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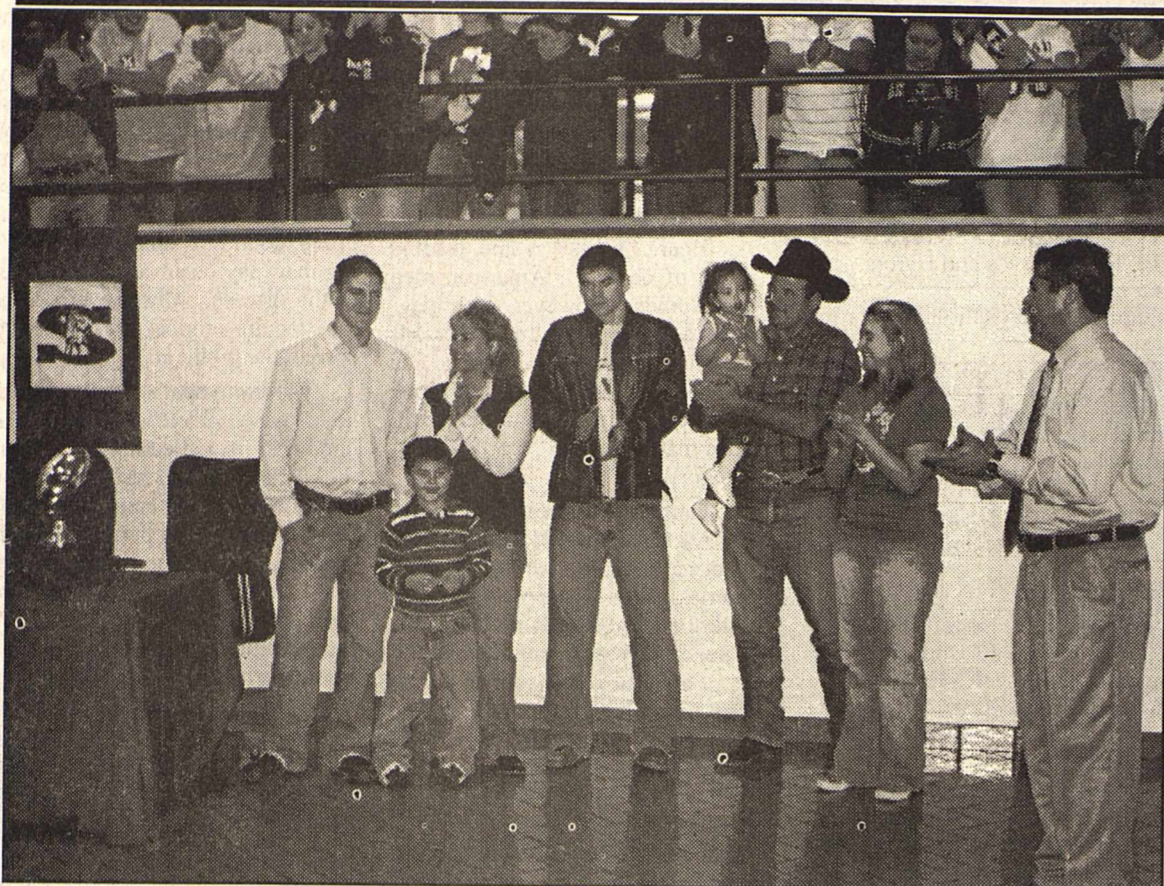
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All smiles as Duhon signs with ASU

It was a crowded Commons Area at the Sonora High School on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, as family, faculty, friends and fans crowded around to watch Sonora senior linebacker, Steven Duhon, sign a letter of intent to play football with Angelo State University.

Injuries at the end of the 2005 season didn't keep Duhon from playing in the playoffs to end his high school football career strong, and being chosen for the All-Everything teams (All-West Texas, Super Team, and All-State). Duhon was a three-time All-State selection. As a junior, he had 131 tackles and two interceptions. As a senior, he had 166 tackles, three sacks and eight forced fumbles.

Duhon began talking to several schools after the season ended for Sonora, narrowing it down to four favored schools. Duhon made his final decision only about three weeks ago when he and his mother visited

with ASU coach Dale Carr.

Steven is the son of Melissa Duhon and Steve Duhon. His younger brother, Dustin also plays for the Broncos. He also has one sister, Dana, that also graduated from SHS.

Signing with ASU gives Sonora the chance to continue to watch one of their favorite players compete, and makes his family very happy, since he will only be an hour away.

Duhon expressed his excitement to playing college ball and said he can't wait to be on the field with the Rams.

Photo: Steven Duhon (left) is joined by his family, nephew, Mikey; mother, Melissa; brother, Dustin; niece, Ivory; father, Steve; sister, Dana; and Sonora High School Principal Raul Chavarria, as friends cheer him on while he signs a letter of intent.

Fling Ding guests travel back to enjoy music from yester-years



Jody Nix had Sonora and their guests moving to music that brought back memories for many... for more Fling Ding fun, see next week's DRN.

Our Lady of Fatima statue visits Sonora

Sonora became a part of a historical pilgrimage on Thursday, February 2, 2006. Originally planned to make a stop in Andrews, Texas, on Thursday, unforeseen circumstances allowed for the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima's route to change, allowing her to visit St. Ann Catholic Church from 6:30 p.m. to late into the evening.

From diocese to diocese, the Immaculate Heart of Mary statue travels to visit her people. The statue, breath-taking in its beauty, is a symbol of the more beautiful heart of the Mother of Peace. Informative brochures and web pages say that she brings with her the ageless message that Christ is our Redeemer, that He is Love and Mercy, and the Giver of every Grace. The pilgrim mother visits to remind her children that they offend God by their sin, and to request them to offer reparation for their sins and those of others. If her message is heeded, she promises an era of peace for mankind. Her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim, based on the description of Sr. Lucia, one of the three young seers who saw Our Lady each month from May to October 1917 in Fatima, Portugal.

On October 13, 1947, in the presence of some 150,000 pilgrims, the statue was blessed by the Bishop of Leiria at Fatima, Portugal to be the pilgrim, the traveler.

Sent out to bring the Message of Fatima to the world, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has traveled the world many times, visiting more than 100 countries, including



The statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been reported to shed human tears.

Russia and Red China, bringing the great message of hope, "the peace plan from heaven," to millions of people. Many miracles and signal graces are reported wherever the statue travels including shedding tears many times.

In 1951, Pope Pius XII remarked: "In 1946, we crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the next year, through Her Pilgrim Statue, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes."

