researching when and where the last 4 children died but we know they were Scott born in November of 1890; Edgar born in April of 1893; Mary born in June of 1896 and who married C. E. Phillips, and Felix G. born in August of 1898 who died in a tragic gun accident.

Joel Carver, Richard's oldest son, who supposedly died young, and his wife Ellen had 6 children: Robert was born in 1900 and married a woman named Tie; Martha born June 1, 1903 married a man named Lantham Ballard (1891-1951) and died on July 11, 1995 in Colorado; Jessie John was born in 1905; Ruby was born in 1906, married a man named Graves and died in 1976 in Colorado; Mamie born 1909 or 10 married Louis Naslund; "Tommy" Joel Thomas was born in 1918 and died in 1964 in Colorado. Joel Thomas "Tommy" was a Mason.

In the 1910 census of Colorado we found Albert in Montrose County, Colorado working as an irrigation ditch laborer before that he worked as a cowboy in Texas. John was in Delta working as a laborer doing odd jobs. Joel T., son of Richard was in Sawpit, Colorado and is listed as a gold-miner.

We have a photograph of Joel T. Leading a pack train of supplies through Paradox Valley. He was a large, rugged man, very quiet and very hard working. He didn't speak of his childhood or of his father having spent time in jail. He didn't speak of his famous relative, Will Carver, who had ridden with the Wild Bunch. He just worked hard and took good care of his wife and children. He taught his children that if you wanted something in life you had to work hard for it.

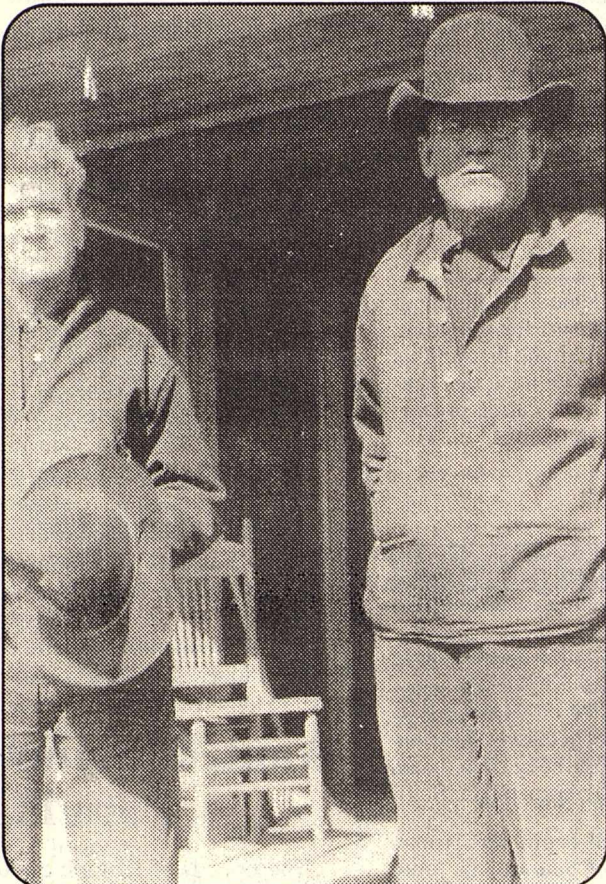
We also found that Richard T. Carver had become quite crippled with a bad back in his old age and had gone to Colorado to live with his children. After getting out of jail he had tried farming and ranching and lost money on both. He lived in New Mexico and Arizona before going to live



Scott Carver, son of Richard T. Carver



Will Carver - Outlaw



Albert & Joel T. "Daddy Joe," sons of Richard T. Carver



John W., son of Richard T. Carver

with his children, he worked as a cowboy, when he could find work, or lived with Mary and C. E. Phillips until she died. Richard T. Carver died in Colorado in 1920 and was buried with a hand carved sandstone saddle on his grave. Time and the elements have destroyed the once beautiful saddle and erased the name and dates. The stone looks like a large rock setting there on the grave of the old former outlaw.

We hope you enjoy the pictures with this article. We especially enjoyed the one of Scott Carver, the son of Richard T. and Louisa, he looks so much like his famous relative, Will Carver, who rode with Black Jack Ketchum and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Will lies in a grave here in the Sutton County Burial Park. He was shot multiple times while resisting arrest on Concho Street. He was carried to the sheriff's office in the Sutton County Courthouse and despite two doctors trying to save him, he expired from his wounds. His gravestone does not have a name on it. It simply states the date of his death, April 2, 1901. Strange how after all these years everyone remembers the outlaws and forgets most of the good old boys. I guess Willie Nelson had it right in that song of his about ladies and outlaws.

While we enjoy telling of the exploits of Will and Richard T. Carver we don't encourage young children to follow the examples they set at times in their lives. You might not be famous in life and remembered by many, but you can rest in peace knowing you were a good

man or woman and tried to do your best in life.

While I am thinking of Will Carver, does anyone have a picture of Georgia Ervin Williams? She is one of the women who identified Will after he was shot. He used to buy candy from her when he was in town. There is a photograph of a group of people, probably a Sunday school class, that was published in the August 19, 1965 issue of "The Devil's River News," that has Dolly Allison (Lloyd) and Billie Martin (Turner) along with some others in it. One of the other people is Georgia. If you have this photograph please bring it to the office at 307 Oak St. any Monday, Friday or Saturday morning so that we may scan it and get a good copy for our files. The one in the paper is too grainy to reproduce and we would appreciate any picture of Georgia anyone might have.

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@sonoratr.net. You may call us at the office at 325-387-5084 on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings, please call the same number to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building, Old Depot. Please note that the Miers Home Complex/Depot grounds will be closed from October 10 until work is finished for installation of new lighting and plugs on the grounds. Please do not cut through the construction area at this time. Thank You!



Joel T. leading a pack train of supplies through Paradox Valley.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Last year the Sutton County property tax rate was \$0.2539.

That rate raised \$2,269,853, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as: Law Enforcement, Road Maintenance, Vital Records Filing, Court Administration for County and District, Collection of Taxes, Fines and Fees, Registering Vehicles, Boats and Motors, Ambulance Services, Upkeep and Maintenance of County Buildings, Extension Service, County Library, Election Expenses and Registering Voters, Tax Appraisal District Share, and Continuing Education for Elected Officials and Employees in their respective fields, and Maintenance of County Equipment and Vehicles.

This year, Sutton County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.237328/\$100 value. That rate would raise \$2,423,220 which is \$153,367 more than last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. The second hearing will be held on September 12, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex in Sonora.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE:

The Sutton County Sheriff certifies that Sutton County has spent \$9170 in the previous 12 months beginning July 25, 2004 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

NOTICE TO SUTTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The notice of public hearing of tax rate is an increase of the effective rate only. The average home with a value of \$75,000 paid \$190 on the 2004 tax roll and on the 2005 tax roll taxes will be assessed at \$178, which is a decrease of \$12, unless the home was valued higher in 2005. The taxpayer should have received a notice of new appraised value in May of 2005.

Notes of Appreciation

A Big Thank-You to David Creek for letting us use his 4-wheeler train for Sutton County Days. All donations went to the Sutton County Senior Center! Thanks to all my helpers: Noemi Samaniego, Olivia Longoria, Rita and Hector Mendez, Maria Carrasco, and Ruthie Bounds at the Chamber of Commerce! Thanks to Steven Hernandez for getting gas for us when we ran out, Jose Lujan for getting everything ready and for teaching us how to run the 4-wheeler. Hope we won't forget by next year! Thanks to all who bought tickets on behalf of our seniors. Thanks again. Sincerely,

For four months spent as "Interim City Manager" was a very rewarding effort on my part. To be able to have the opportunity to give back something to the community that has been home for me and my family for 45 years is a privilege.

If my efforts have been of value, I must thank those who offered so much support. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for giving me the latitude to work. Thank you to all employees whose acceptance and cooperation made going to work each morning a pleasure. Most of all my sincere thank-you to all citizens who offered not only support, but advice and constructive criticism.

Thanks to the Council and employees for the reception recognizing my departure and the opportunity to meet our City Manager, Jim Polonis.

Doyle Morgan

I would like to thank my sponsors for supporting me and standing behind me while I ran for Miss Sutton County. My sponsors were Sutton County Steak House, First National Bank, and JMC Transport Service. Ya'll were great. I would also like to thank the community for standing behind me. Ya'll also have been great. Kim Lewis, you have been awesome. You have believed in me for the last two years; not only were you the sponsor but you have also become my friend. Thank you for all the talks and advice you have given me. I will always cherish them. Last but not least, thank-you to my family and friends. To my family, ya'll are the best and thank you for supporting me and I love ya'll. To my friends, thanks for putting up with me. Ya'll are true blue friends.

2nd Runner Up and Miss Congeniality
Mandy Brister

I would like to thank the First United Methodist Church of Sonora and the Sutton County Child Welfare Board for providing school supplies and clothing for over 30 children in the district this year. Your generosity has enabled students to come to school prepared and confident. Sonora is blessed to have such caring organizations that are so willing to give back to the community.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Amy Davenport

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While shopping in San Angelo I had the most pleasant visits with some very dear friends of Sonora, Elizabeth Schinkle and Tracy Crites. During our conversation I was asked how Jennifer was doing.

It is always a pleasure for me when I get to send wonderful news back to Sonora especially news like this. On April 9, 2005 Jennifer received her first big promotion. She has been promoted to Airman E5 Staff Sergeant.