The miracle of the statue crying tears is something that is often reported. It happens in more than one way. Frequently, an individual sees the tears on the statue while others at the same time do not. Perhaps this is mystical and not physical. But other times all present see

See Our Lady of Fatima page 4

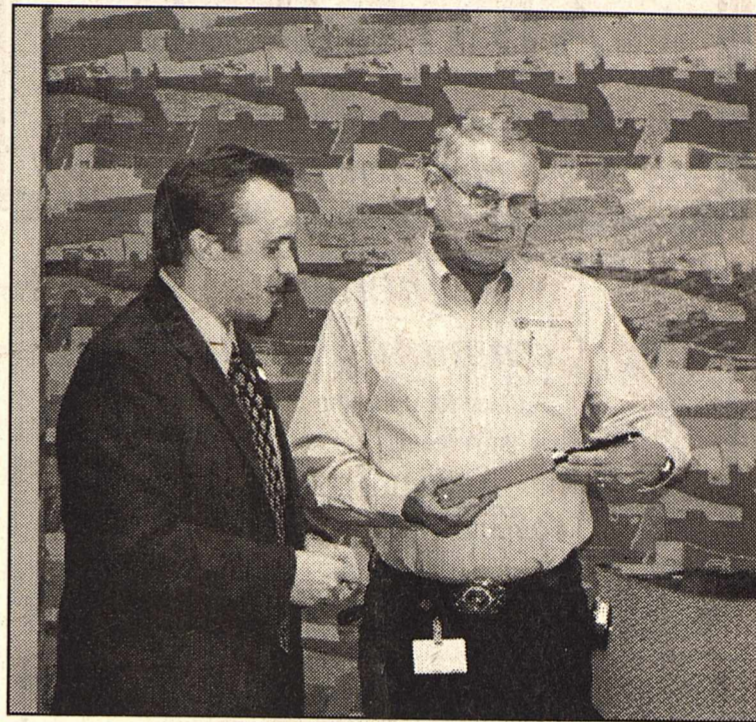
Ports-to-Plains program progresses; Sonora to form local transportation committee

A group of key stakeholders interested in the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor met at The Bank and Trust on Wednesday, February 2, 2006 to hear updates on the transportation project.

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor is a planned, multi-modal transportation corridor including a multi-lane divided highway that will facilitate the efficient transportation of goods and services from Mexico, through West Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Oklahoma, and ultimately on into Canada and the Pacific Northwest.

Together, the communities along the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor are becoming the Gateway to trade throughout the nation and with Mexico and Canada. The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor will provide a vast number of benefits for communities along the corridor. The Trade Corridor will allow for the development of less congested ports of entry along the Texas/Mexico border. In addition, it will provide alternatives to other congested corridors that run through major metropolitan areas. In doing so, the trade between Mexico, Canada, and the United States will continue to dramatically increase and all three nations will continue to see a rise in their regional mobility and economic status.

Ports-to-Plains Program President, Michael Reeves introduced himself, Chairman Sid Cauthorn of Del Rio, Texas, and Walter McCullough, Area Engineer for TxDOT. The men started the meeting with a special presentation of a gold watch to Sonora's Tommy Arwine. Arwine was a key player in the initial Board of Directors for the project and worked very hard to insure that Sonora was a part of the planned



Ports-to-Plains Program President, Michael Reeves presents Tommy Arwine with a special gift of appreciation for his dedication to the corridor project.

route. Everyone expressed much appreciation and gratitude for the many hours and much effort that Arwine put into the project during his time served. Arwine thanked the City of Sonora, Sutton County, the SIDC and everyone that provided support and experience along the way. He also expressed his continued support of the project.

Reeves then gave a brief update as to where the project now stands, explaining that this is an exciting time for the organization, with highway bills being passed and funding being put into place. New Mexico just broke ground on their portion of a four-lane highway, and should be complete in three years. A meeting was held in Del Rio just last week, and construction on the proposed Del Rio reliever route

could begin next year. Del Rio and TxDOT plan to use funds appropriated by Rep. Henry Bonilla in SAFETEA-LU passed last year, and a pass through finance plan, to expedite construction.

"This is an important step for not just the people of Del Rio, but everyone along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor," said Ports-to-Plains Coalition President Michael Reeves. "Not only will it provide improved traffic flow through Del Rio, but it will be a much safer route as well, especially as traffic generated by Ports-to-Plains trade continues to grow."

Reeves and Cauthorn both stressed that it is important the all communities support one another, as each phase compliments others

See Ports to Plains page 7

School Board candidate filing to start soon; Superintendent seeks public input on SISD schedule

by Doug Bawcom, Sonora ISD Superintendent

Sonora ISD School Board election is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. Individuals interested in running for the school board must file for candidacy in the Superintendent's Office at the SISD Administration Building at 807 S. Concho Street. Filing for candidacy begins on Monday, February 13th and closes on Monday, March 13th. This year we have three at large positions up for election.

Any questions regarding school board candidacy and school board elections may be directed to the Superintendent's Office by calling 325-387-2545.

Next School Years Calendar Development

It is time to finalize work on the 2006-2007 School Calendar. Texas law requires that school start date for students start no earlier than the week that August 21st falls in. A District may submit a waiver for an earlier start date to the Texas Education Agency if there is a good reason to do so and the District has held a hearing to gather public opinion.

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) is recommending an earlier start date of August 14th for students. School started on August 21st for this school year (2005-2006). The primary reason is to complete the first semester before Winter Break and the second semester before Memorial Day. There is also a desire to have similar number of instructional days in each semester and not to go into June. The calendar under consideration can be viewed at the distinct website at www.sonoraisd.net.

SISD is offering two methods to gather public opinion:

1. Public Hearing on Early Start Date for 2006-2007 - This Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 27th at 5:30 PM in the Board Room of the SISD Administration Building at 807 S. Concho Street.

2. Interested parties may call the Superintendent's office at 387-2545 or e-mail at doug.bawcom@sonoraids.net and leave comments.

Thank you for your interest and support for the students of this District.

Public Hearing on 2004-2005 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report.

As required by law, Sonora ISD will have our public hearing and annual report on the 2004-2005 AEIS report on February 20th at 5:30 pm at 807 S. Concho Street in the Administration Building. All reportable performance indicators will be reviewed and addressed during the scheduled board meeting as an agenda item. All interested individuals are invited to attend. A copy of this report can be obtained on our website at www.sonoraids.net

New UIL District on the Horizon

On February 2nd, the University Interscholastic League announced their district realignment for the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 school years. Sonora ISD will be in a district with Mason, Junction, Brady, Comfort, and Blanco. This will be a very competitive district and the opportunity to compete against new school districts is welcomed in many different ways. Even though we are losing several traditional rivalries (Eldorado, Ozona, and Wall), our kids will have new experiences and relationships to build on for the next two years of district competition. Good luck to all of our students in our attempt at making Sonora the top of district 8-2A (For a complete listing of the UIL districts see page 5.)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the recurring drought and high incidence of grass fires has placed our region and state in a precarious situation; and

WHEREAS, potentially, we could see catastrophic losses to property of the citizens of the City of Sonora; and

WHEREAS, pastors and church leaders throughout the Concho Valley have gathered to support a "Day to Pray for Rain"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gloria G. Lopez, Mayor of the City of Sonora, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 12, 2006 as a "Day to Pray for Rain" in all the churches and places of worship in the City of Sonora.

PROCLAIMED THIS
27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2006

Gloria G. Lopez
Mayor
City of Sonora

Proclamation promotes prayers for rain

by Storie Sharp

Grass fires running rampant and continued drought continues to worry agriculture producers, as Sonora and all of West Texas continue what seems an endless roll of rainless days.

The Texas A&M University Agriculture program recently reported that in West Texas, temperatures remain unseasonably warm with low humidity, very high winds and extremely dry conditions. Slight rain was last reported in a few areas in the Concho Valley, toward the end of January. Soil moisture is extremely dry. Wheat fields continue to suffer due to lack of moisture and emergence is slow. Some producers are cutting cotton stalks, however there is very little field activity due to drought conditions. Some producers have been forced to cull herds. Stock ponds are drying up in many areas. Unseasonable temperatures have caused some plants and trees to start bud swell.

The dry weather also continues to worry Texas Firefighters. Since Dec. 27, fires have charred thousands of acres of grassland and farmland, and destroyed more than 250 structures in the three states. Sutton County fell victim to these fires last month, as a grass started near Interstate 10 and crawled North to the county line, burning approximately 1,000 acres.

The mild winter also has plants and flowers confused. (See related Fire Ant story page 7)

All these worries have many West Texas residents wondering what can be done to help.