She will begin her Airman Leadership School in mid September and her graduation will be the first part of November. Jennifer and her daughter, (my loving granddaughter) Stevie Lynn are still stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana. Jennifer's Tour of Duty is about to begin again as she will be shipping overseas in January 2006, to Diego Garcia.

We have a very good friend who has always been like a grandmother to Jennifer whom we really need to express our heartfelt thanks to for making sure she is always remembered there in Sonora while serving in the Military. That special person is Helen Hokit.

Helen displayed pictures of all her grandchildren serving in the Military and made sure Jennifer was a part of that special family. Our love and gratitude goes out to you Helen.

On that note, We would like to say God Bless and our prayers are always with the young men and women who are courageously putting their lives out there to protect us here at home.

Thank you Sonora for remembering us when we were a part of your community so many years ago, and still treat us like family.

God Bless,
Barbara Stroud Stewart

Happy Birthday

August 25

Alejandro Mata, Abby Gesch, Javier Segura, Orlando Segura, Linda Love, Daniela Cano

August 26

Debra Hobbs, Kara Hard, Kate Kinder, Lise Miller, Fran Pennington, Robin Downing, Cassi Cole, Adam Fay

August 27

Allison Higdon, Clifton Lipham, Carl Johnson, Megan Fitzgerald, Lupe Druan, C.J. Badgett

August 28

Brodey Myers, Mindy Castaneda, Kenzie Sykes, Abigail Garcia, Diana Anderson, Mary Beth Luttrell, Erin Newton, Debra Favela

August 29

Leandra Perez, Keeli Taylor, Shaylynn Kresta, Arturo Lopez, Kathy Jones, Rodolfo Charo, Leandra Perez, Shaylynn Burnham

August 30

America Reyes, Stacy Sanchez, Frank McGee, Rosa McGee, Fidel Acevedo, Robert Zook

August 31

Florie Gonzales, Joey Samaniego, Sharon Holman, Lori Newton, Ponciano Castillo, Jr., Ronnic Cox, Dick Dudley, James Wilson

Main Street Traffic

Western heritage honored, on display at local banks



Members of the Powers Family are honored as Western Heritage Pioneer Family by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street.

Submitted by: Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program presented the first Western Heritage Pioneer Family Award to the Louis Powers Family at the wonderful Dee Ora Masonic Lodge Scholarship Steak Dinner provided by the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. We appreciate James and Lois Archer from Multi-Chem Group, LLC, Johnson Law Office, KHOS Radio, San Angelo Standard Times, KLST Channel, and Devil's River News for their support in recognizing an outstanding Rodeo Family.

We invite you to also visit the other outstanding rodeo families which are on display at the First National Bank of Sonora and The Bank and Trust lobbies.

First Community Western Heritage Pioneer Families have loaned to the Friends of Historic

Sonora Main Street Program rodeo photos, buckles, saddles, cowboy hats, spurs, and rodeo fashions.

The outstanding rodeo families that are on display are: Frank Davis, Keith Hudson, Jim Bob Altizer, Sherri Altizer-Ingam, Ben Ingam, Jimmy Powers, Houston Powers, Sam Powers, Dayton Armke Family, Steve Duhon Family, Blanche Altizer-Smith, and the Callaway Hall Family. These families are outstanding Rodeo sportsmen and have won beautiful diamond and ruby belt buckles; spurs made of silver and gold; and saddles which are awarded to only the Best of the Best cowboys and cowgirls in the Rodeo World. We hope you will not miss the opportunity to see and learn about the sport that is so much a part of our community. The exhibit will be open during banking hours until September 8, 2005.

Wanted: Sonora Homecoming Parade Entries

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Sonora Independent School District would like to invite you to join us in celebrating at the 2005 Sonora Bronco Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Friday September 9, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to be in the Sonora Homecoming Parade call Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or come by the Mercantile Building, Suite 101. We will line up in front of the Concho Street Car Wash at 2:15 p.m. Come Join the Fun!!!! Go Broncos!!

Not just another fish tale



On Aug 13th John Lopez IV (10 years old) from Sonora Texas, set the hook on this 34 lb. yellow cat (center). His dad (John) and uncle (James) had been catching some nice channel cats and blue cats when this HOG started tugging at his line. The men told John when the time was right, to set the hook. He DID! And the fight was on.

After about 20 minutes of wrestling with the mystery fish his partners saw the water boil at the surface and about 30 yards of line peel off of the reel. At the end of the line looked like what had to be, about a 40 lb. blue.

"When it was all over, with the fish netted and in the boat, I looked at John, his eyes and smile was almost as big as the fish," said Russell Alexander, a fishing guide with Fish Tales Guide Service at Lake Buchanan in the Hill Country.

It is not every day you land a monster yellow cat on rod and reel. To all you fathers, keep making memories with your children. There is nothing better.

Honor Your Loved Ones

Now would be an excellent time to honor the memory of beloved family members or friends with a contribution to the Sutton County Senior Center. The Center is currently updating their memorial plaques with the names of those who have been honored by contributions in their name. Since it is more economically feasible to have this engraving done on a periodic basis, now is the time to make memorial contributions so that the names will go on the plaques immediately.

The Senior Center provides much needed services to all senior citizens of Sutton County so please consider making your memorial contributions to this worthwhile facility.

Call or stop by the center, or mail them to Sutton Co. Senior Center, c/o City of Sonora, 201 Main St., Sonora, TX 76950.

Cardwell named as National Merit finalist

Margaret Ann Cardwell, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Cardwell and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Finklea of Sonora was named as a Finalist in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship competition. Out of the million individuals who competed in the 2005 National Merit Program, only 16,000 advanced to Semifinalist standings, and of those entrants a mere half became National Merit Finalists.

The award honors students from each of the 50 states whose scores on the PSAT are amongst the highest in the nation and represent less than one percent of the country's high school seniors.

Margaret Ann is attending Georgetown University in



Margaret Ann Cardwell

Washington D.C. this fall where she will be a student in the Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Back to School



Congressman Henry Bonilla

This month, while families across the country prepare their children for the start of another school year, Congress continues to work with President Bush and ensure that no child is left behind in our country's educational system.

Congress has made tremendous progress in improving education in America. We've approved measures to strengthen special education, help states and schools recruit highly-qualified teachers, and help states and communities meet the President's call for high standards and accountability in our schools.

While significant progress has been made to strengthen America's schools, more work remains. I will continue my work to increase access to higher education for low and middle income students, expand school choice, improve vocational and technical education, and complete action on measures to strengthen special education and support school teachers.

Since President Bush began his service, funding for the Department of Education has more than doubled. But it is far too common when discussing education to concentrate on the inputs rather than the outcomes. We cannot measure the effectiveness of our children's knowledge and learning

merely on the amount of money we spend. We need to measure it by their performance and by reaching every student's potential.

To succeed in school and life, every student needs a basic set of skills. They need to listen attentively, speak persuasively, read with understanding and write with command. In order to accomplish this goal, our nation must focus on accountability.

With the support of Congress, President Bush's No Child Left Behind program will help provide every child in America with access to the quality education they need, provide parents with the results they expect and hard working taxpayers with the accountability they deserve.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this legislation is that we're giving the power of discretion to the schools. This gives the schools the ability to make local decisions on how to spend federal funding. They can choose to spend more on development or they can make reducing class size a priority. Schools will make the decisions, not bureaucrats.

In the spirit of the season, of a new school year and of new beginnings, I'm proud that our education initiatives are beginning the process of removing Washington from the education equation. Local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible.

Sonora Broncos Football 2005

Aug. 26	Alpine	There	7:30
Sept. 2	Brackettville	Home	7:30
Sept. 9	**Coleman	Home	7:30
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23	*Reagan County	There	7:30
Sept. 30	*Eldorado	Home	7:30
Oct. 7	*Ozona	There	7:30
Oct. 14	*Mason	Home	7:30
Oct. 21	*Wall	There	7:30
Oct. 28	*Grape Creek	Home	7:30
Nov. 4	*Junction	There	7:30

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THE Devil's River NEWS

Sonora JV Red Broncos

Aug. 25	Alpine	Home	5:00
Sept. 1	Brackettville	Home	7:00
Sept. 8	Coleman	There	6:30
Sept. 22	Reagan County	Home	6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	There	6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home	5:00
Oct. 13	Mason	There	6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	Home	5:00
Oct. 27	Grape Creek	There	6:30
Nov. 3	Junction	Home	7:00

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Sonora JV White Broncos

Aug. 25	Eden	Home	7:00
Sept. 1	Crane	Home	6:30
Sept. 8	Irion County	There	6:30
Sept. 15	Colorado City	There	5:00
Sept. 22	Iraan	Home	5:00
Sept. 29	Wall	There	7:00
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home	7:00
Oct. 13	Ozona	There	5:00
Oct. 20	Wall	Home	7:00
Nov. 3	Colorado City	Home	5:00

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Recommendations for healthy snacks at school and at home

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp CEA-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension - Sutton County

With our fast paced lives, today, it is so easy to give our kids a bag of chips, soda or candy for a "speedy" snack. These food items not only add empty calories to our children's diets but they also have little or no nutritional value. Why not start the school year off right by offering these "quick" but "healthier" options?