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer recognizes the tenuous situation and has called on the mayors in the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo's 29 counties to declare February 12, 2006 a day to pray for rain. It's somewhat comforting that Pfeifer has a decent record in his previous requests for mass rain prayers.


In September of 2001, just two days after such a Pray for Rain day was held, the Concho Valley received approximately eight inches of rain after an extremely dry summer. The much needed moisture filled reservoirs and helped replenish the Edwards Aquifer.


Sonora's Mayor, Gloria Lopez, has officially announced a local proclamation for our community, asking that everyone take part in praying for rain on Sunday.

Tedford Jewelry
Bridal Registry
Becca Clawson, bride-elect of Riley Crain
107 N Concho, Downtown Sonora 387-3839

Sonora Court Apartments
102 Sonora Drive • 387-5202
Mgr. Jen Jones

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Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett


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Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
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Obituary
Ada Lois Williamson

Ada Lois Williamson, 84, a former missionary, teacher and homemaker, died Tuesday, February 7, 2006 in Burleson.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, at the First Baptist Church of Crowley. Burial will be in Moore Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be open from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, at the funeral home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R.L. "Tucker" and Mal-lie Newman; brother, Alvin Newman and husband, Osler C. Williamson.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Judson and Brenda Williamson; daughters and sons-in-law, June and Reggie Williams and Arlene and Chris Oliver; sister, Veoma Fields-Walker; grandsons, Blake, Heath, Bryce and Byron; granddaughter, Beth and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to International Missions through your local church or Community Hospice of Texas.



Letter to the Editor

Yes, our officers (DPS, sheriff's deputies and city police) do protect and serve our citizens every day. They go out daily, putting their safety last in order to put ours first and do this with no regrets. I say "they are true servants and good job!" God Bless all of you that protect my home, family and my rights in this town.

With that said, I would like to say as a manager of a business, I would make sure that any technician in any trade had a license for the work they do. When I hire someone to do a job for the business I work for, I would require they had training, schooling and experience with a license to prove it. I have lived in Texas all my life, managed apartments for 15 years (have taken management courses) and have always made sure all repairs were done by a licensed technician with experience.

Mr. Freeman, why do you not have your plumbers license? If you have been doing this for 15 years, you have had plenty of time and experience to receive a plumbers license through the state of Texas. There is a reason why you need and should want a license. When you are putting the safety and health of your customers in your hands, why not get the training and knowledge to protect the work you do. By the way, I have done some research. If you are not licensed as a plumber, you cannot advertise as such. You are a handy man with experience in plumbing.

In closing, I would like to say I support Chief House in all he does for our community. We are not perfect and we all make mistakes, however, Chief House has always had our best interest at heart. Chief, I am proud to call you my friend, brother in Christ and Chief of Police. Thank You!
Jana Dover
Sonora, Texas

Dear Sonora and Sutton County Citizens,
Have you ever wondered who is going to keep our highways and roadways clean?
It is all of us... you and I! Our highway department, and the city and county employees have so many chores to do, they cannot take the time to pickup roadside trash... neither should they have to! We, the citizens of this town and county, need to think twice before we throw something out the window, or put things in the back of pickups that can be blown out.

About four years ago, the Sonora Lion's Club chose this as one of their projects... to pick up trash on the two miles north of town on Highway 277. Dominion Energy started picking up two miles south of town on Highway 277. This has helped some, but there is only so much of a handful of people can pick up. WE ALL NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS AND NOT THROW TRASH ON THE HIGHWAY!!

You don't have to belong to a club or any organization... you can do much of it on your own... but, there again, I cannot stress it enough that it would help if everyone would just be aware and NOT throw trash to begin with. Contact the Texas Highway Dept. and they can help you get started.

We need to be proud of our city and county. One way to be that way is not to participate in throwing trash in the first place! We have been trying to beautify our town for several years, and have done some wonderful things. But the first thing visitors see when they come to visit us are our roads into the city. Let's all work at this, and make it a Sonora project. Help keep our roads clean, even in our own neighborhoods!

Thanks in advance to all of you.
Norm Rousselot and the Sonora Lions Club

School Lunch Menu • February 13-17

Breakfast

Mon.-Pancakes, syrup, juice
Tues.- Breakfast pizza, asst. juice
Wed.- Toast w/jelly, asst. juice
Thurs.-Cheese toast, asst. juice
Fri.- Blueberry muffin, asst. juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon.- Burrito (chili optional), tossed salad, kernel corn, fresh fruit cup
Tues.- Hot ham & cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, carrot sticks/dressing, iced cake
Wed.- Soft beef taco, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, Jell-O/fruit
Thurs.- Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed fruit, wheat roll
Fri.- Chicken patty on bun, lettuce/tomatoes/pickles, tator tots, small apple

Senior Center Activities

Fri. February 10 - Happy B-Day-Cam Campbell! Thanks for all you do for us!
Sun. February 12 Lincoln's B-Day... Happy B-Day - Ruth Shurley
Mon. February 13 - Valentine Bingo & Party!
Tues. February 14 - Happy B-Day - Tina Gallegos & John Hill
Wed. February 15 - Van to San Angelo - Call 387-3941 Medicals Come first.
Thurs. February 16 - Kooking w/ Kelly- Nutrition Ed. @noon!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. February 10 - Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, carrot cake, milk
Mon. February 13 - BBQ on bun, lettuce, onions, pickles, French fries, sliced pears, cookie, milk
Tues. February 14 - Beef tips w/gravy, noodles, green beans, rolls, tossed salad, cake, milk
Wed. February 15 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, broccoli, rolls, green salad, peach cobbler, milk
Thurs. February 16 - Steak fingers w/gravy, potatoes, sweet peas, rolls, Jell-O w/fruit, milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50;
\$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

February is about more than just paper hearts

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

Mention the month of February and images of hearts immediately come to mind. Our thoughts turn to Valentine's Day and possibly a gift for that special someone in our lives. However, we need to spend more time thinking about hearts * our real hearts, not the paper Valentine type. February is American Heart Month and what greater gift could you give your Valentine than a heart-health check-up?

Heart Disease is the leading cause of death for American men and women. However, with diagnosis and treatment, many persons suffering from heart disease can live a full and active life. Let's look at some of the most common conditions that fall in the "heart disease" category:

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) * You might know this better as narrowing or hardening of the arteries. Arteries supply your heart with the Oxygen and nutrients that it needs to keep pumping. Build-up of a substance known as plaque may cause the arteries that supply your heart to harden, narrow or close completely. When blood flow to the heart is slowed or interrupted, the heart muscle will be unable to function properly and may begin to hurt * a condition known as angina. Angina can be described as burning, discomfort, heaviness, or squeezing that is usually felt in the chest, but may also be felt in the left shoulder and arm. Other symptoms may include shortness of breath, irregular heartbeats and weakness. If blood flow is so little that heart muscle cells begin to die, you may experience a heart attack. Symptoms of a heart attack are similar to those associated with angina, only more severe. However, some people may experience a heart attack and not have any symptoms at all.

CAD may be diagnosed by your healthcare provider and successfully treated in most cases by medication, medical intervention or both. The key to successful treatment of this disease is to recognize the symptoms and seek medical attention for them. In some cases, simple lifestyle changes, such as stop smoking, dietary and physical activity changes, may greatly reduce your risk for developing CAD or may slow its progression.