BEVERAGES
100 % Fruit juices
Fruit smoothies
Milk (non-fat or low fat, plain or flavored)

LOW FAT GRAIN FOODS
Pretzels
Animal crackers (plain)
Graham crackers
Wheat crackers
English muffin (whole wheat)
Rice cakes or mini rice cakes (flavored)

Baked tortilla chips with salsa
Fruit or grain muffin (low fat)
Dry cereal (individual servings)
Bagel (half)
Fig bars
Vanilla wafers

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fresh seasonal fruit
Carrots, broccoli and cauliflower with low fat dip or salad dressing

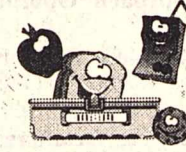
ADDITIONAL TREATS

Fruit snacks
Fruit grain bars
Frozen fruit bars
Fat-free popcorn (94% fat-free)
Peanut butter and crackers or celery
Low fat string cheese
Fruit, nut and/or grain trail mixes
Corn-on-the-cob with paprika or chili powder

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Tues.-	Fruit Muffin, Asst. Juice
Wed.-	Pancakes, Asst. Juice
Thurs.-	Breakfast Burrito, Asst. Juice
Fri.-	Biscuits & Sausage, Asst. Juice



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch	
Mon.-	Macaroni & Beef, Green Beans, Grapes, Roll
Tues.-	Chili Dog, Pork & Beans, Pears, Peanut Butter Cookie
Wed.-	Frito Pie/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Pudding/Topping
Thurs.-	Grilled Cheese, Vegetable Soup, Lime Jell-O, Apple
Fri.-	Breaded Chic Burger, Burger Salad, Oven Fries/Ketchup, Ice Cream Cup

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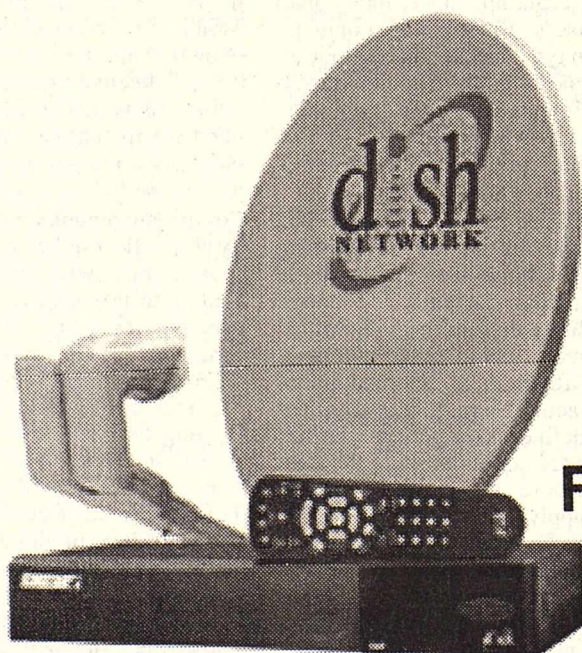
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San Angelo Center Sets 32nd Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day

by Steve Byrns.

SAN ANGELO - The 32nd annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center here has a new twist.

For the first time since its inception, Texas A&M will partner with Angelo State University for the Sept 1. event.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with tours to follow at 9 a.m. at the Texas A&M center and Angelo State's nearby Management, Instruction and Research Center.

"This is the first time this event has been held in conjunction with ASU, although in the past many of the projects presented involved faculty and students from both institutions," said Dr. John Walker, the Texas A&M center's resident director of research and a field day coordinator. "This year we are taking the opportunity to highlight the long-term collaboration between the two institutions."

Morning Texas A&M tour topics are: Nutritional Programs for Small Ruminant Production Systems by Dr. Travis Whitney, research nutritionist at the Texas A&M center; Dorper vs. Rambouillet Comparison Study, Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas Agriculture Experiment Station research geneticist; and Super Juniper Eating Goat, Dr. Erika Campbell, Experiment Station research associate at Sonora.

The Angelo State tour will be conducted by university animal science department personnel. Topics will include: Trends in Buck Performance on the Central Meat Goat Performance Test, Dr. Mike Salisbury; Food Safety and Product Development Laboratory Tour, Dr. Mandy Carr; and Development and Consumer Acceptance of Pre-cooked Lamb and Goat Roasts, Dr. Gretchen Hilton.

A noon meal is planned at the Texas A&M center to benefit Angelo State's meats judging team and meat science programs. Following lunch, the afternoon session will convene at the Texas A&M center's auditorium for industry and research updates.

The field day will conclude with a talk on goat marketing by Wade Polk, Texas Cooperative Extension economist at San Angelo, and Jack Groff, Extension sheep and goat specialist emeritus and rancher from Kerrville.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available.

For more information contact the center at (325) 653-4576.

Oil & Agribusiness

Winter Annual Weeds—It'll Soon Be Time To Treat!



by Pascual Hernandez, Extension Agent - Ag

Though it's still hot and winter seems a long time away, it'll soon be time to treat for cool season turf weeds. Winter annual weeds stand out like a sore thumb, especially when your warm season lawn grass is dormant. They can invade many areas within your landscape, especially those sites where the turf density has been reduced and bare soil exists. Therefore, making sure you go into the winter months with a healthy, dense turfgrass is your best defense against these winter pests. Another approach is to use a pre-emergent herbicide to control them.

Winter annual weeds germinate in the late summer/early fall season. They will live during the winter and mature in the spring, then die. These are plants that come back each year from seed. Examples of winter annual weeds include: annual ryegrass, annual bluegrass, rescue grass, bur-clover, chickweed, henbit, and mustard weeds. Control of these weeds can be accomplished, but applications of the correct pre-emergent herbicide have to be made at the proper time. For example, in North Texas, applications may be needed in late August while in South Texas, pre-emergent herbicide applications can wait until September. Remember, you are controlling germinating seeds—so this pre-emergent herbicide needs to be

applied prior to germination. If you are working with a lawn care company, visit with them about their approach to these pests—sometimes they use products that will control the weeds prior to or just after germination.

For our area, pre-emergent herbicide should be applied around mid-September before emergence of winter weeds. The herbicide should be active in the soil for 30 - 45 days or longer, depending on the product used. For control of spring and summer weeds, a second herbicide application should be applied around Feb. 15th.

There are several different pre-emergent herbicides that can be applied for good weed control. Your garden supply store will have various to choose from. These herbicides can be used on Bermudagrass, St. Augustine and centipede grass. There are some things to keep in mind. Do not apply these herbicides to newly seeded lawn. Use caution when applying near flower beds or gardens. Read the label on the herbicide to determine the rate to apply. The label will give precautionary statements to guide you in their use. Also, calibrate your spreader/sprayer.

Finally, water is the key to making pre-emergent herbicides work. Be sure the herbicide is watered in well immediately following application. One word of advice - do not wait too long before applying the pre-emergent herbicide. Once the weed seed germinates, the effect of the product decreases significantly.

Southwest Texas ACA Holds Annual Meeting

The Southwest Texas Agricultural Credit Association, Sonora Branch held their annual information meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Guests were registered and served a meal catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse. Mark Hiler reviewed the election process for new directors. Will Allison, Game Warden for Sutton County, presented the program and Forrest Laughlin, Special Game Warden, displayed the "Operation Game Thief - Wall of Shame" trailer brought from Austin.

The four recipients of the eleventh annual A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarship for 2005 were recognized. The winners were Ozona High School - Andrew S. Birkenfeld, Rocksprings High School - Thomas Asa Shanklin, Eldorado High School - Emily Newman and Laramie Emerson Hall was the Sonora High School recipient.

Officers who attended the meeting were Rick Rothe, Chief Executive Officer; Mark Hiler, President/Chief Operating Officer; Roy West, Senior Vice President/Chief Credit Officer; Joyce Herndon, Vice President/Marketing; Hal Herbelin, Vice President Business Development; Donna Heath, Vice President/Corporate Operations; Elbert Butt, Vice President/Commercial Lending; Janet Roberson, Vice President/Loan Administration; Thomas Hinnant, Loan Administration Officer; Jack B. Smith, Jr., Vice President/Lending; Pat Gillitt, Loan Administrator and Becky Allison, Administrative Assistant.

Directors present were Shelby Henke and wife, Beverly; Jack Kingsbery and wife, Evelyn; Glen Richardson and wife, Rosalie; and Bill Savell and wife, Barbara.

Special guests were Orval Edmiston and wife, Charlene. Door prizes were won by Lee Burch, Tate Shannon, Nell Wallace, Lori Loomis, Asa Shanklin, Frank Edmiston, Eric Loomis, Alma Smart, Beverly Henke, Evan Shannon and Lynn Meador.

New licenses from page 1

stamps for the first time. License sales data show that about 60 percent of all dove hunters already purchase the white-winged dove stamp. TPWD also estimates that only about 40 percent of quail hunters would feel an impact from the new Upland Game Bird Stamp, since most quail hunters already buy combination type licenses that include all needed stamps. The department estimates that the two new stamps will generate up to \$1.5 million per year in new revenue for conservation work.

Also new this year, TPWD is waiving all fees for hunting and fishing licenses for Texas residents currently on active military duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, including members of the Reserves or National Guard on active duty. A Texas resident is defined as a person who has resided continuously in the state for more than six months prior to applying for a license. Active duty military personnel must show a current military identification card and proof of Texas residency. The free military license may be obtained at any license vendor location, but not by phone or on the Internet. Activity duty military personnel will get a "Super Combo" Hunting and All-Water Fishing Package (Type 510), which includes all five state stamp endorsements (archery, freshwater fishing, and migratory game bird, saltwater fishing with a red drum tag and upland game bird). The Federal Waterfowl (duck)

Stamp is not included. Hunters and anglers can also purchase licenses by calling (800) 895-4248. The phone license operation serves both Texans and non-residents, enabling hunters and anglers to buy licenses by phone using a major credit card. Call center hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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The \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit allows hunters access to about one million acres of public hunting lands, including land leased exclusively for hunting dove, pheasant, waterfowl and other small game. Youth younger than age 17 may hunt on public hunting lands without the permit if they have the \$6 Special Resident Hunting license and are hunting with a permitted adult. A Public Hunting Lands map booklet and supplement of dove lease maps will be mailed within a week of purchase of the permit at retail outlets; however, the map booklet and supplement can be obtained immediately by purchasing the permit at a TPWD law enforcement office.