Heart Valve Disease (HVD) * Another common condition that may be considered "heart disease" concerns the valves that are present inside your heart. Your heart has four valves within it that help force the blood through your body when the heart contracts and prevent any blood from flowing backward. Some people have HVD when they are born and others may develop it sometime later in life. Things such as a heart attack, coronary artery disease, rheumatic fever and syphilis, to name a few, may cause HVD. Symptoms of this disease include shortness of breath, dizziness, swelling of the feet and sudden weight gain; yet, some may not

Kelly's K O R P E R

experience any symptoms associated with HVD.

Your healthcare provider may be able to diagnose HVD by listening to your heart as well as examining you for physical symptoms, such as signs of poor circulation. He or she may also order diagnostics tests that may be able to show improper function of your heart valves. In many cases, HVD may be treated with medications to improve blood flow and reduce swelling that may occur as a side-effect of the disease. More severe cases may require surgical intervention to correct the problem.

Cardiomyopathy * When the heart muscle itself is diseased, the condition is called cardiomyopathy. This condition results from the heart becoming so enlarged or stiff that it is not able to pump blood adequately. When this happens blood may build-up in the lungs and the heart muscle itself may fail. Cardiomyopathy may be inherited but also may be caused by coronary artery disease, alcoholism, diabetes and heart valve disease, among other things. Symptoms of cardiomyopathy include chest pain, dizziness, fatigue and swelling of the arms and legs.

Once identified, your healthcare provider may be able to recommend lifestyle changes that may slow the progression of your cardiomyopathy * diet and exercise may be recommended in some cases to help improve the strength of the heart muscle. Your healthcare provider may also choose to treat it with medications or by medical intervention.

Many other diseases and conditions are considered "heart disease" and each one is very serious. If you experience the symptoms mentioned above, you should contact your healthcare provider immediately or call 9-1-1. Your healthcare provider has many tools that may be used to help diagnose heart disease, ranging from heart rate and blood pressure to diagnostic tests that measure the heart's ability to pump blood to surgical interventions.

With regard to lifestyle changes associated with heart disease, it is a good idea to lower your total cholesterol, stop smoking, stop drinking alcohol, lower the amount of stress in your life and adopt a regular exercise routine. Of course, before making significant changes to your diet and exercise, you should always consult with your healthcare provider.

We give little thought to our hearts on a daily basis yet our hearts work constantly for us. During this month you will see hearts everywhere you look to remind you of Valentine's Day. Use those hearts as a reminder to get your heart checked. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Gerontology Health Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension.

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Balloons

Gift Baskets

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Historical Society

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

We have had several requests to run the family information on David G. Adams again, and will list it here one more time. After this anyone wanting a copy will have to pay an hourly fee of \$10 per hour and 35 cents a copy for this information or and look it up themselves in our files.

David General Adams was born on January 10, 1838 in Lincoln County, KY, to Thomas B. Adams, Jr. born in 1814 in VA, died in 1879 in KY, and his wife Frances born about 1820 VA and died about 1860 in KY. David moved to Christian Co., Missouri about 1868, then to Hood Co., Texas in 1874. He was in London, TX in 1881 and came to our area about 1884. He was a Civil War Veteran and died near Rock-springs, Edwards Co., TX on December 8, 1901. David had married Serena Estes on October 20, 1842 at Crab Orchard, Lincoln Co., KY; she was born October 20, 1842 at Crab Orchard, Lincoln Co., KY and died on April 18, 1926 in Sonora, Sutton Co., TX. They are both buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery near Roosevelt, TX.

David G. and Serena had 13 children. I. F. Marion "Fuzzy" Adams was born on December 6, 1859 in KY and died on July 24, 1924. He had been married to Isodora "Dora I." Freeman who was born on July 9, 1857 and died September 14, 1933.

2. Wiley Bailey "Punkin" Adams was born on January 25, 1861 in KY and died on August 8, 1931. He had married Marion W. Pope on December 29, 1881; she was born on July 29, 1859 and died on March 18, 1950. They are both buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery near Roosevelt.

3. Emeline Adams was born on January 23, 1863 (we know her grave says 1868 but family records state she is the third child and born in 1863) and died on July 9, 1881. She married a man named Hunt.

4. Alzpa "Zade" Adams was born December 16, 1864 and died in 1955. She had been married to Edward Harvey Pearl who died April 11, 1898.

5. Alice Sarah Adams was born on October 18, 1866 in MO and died January 7, 1956. She had married William Cash "Dock" Joy (January 17, 1835-November 19, 1898, on May 3, 1889. They are both buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery near Roosevelt.

near Roosevelt.

6. Linsea Rebecca (Linnie Rebeckah) was born July 8, 1868 and died on March 28, 1912 at Roosevelt. She had been married to Jim Pettigrew. Linsea is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

7. Thomas Boone Adams was born on April 18, 1870 in Greene Co., MO and died on November 5, 1948 in San Angelo. He had married Mary Prudie Beach in 1893. She was born in 1874 and died in 1910. He married Dotsie Gray in 1925. Thomas and Mary are buried in the Sutton County Burial Park.

8. Columbus W. "Lum" Adams was born on May 20, 1872 in Greene Co., Mo. And died in 1952. He married Serephthia Josie "Vina" McNutt born 1875 and died October 26, 1946. They are buried in Comstock, Val Verde Co., TX.

9. Loisa L. Adams was born on November 4, 1874 and died in November of 1901. She was married to William Beach.

10. Frances "Frankie" Malinda Adams was born on April 1, 1876 in Richland Springs, TX and died on November 11, 1944. She married George Trainer on December 22, 1895. They are both buried in the Sutton County Burial Park.

11. David Quincy Adams was born on November 27, 1878 in Kimble Co., TX and died in Kerrville on August 12, 1954. He had married Ella Holmig at Junction on November 23, 1899. They are both buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery near Roosevelt.

12. Mattison Estes "Matt" Adams was born May 9, 1881 in San Saba Co. and died June 18, 1968 in Kerrville. He married Ella Thiers born March 17, 1884 in Mason Co., died January 28, 1913 and they are both buried in the Sutton Co. Burial Park. He was also married to a Dolie Parker who was born in 1876 and died in 1944.

13. Serena "Rena" Adams was born March 23, 1883 in San Saba Co. And died on June 5, 1968 in Sonora. She married Fred Trainer in Owensville on April 28, 1900.

In doing this research we found that Thomas Boone Adams served as a deputy in 1910-11 and as Sheriff of Sutton Co. 1913-14. He was the father of 6 children:

1. Mary Ethel Adams born July 10 1894 at Coleman married Paul Turney in October of 1914 and died October 17, 1989. She is buried in the Sutton Co. Burial Park.



David and Serena Adams

2. Elsie D. Adams born January 29, 1896 in Oklahoma married a Steve N. Brown. She died in Del Rio in 1991 and was buried in Rocksprings, Edwards Co.

3. W.W. "Bill" Adams was born March 18, 1898 in Oklahoma and married Marie Martha Goodall. He died December 22, 1994 and is buried in Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo.

4. Justice Adams married Wanda Hanks at San Angelo in December of 1928

5. Etta Z. Adams was born January 7, 1905 in Sonora and died October 10, 1999 in San Angelo. She was buried in the Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo.

6. Frances Adams married Jack Stockley

We have many more Adams family group sheets on file and you are welcome to stop by any Monday, Friday or Saturday morning from 8-12, at our offices at 307 Oak St., to look at them.