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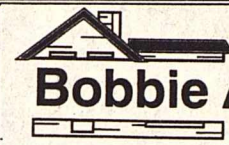
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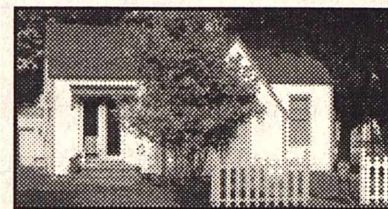


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Chamber Chatter

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by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

No matter how much we try to remember everyone who helps us out, we more often than not forget to mention someone. That is definitely true of me. Last week I mentioned many people and had a list published in the Devil's River News of our sponsors and volunteers, but I would like to tell you more. I didn't mention Steve Thorp who provided the lights for the evenings on Friday & Saturday, and I don't know what we would have done without those light plants. Steve stays very busy with his business, yet took time to bring us those light plants and set them up himself. Parker Lumber delivered and loaned us all the boards for the food vendor booths, even while they were in the process of doing inventory they found time to help out. Eddins Walcher also loaned us barrels for the food vendor booths as they have for years and years. Creek was not only one of our sponsors, but they also donated their little train for the use of the Sutton County Senior Citizens Center to raise money by selling rides in the train. The Sutton County Senior Citizens Center raised over \$300.00 with the train rides. Our own Sutton County Sheriff's Office provided additional security for vendors and visitors. Deputy Sheriff Oscar Chavez helped our security personnel with several little problems like removing banned items from the shelves of some of the retail vendors, and the only serious behavioral complaint that we had. All these individuals, organizations and businesses are to be commended for their

community service and dedication to Sonora.

As Curry Campbell, the President of the Sutton County Days Association Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee, wrote last week - "it takes us all to put on an event of this magnitude."

We would like to congratulate all the winners at the Outlaw Pro Rodeo and "Everybody Loves a Clown" parade. From what I heard about the rodeo and the parade they were absolutely wonderful. Time did not allow me to attend the rodeo or parade again this year.

We would also like to congratulate Little Miss Sutton County, Isabella Samaniego, Little Mr. Sutton County Brodie Meyers, and Miss Sutton County Hillary Lawson. What a wonderful group of contestants we had this year, and the winners are going to be a lot of fun to work with. We are looking forward to their reign.

This week marks the official designation of the Texas Pecos Trail Region as a part of the Texas Heritage Trail Program. You can read more about that on page one and hear more about it KHOS Hill Country Radio. This is an exciting time for our part of this great State of Texas.

School began this week in Sonora, and all the little ones, or not-so-little-anymore, were all dressed up in their new school duds and ready to go. Please pay special attention to all the school zone traffic signs. Remember to slow down to 20 mph while in a school zone, and the children and school buses have the right of way.

No matter how important you think your time is, a child's safety is much, much more important, so SLOW DOWN!!

FYI

Women's Bible Study @ Lighthouse Community Church; Studying "The Patriarch" by Beth Moore; starting Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call the church at 387-9100 to enroll.

Benefit Softball Tournament for Rosita Castilleja on Aug. 27, 2005. For more information please call 387-5267

Sonora Band Booster Meeting Aug. 29 at Sonora High School Band Hall @ 6 p.m.

Sonora Bronco Football season tickets will be on sale from Monday, August 22, through Friday, September 2, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the SISD Administration Building. Cost is \$25 per book of tickets (5 games)

The Angelo State University - Small Business Development Center will be hosting the Advanced QuickBooks - Taxes, Payroll, and Reports seminar on Thursday, September 1st, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) of the ASU campus, Room 117. It is mandatory you be able to perform basic computer skills for this course. There is a NONREFUNDABLE \$15 fee. Please call 942-2098 to reserve your space, as seating is limited.

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Former resident directs Steel Magnolias in Junction

submitted
Patsy Ellis Hall, who lived in Sonora in the 1970's, is directing a community production of Steel Magnolias for the Backstreet Players in Junction.

The theatre group will be presenting eight performances of the popular play at The Red Barn Theatre in Junction during the last week in August and the first week in September.

Mrs. Hall, who has lived in Junction with her husband, Dr. Grant Hall, since December, 2004, stepped in as the play's director when Jena Bryant broke her leg.

Steel Magnolias was a box-office hit when it hit the theatres in 1989.

Cast member include Connie Booth as Truvy; Roxanne Fargason as Ouiser Boudreaux; Glorya Murphy as Clairee Belcher; and Amber Ratkus as the young beauty shop assistant Annelle. Nancy Jacoby, a native of Menard, portrays socially-prominent M'Lynn Eatenton whose diabetic daughter Shelby (portrayed by Ashley Clement) is the center of attention when problems hit the group.

Mrs. Hall stated, "I would like to invite everyone over to see this funny but moving production of Steel Magnolias." Mrs. Hall is currently teaching English and Theatre at Menard High School.

Tickets can be purchased or reserved through the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce, 402 East Main, Junction, TX 76849. Ph: 325-446-3190.

August 25-27, the show will be presented as a dinner theatre with tickets selling for \$20.00 for the dinner and the show. August 28th will be a luncheon and the show for the same price. September 1-3, tickets will sell for \$12.00 for the show and refreshments.

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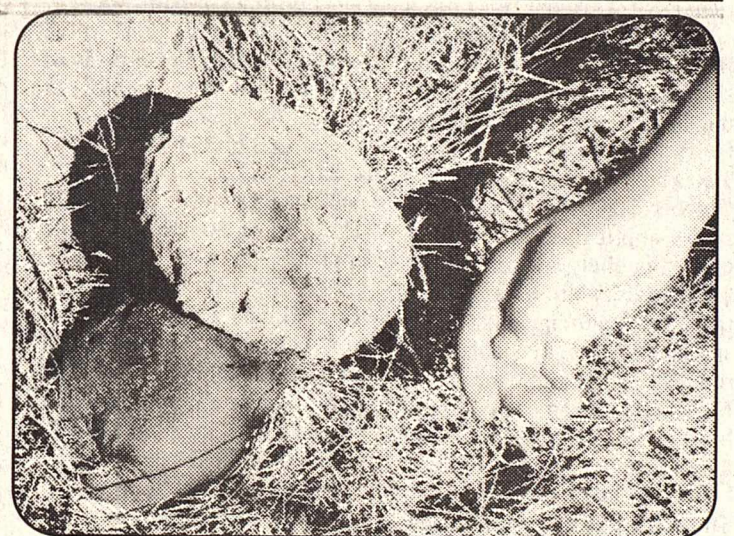
"Fungi Fun" Up On Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

"WHAT is THAT?" My surprise at the size of the apparent super-mushroom lying on the rocky ground was tinged with hesitation towards this unfamiliar discovery. "Don't touch it" followed as I fumbled for the camera, revealing my utter lack of fungal savvy. Sending the photos out to a few experts via the Internet, drew several responses and an identification by Scott Bates with the University of Arizona. The large brownish mushroom is most likely a "puffball", scientifically known as Calvatia cyathiformis. Puffballs are a distinct type of mushroom and can range from the size of a ping-pong ball to larger than a watermelon. Typically, puffballs do not have stalks but rather appear globular, resting on the ground. Our discovery however has a "false stem". While mushrooms rely on various internal mechanisms to dis-

perse their spores from beneath the cap or expel them through a hole in the top, a puffball is dependent on outside forces to spread the millions of spores contained within its stomach-like sphere. Many puffballs are edible in their developing stages but lose palatability as they darken and mature, and the tops begin to crack. High wind, hard rain or disturbances by insects and animals ensure the spread of the puffball spores.

Mushrooms belong to the Kingdom Fungi, considered the "hidden kingdom" because we only see the fruiting part of the organism, while tiny filaments of the living body are hidden underground. At one time, fungi were classified with plants, but scientists discovered they are actually more similar to animals and decided the amazing organisms warrant a kingdom all their own. Although some species are parasitic, fungi play a critical role in our world by consuming



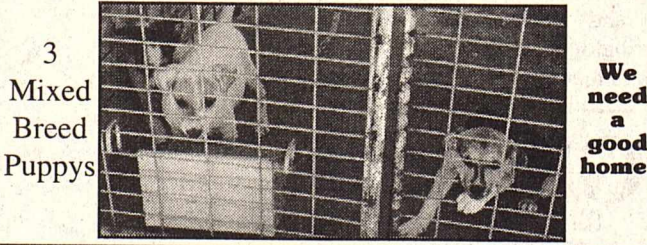
Mushrooms on Eaton Hill.

dead organic matter, and releasing valuable nutrients back into the soil. As one expert put it, were it not for fungi, we'd all be "knee deep in dung".

In addition to unusual fungus among us, migration season is on the horizon and we can expect to be visited by a variety

of feathered travelers making their way south for the winter. Recent bird sightings including the rufous hummingbird, orioles and Mexican eagles (caracara) were spotted south of town. Hit the trails, there is just no telling what awaits!

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