Q. Do you have any information on Alice Mae Hollmig/Holmig?

A. Alice Mae Hollmig/Holmig was born in Brady on December 3, 1906 but reared and educated in Sonora. She married Perry Ory in Eldorado in 1924. They had three children, Lora Dell, Martha Lou and Marjorie Sue. She was survived by four brothers, Alvin, Edwin, Walter and L.D. and her husband and mother, Mrs. "Ed" Lula Hollmig. Alice Mae died on February 18, 1936 from injuries suffered in an auto accident about six months before that date. The funeral was from the home of her mother and

she was buried in the Sutton Co. Burial Park.

We are going to be putting a new roof on the Miers Home Museum and could use a little help with the expenses involved. The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building also needs a lot of painting and some repairs to the gutter system. For some reason, when a building has a family name on it, many people seem to think that only that family should pay to keep it up. These buildings were obtained by the Sutton County Historical Society and we need all of you to help to maintain them. \$10 a year dues doesn't even cover the insurance on the buildings. We know times are bad, gasoline costs so much, etc., but it costs the same for us and you expect us to do all this work on a very tiny budget. We all volunteer at the society, none of us are paid to do this work and we could use a little help from all of you. Every dollar counts around here.

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@sonorax.net You may call us at the office at 325-387-5084 with questions or to rent the "Old Depot" on a Monday, Friday or Saturday morning; tours of the Miers Home Museum are done the same days, unless it is a pre-booked group tour for students. Please do not call me at home for rentals or tours, except for an immediate need for a funeral dinner, the rental books are now kept in the office all the time. Thank you!

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Border security initiative gets 2nd cash infusion

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 2 announced an additional \$3.8 million in state funds will be directed to Operation Linebacker, a law enforcement initiative to stem criminal activity along the Texas-Mexico border.

In December, Operation Linebacker - a coalition of 16 border county sheriffs - received \$6 million from the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The grant money was divided so the sheriffs received \$376,500 each.

The counties are Brewster, Cameron, Culberson, Dimmit, El Paso, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb and Zapata.

The governor said his criminal justice division will disburse the state's \$3.8 million so the sheriffs will receive \$223,000 each. "By funding additional patrol hours, new technology tools and rapid deployment teams of state troopers, we will make Texas - and the nation - more secure," Perry said.

Increased surveillance along the 1,200 mile Texas-Mexico border enabled deputies in Hudspeth County to stop a Jan. 23 attempt by smugglers to cross the Rio Grande into the U.S.

At the scene, sheriff's deputies and Border Patrol agents spotted three vehicles manned by civilians and men armed with automatic weapons and wearing military-style uniforms.

The El Paso Times reported that Juan Carlos Foncerrada Berumen, the Mexican consul general in El Paso, said the men were not Mexican soldiers, but because of the incident, the Mexican government would not allow its soldiers within 3.2 miles of the border.

Rister named chief of agency

Milton Rister has been confirmed as chief executive of the Texas Legislative Council, a 14-member nonpartisan office that drafts legislation and performs a variety of other services primarily for the Texas Legislature, but also serves state agencies and the citizens of Texas.

Rister most recently worked

as a senior advisor and director of research for Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and before that as the executive director of the Republican Party of Texas. His other legislative experience includes serving as chief of staff for state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville.

Before he was confirmed, Rister's GOP background prompted a letter by state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, urging Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, to reconsider the appointment. Stayhorn critiques state agency Last August, state Rep. Todd Smith, R-Eules, asked the office of the state comptroller to investigate the business practices of the Texas Residential Construction Commission.

After completing her review of the agency last month, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said she was "deeply troubled" when she found the TRCC functions as a "homebuilder protection agency."

Her office conducted a survey of homeowners, and reported that 86 percent of the respondents said their builder failed to fix construction defects in their homes.

Strayhorn offered suggestions to improve the TRCC. She said the agency should not shift builder fees to the homeowner and not allow public members of the commission to have ties to the construction industry. The TRCC was created by the Legislature in 2003 to resolve disputes between homeowners and builders without the expense of litigation. Governor remembers Mrs. King Coretta Scott King, a longtime agent for nonviolent social change and the widow of slain civil rights leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died Jan. 30, at age 78.

Gov. Perry ordered flags to be flown half-staff on Feb. 7 in her honor. "Today (first lady) Anita and I join all Texans in celebrating the life of Coretta Scott King, and we extend our prayers as the nation mourns her loss," Perry said.

"Mrs. King ... worked right alongside her husband, Martin Luther King Jr., to advance the cause of freedom, and after his untimely passing she did not pause in her efforts to fight for economic and social justice. ..."

King died from an assassin's bullet after speaking at an April 4, 1968, rally in Memphis, Tenn.

Messy Desk; Cluttered Mind

Flylady & The Dinner Diva

by Marla Cilley

Three times this past week I was asked by people who have their own businesses how to grow their business. In each instance I asked them how their desk looked! Each one did not want to tell me what their desk looked like! This is when I started to describe it for them. They were in shock that I could do this. Then I told them that their desk was a representation of what was going on in their head.

Each one of these business owners had borrowed money to make a go of their business. They had to come up with a business plan to give to the bank. It all looked so good on paper. Then came putting the plan into action; isn't that what happens to us? Did you know that we all have businesses and our home represents that capital investment!

We have such grand ideas and go hog wild to begin to implement them all at once; then we get tired and crash and burn! Beating ourselves up all along the way! How can we find balance and consistency? I think the key is starting small!

Breaking the grand plan down into its parts and then establishing simple habits for your morning, afternoon and evening to keep you on track with your grand plan. This all sounds well and good but when it comes right down to it there is something that is standing in your way! It is the clutter that is on your desk and every flat surface in your home and office. That clutter is what is going on in your brain. We have to quiet the clutter to get some focus to our thinking.

My homework assignment for these entrepreneurs was to clear off the top of their desks and do it right this minute. This is exactly what we do when we shine our sinks. Take all the dishes out of the sink and pile them on the floor if you have to. I instructed them to take the piles of papers on their desk and set them on the floor. I didn't care if they put them in a box or not; they just had to get that clutter off their desk. All I wanted to see on their desk was the wood top. That clutter keeps their minds pulling them in several directions at one time. You are never going to plow a field if the horses are pulling in two different directions. It is time to put on the blinders and use all your brain power on

one thing at one time. By spending just 15 minutes each day plowing through those piles you will eventually get rid of your clutter.

Their next assignment was to get a timer and put it on their desk. Then to get a spiral notebook to take notes on when they had an idea; put this notebook on the side of their desk closest to their writing hand. This one thing will keep us from getting sidetracked with our outstanding ideas. All we have to do is jot them down and go back to what we were working on. We are very creative people and we don't want to squelch that creativity, we want to focus it so we can finally see an idea come to fruition.

I told them to set their timer for 15 minutes. Then I asked them to get one sheet of paper and write down a three step list of the things they needed to do each morning to start their work day. Then a three step list for early afternoon and then a three step list for stopping work. I told them this list could not be more than three steps to start with for each part of the day. This was their daily routines. Each item on their three step list was a habit they were going to practice each day to keep their business maintained.

In order to grow their business they had to develop and use a basic weekly plan! We all have things we need to do every week to keep our homes running; the same is true for businesses. You have to work on projects a little at a time, keep inventories stocked, pay bills, talk with your employees, run errands, make appointments; I think you get the picture. Oh and let's not forget about the fun parts of being creative and planning for the future. I had them list each day of the week and beside that day give a focus for the day. This doesn't mean you spend all day on that focus but just to set aside some time that day for it. For me it is my mornings. I take care of what I need to in the morning and this frees me to play in the afternoon.

Now here is the tough part! We have to do this! Not just think about doing it! Establish the habit of clearing off our desk each night and starting the new day with a clear space in which to think. I have put together an Office Control Journal that you can download for free to help you get started, but first things first! Clear off the top of your desk!

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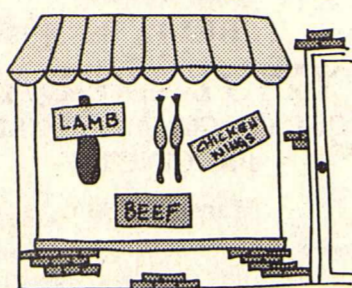
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4 Ladies in Weighting	-36	-7.2
5 Waist-Aways	-36.5	-6.08
6 Purple People Eaters	-36.2	-6.03
7 Bodacious Bankers	-28	-5.6
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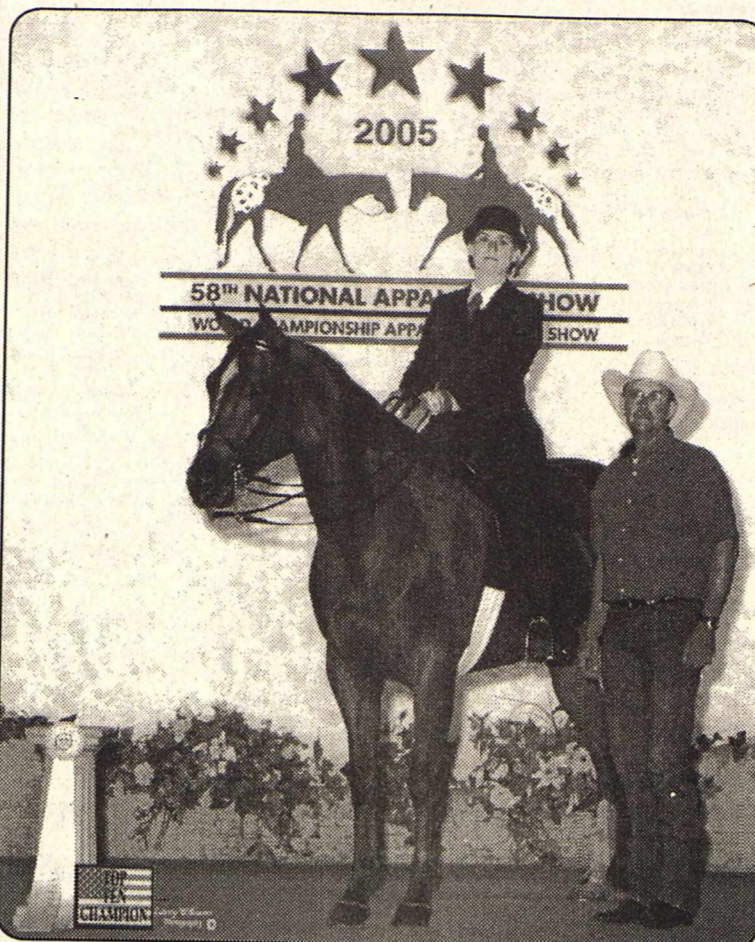
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 - 2005 AAA Champion Senior Reining Horse
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of bacterial growth. If the colostrum begins to show signs of souring, the quality of the colostrum is reduced. The immunoglobulin molecules in colostrum that convey passive immunity will be degraded by the bacteria, reducing the amount of immunity that the colostrum can provide. Thus, it is important that colostrum be stored in the refrigerator for only a short time.

Freezing colostrum in storage bags (-5°F) is an excellent method of storing. It may be frozen for up to a year without significant decomposition. Use two bags to minimize the chance of leaking, and lay them flat in the freezer. By laying the bags flat, the rate of thawing can be increased, thereby reducing the delay between birth and feeding. Freeze colostrum in single feeding sizes (8 ounces) as this amount can be rapidly frozen and thawed.

The best method for thawing is at room temperature, but this probably will take too long. The main concern regarding thawing frozen colostrum is to thaw the ice without degrading the immune proteins. This is best done with warm (not hot) water (< 120°F) and allowing to thaw. Alternately, colostrum can be thawed in a microwave oven, but it is important to microwave the colostrum for short periods on low power and pour off the thawed liquid periodically to minimize heating.

Feed colostrum at body temperature. A newborn kid should receive 3 ounces per pound of body weight during the first 18 hours of life to build up sufficient antibody levels and nutrients.

Extra kids should be grafted to another doe whenever possible. The goal is for does to raise the extra kids if they have the available milk. If you have three kids in any combination of adopted or natural, leave the two closest in size with the doe and remove the odd one, whether it is the largest or smallest. With multiple births, the weakest kid usually is selected for artificial rearing on milk replacer because it is less capable of competing at the udder. Make the decision to remove the kid from the doe as soon as possible after birth. This eases the training period and enhances survival. Kids not grafted to another doe can be raised on milk replacer.

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USDA-NRCS announces five Texas Watersheds selected for Conservation Security Program Signup

Signup February 13, through March 31, 2006

Temple, TX - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced that the 2006 Conservation Security Program (CSP) sign-up will be held Feb. 13, 2006 to March 31, 2006.

USDA announced preliminary selection of 110 watersheds for fiscal year 2006 based on the President's budget request. The preliminary selection included 12 watersheds in Texas. Based on available funding, CSP will be offered in 60 watersheds across all 50 states, the Caribbean and Guam. In Texas, CSP will be offered in five watersheds, the East Fork Trinity, the Wichita, the South Wichita, the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red, and the Upper Beaver which will be shared with Oklahoma. The sign-up will only include those producers who do not have an existing CSP contract.

"The selection of these watersheds encompasses over 5 million acres and represents a balance of resource needs, historic stewardship, potential producer eligibility, and the technology and adequate staff needed to successfully implement the program," said NRCS State Conservationist Dr. Larry D. Butler. "Nationally, the selected watersheds reflect a cross-section of land uses, crop regions and landscapes. "A sign-up announcement will be published that will detail the specific program requirements within the watersheds," Butler said. The contracts will be determined in a national selection process that will be described in the sign-up notice.

Producers begin the application process by filling out a self-assessment to determine if they meet the basic qualifications for CSP. Self-assessment workbooks are available in hard copy at USDA Service Centers within the watersheds, and electronically at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/>. After completing the self-assessment producers should schedule an appointment to discuss their application with the NRCS local staff to determine if they meet specific CSP eligibility requirements.

According to Butler all CSP applications that meet the sign-up criteria will be placed in an enrollment category and considered regardless of available funding. "Agricultural producers in these watersheds have been protecting our soil and water resources for years," he said. "Now they can be rewarded for that stewardship" Butler said. CSP is a voluntary program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources. Additional information on CSP and a map showing the location of the selected watersheds is on the NRCS Texas Web Site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda>.

Fire Ants Still Around Despite Lack of Mounds

by Janet Gregg, (972) 952-9232, jgregg@ag.tamu.edu

DALLAS - The mild winter has plants and flowers confused. Many are already leafing, budding and blooming. And that has many homeowners starting their spring yard rituals early.

Extension entomologists said one thing every homeowner should continue doing this spring is treat for fire ants. They said it's the one thing homeowners may not think about doing right now because the usual tell-tale signs of fire ants are missing.

"Fire ants are subterranean, so when you have a drought it just forces them to go deeper and deeper into the soil until they find a water table they can use for a source of water," said Kim Engler, Texas Cooperative Extension Program Specialist-Urban Integrated Pest Management.

Engler said mounds that are usually evident in yards are not prevalent this year, because the ants are putting their efforts into burrowing and not mounding. The rainfall that has come in recent weeks has not been enough to entice the ants to move back closer to the surface.

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Engler said fire ants emerge only in search of food, and that means they are still a potential hazard for anyone working or relaxing in yards where the ants have made their home.

"They may also move into structures more, in search of water," Engler said. "This becomes particularly dangerous when there are infants in the building, or in the case of bed-ridden patients in nursing homes."

Engler said because there are no new mounds popping up right now, many homeowners will forget to treat their yards, and that's a mistake.

"Don't be fooled by 'out of sight, out of mind,' because the ants are still there foraging," Engler said. "You need to treat your yard in the spring to keep the fire ant population as low as possible."

"We recommend the Texas Two Step Method," Engler said. "Step one is to broadcast the fire ant bait over the entire area. Most homeowners can use a handheld spreader, but for large acreage a Herd Seeder (mower-mounted spreader) can be used. Step two is to go back a couple of days later and treat each individual mound."

Engler said if homeowners don't want to use a bait treatment, another option is a granular insecticide.

"It is broadcast just like a bait would be, but it needs to be watered in by rain or with sprinklers. This option will kill the fire ants without having to do the additional treatment of the individual mounds," Engler said. "This option also lasts longer, typically one year, compared to the baits which can last a month or several months, but have to be repeated at least once during the year."

Engler said the down side of granular insecticides for some homeowners is their cost.

"For instance the cost is roughly \$200 per acre for Top Choice versus Amdro, which was \$12-\$15 an acre. But again, Amdro has to be applied more often. In the case of Amdro, four times per year is ideal," Engler said. "So it really comes down to preference, time and cost."

Engler said just because the focus is on treating yards to keep the fire ant population as low as possible, that doesn't mean fire ants have no redeeming qualities.

"Fire ants eat ticks, cockroach larvae and eggs, fleas and other urban outdoor pests," she said. "They also eat pink bollworms and corn earworms which negatively impact cotton and corn row crops. Plus, their burrowing also aerates the soil."

Engler said the drought has not significantly impacted the fire ant population but some ranchers are reporting reductions, based on an increase in the tick population.

But Engler said despite the benefits, homeowners should still treat their yards, especially in urban areas, and she said they should start treating soon.

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and moves the project along.

TxDOT has broken the construction of the 12-mile reliever route into three phases. The first phase is completion of a two-lane reliever route, the second phase is the construction of an additional two lanes to complete the four-lane-divided facility, and the final phase is the addition of overpasses at key intersections. Phase one is projected to cost \$29 million, phase two \$25 million and phase three \$45 million.

Funding is in place with the congressional earmark and other funds to complete phase one. TxDOT and Del Rio leaders are working on a finance plan that will allow the remaining two phases to go to construction, with the final project slated for 2009. The plan includes a pass through finance plan, local funding through a tax-increment finance district and county development district, as well as other creative means.

"This commission has demonstrated that it understands transportation infrastructure is a catalyst for economic development, which is the fundamental goal for Ports to Plains," said Reeves.

Working and communicating with TxDOT has also played an important part in the success of the Ports-to-Plains project, but their job is to actually construct the roads, not tend to the details of securing the support, location, funding, etc. This task should be spearheaded by those that will be most affected, the communities.

TxDOT representatives, McCulloch, Hilario Rodarte, John Dewitt and Sam Kent explained TxDOT's role in the project, explaining that the Texas transportation system has not kept pace with the needs of a rapidly increasing population. The men stressed that Texas mobility needs are significant and we can't wait on Congress. Texas funding resources are stretched. The public must remain engaged in shaping transportation opportunities by identifying needs and taking advantage of transportation options. TxDOT won't solve this problem alone; public-private partnerships are essential.

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McCulloch stated that Sonora has a "jewel" in Interstate 10 passing through, and the intersection of I-10 and Hwy 277 can be "a diamond in the rough."

Sonora Industrial Development Corporation board member, Max Howorth stated that this is the type of information that the SIDC was seeking when they asked for the meeting, hoping to see how others felt about forming a committee to concentrate on the promotion and preparation for Sonora's part in the Ports-to-Plains project. Howorth asked Cauthorn what suggestions could be made for the formation of a successful team of community leaders, like Del Rio has, to work on plans for a reliever route around Sonora. A reliever route provides and opportunity for growth when it comes to recruiting businesses to our area, in addition to offering a safer route for the much anticipated trade traffic.

Howorth also asked what Del Rio did to insure that they were on

the coalition's radar at all times.

Cauthorn explained that the Del Rio Transportation Committee works to address the city/county's most pressing transportation needs, in both the near and distant future and how those needs will be met. The group also lobbies for better roads, highway facilities, and airport/air service.

Cauthorn gave suggestions, including prioritizing, providing a united front and proving that local assistance with funding is available. This may include actual cash on hand, donations of rites-of-way, etc. Cauthorn stressed that such committee is very important.

Cauthorn reiterated what McCulloch said, the private sector must step forward to bring their talents, ideas, and financial resources to the table.

A discussion was then held regarding how such committee should be formed, with a final consensus that the SIDC work up a proposed slate of possible parties, with representation from all areas of local government and/or organizations and individuals that would hold an important role in the future of transportation issues in this community. It was agreed that the SIDC would discuss the issue at their next board meeting and would then present their recommendations to both the County Commissioners and City Council.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 7C

DATE OF ISSUANCE; Dec 15, 2005
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0245452
CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E&P, INC. [RRC Operator No. 222282] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 141, Bk. C, HE&WT RR CO SURVEY, A-450, SAWYER (CANYON) Field, SUTTON County, being 9 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 19
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 820.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 779.0
Lease Lines: 820.0 FNL, 1810.0 FEL
Survey Lines: 820.0 FNL, 1810.0 FEL

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SAWYER (CANYON):
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres
FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP):
GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7250 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6848. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY MAR. 10, 2006 AT 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 20
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 750.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 794.0
Lease Lines: 750.0 FNL, 1805.0 FSL
Survey Lines: 750.0 FN' LYW L, 1805.0 FN' LYS L

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FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 21
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 900.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 845.0
Lease Lines: 1400.0 FEL, 1540.0 FSL
Survey Lines: 1400.0 FEL, 1540.0 FS' LY SL

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FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP):
GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7125 feet.

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Rule 37/38 Case No. 0245456
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FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP)
Lease/Unit Name: SHURLEY 141
Lease/Unit Well No.: 23
Lease/Unit Acres: 581.64
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1410.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1156.0
Lease Lines: 1410.0 FSL, 2310.0 FEL
Survey Lines: 1410.0 FN'LYSL, 2310.0 FEL

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Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1410.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 710.0
Lease Lines: 1410.0 FSL, 2310.0 FEL
Survey Lines: 1410.0 FN'LYSL, 2310.0 FEL

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP):
GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres
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Public Notice

Frontier Mini Storages located on Hwy 277, in Sonora, Texas, Sutton County will be holding a public sale on February 24 at 10:00 a.m. (NO EARLY BIRDS) to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting.

This is the tenant's official notice of "Intent To Sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of January 24, 2006 will be: Unit C, Unit K, Chris Gutierrez, Unit #2, Gracie Lopez, Unit #6, Lingo Sanford, Lisa Otwell, Jr, Dominquez, Elva Hulsey, Theresa James, Melissa Valadez, Unit 54, Chuck Vaughn. If you feel there might be an error regarding this notice contact Jana Dover @ 325-387-2104 or Landmark Apartments (office A-4). To assist in making payments or payment arrangements, you may contact me during regular business hours.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

Cleaning and Painting of the interior and exterior of the .25MG elevated storage tank.

Bid/Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is not refundable.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Sonora or negotiable U.S. Government bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Sonora for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Sonora
Gloria Lopez, Mayor
All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Bids for Sutton County Medical Insurance
Sutton County is requesting bids for their group medical insurance program. The effective date of the program will be April 1, 2006. Bids will be opened on March 13, 2006, at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be marked "SEALED BIDS" and should be mailed or delivered to Bobby Zesch, Agent of Record, 430 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas 76903, by March 6, 2006. For further information, please call or write to Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge, Post Office Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950 325/387-2711, or Maura Weingart, Sutton County Auditor at Post Office Box 16, Sonora, Texas 76950, 325/387-5380.

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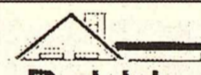
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Mysterious Mistletoe UP ON EATON HILL

by Delyse Jaeger
Perhaps I missed the Christmastime fruiting, but only recently have I noticed the clusters of tiny green-tinged, creamy-light berries of the mistletoe plant. Hundreds of berries, plump with moisture among hardy green stems and vibrant leaves stand in stark contrast to the gray leafless branches of the mistletoes' host tree. Back in B.C. (before children), following the Christmas tradition, we hung live mistletoe in our home. However, this practice ceased upon learning or remembering that the plant is poisonous to humans. That fact, combined with the Christmas tradition of a kiss beneath the mistletoe and the obvious observation that mistletoe grows in trees made up the sum total of what I knew about this amazing parasite of the plant world.

Mistletoe has long engaged mankind, evident worldwide in myths and legends, beliefs customs, and medicinal uses dating back to the writings of Greek philosopher Theophrastus (320-270 BC) and Pliny (79-23 BC). Many ancient people regarded oak trees as sacred and subsequently anything found growing on one was considered to be sent from heaven. Some believed that mistletoe held the life of the oak tree during the winter, and therefore believed it sacred. Celtic priests or Druids attributed mystical powers to the plant and worshipped it. The origin of "kissing beneath the mistletoe" is uncertain but may be connected to a pagan belief in its power to increase fertility. In our home, the plastic mistletoe is simply a reminder or even a play for sharing holiday affection!

Medicinally, mistletoe has been used as a cure-all for nearly every ailment known to man from a minor headache to epilepsy. Apparently, there may be some factual basis for its use. Recently, scientists have begun studying especially hardy plants found in hot dry climates in an attempt to isolate useful anticancer compounds. Mistletoe is of course among the candidates and is currently being studied as a possible cancer treatment. Extracts appear to aid in boosting the immune system and in causing cancer cells to self destruct. Go, go mistletoe!

Not nearly as significant as its possible healing properties, but worth mentioning is the origin of the plant's name. Navaho Indians aptly referred to mistletoe as "basket on high". Much more fun however is the Anglo-Saxon root. "Mistel", meaning dung, combined with "tan" for twig gives us the true name "dung on a twig". Don't forget to tell your kids, they'll love it! Those crazy Saxons didn't actually think the plant looked like *!(# on a stick, but had simply noticed that mistletoe grew on branches where birds had left droppings. Amazingly, the sticky substance that coats the seeds allows them to pass through the bird unaltered and ultimately end up in just the right position to latch on to a host tree. The seed sprouts a shoot that grows along the branch, locating a variation in the bark and anchoring to it. Next, a specialized peg is sent into the branch where it taps into the trees' water and nutrient supply but typically does no real harm to the host tree. Multiple infestations can eventually kill a tree but it takes decades. Seeds are also dispersed by sticking to bird beaks and feathers, animal fur and by simply falling to other branches. Each berry contains one seed.

Mistletoe is an important winter food source for birds and wildlife and a favorite nesting site because the foliage provides excellent protection from predators.

The plant has even been used to sustain livestock during particularly harsh seasons. Medicinal miracle or poisonous parasite, the mistletoe is one of the most fascinating plants I have ever encountered. Look for it on Eaton Hill and pause to take in the unique and remarkable beauty that has captivated our imaginations for centuries.

One other point of interest to highlight: Mistletoe is the state flower of Oklahoma where Sonora's Bob and Dorothy Cramer will soon make their new home. Virgil wrote of the "golden bough" whose flickering light led the writer's hero safely through the shadowy forest. Dorothy has touched many lives with her genuine and loving spirit, mine included. The Cramers' will be deeply missed in our community, but it's fitting and comforting to associate the light of a golden bough with the light shed by our dear friends, Bob and Dorothy. Godspeed!

News from the Neighbors

Steagall, Kelton join slate of Texas authors in Menard

A few spaces remain for Menard's annual celebration of Texas Authors and Books. Authors Red Steagall, Elmer Kelton, George Wilhite, Glenn Dromgoole, and Bill Cauble and Cliff Teichert will speak and sign copies of their books at the weekend event, February 10 and 11, 2006. Sponsored by The Library Club of Menard, Inc. (a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation), the two day event benefits the building and operating funds for the new Menard Public Library.

The Friday evening Beer and Champagne Reception and Silent Auction will be held at the Diana and Jerry Baker home. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the evening includes a substantial board. The price, fully deductible, is \$40 per person.

Saturday begins with an open house of the Menard Public Library from eight to ten, and concludes with the Celebration Luncheon, held at the Menard Country Club, beginning at 11:30. The Luncheon price, again fully deductible, is \$55 per person. After the luncheon, at which each author will speak, a book signing will take place in the Country Club dining room. Authors' books will be available for purchase at the Friday evening reception, and Saturday through the luncheon.

The luncheon is underwritten and catered by Chef Mike Hennessey, his wife Megan, Carol and James Taylor, and Sideoats Bakery and Cafe.

At this time other underwriters include First State Bank, Whitson Telephone Service, Jeremy's Book Service, Diana and Jerry Baker, and March Compton.

Space is limited for each function, but a few reservations remain for both events. For reservations contact Janetta Whitson at 325.396.4550 or jwhitson@wcc.net. For information, contact Jane Vaughan at 325.396.3404. All donations and purchases are tax deductible.

F.Y.I.

Piano Lessons - Leroy Moore, bringing 35 years of teaching experience for ages 8 - adult, now has two spots available for new lessons. Please call Tammy Favila @ 387-3661 FMI

Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 at noon at the Chamber office. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee please come and be a part of Keep Sonora Beautiful.

Sutton County Commissioners Court - February 13, 9:00 a.m. Courthouse Annex

February 21 - 3rd grade reading TAKS Test/ 4th grade Writing TAKS Test

February 22 - Report Cards

Sonora City Council - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21; City Hall

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees meeting - Monday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.; Sonora Administration Building.

The Girl Scouts are selling an assortment of cookies. Your support will be greatly appreciated! The Cookie sell ends on February 10 and delivered on February 14. If you would like to make a purchase, please feel free to contact our leaders as follows: Rita Mendez 226-2011; Sandra Gonzales 387-3622; or Nelda Tobias 387-5390

PTO Mommy/Son Date Night Fundraiser, Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sutton County Civic Center. Tickets on sale now.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Daddy/Daughter Date Night, Friday Feb 10, "Butterfly Kisses" 7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL - February 10 - Speech Meet.

The Angelo State University • Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar entitled, Love Your Customer: Excellent Customer Service • Thursday, February 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Room 100 (Conference Room). Learn the following techniques: • Identifying customers • Customer needs • Causes of dissatisfaction • Reasons people buy things • Why customers leave • How customers evaluate service Presenter is Ms. Lisa Michalewicz. Please call 942-2098 to register. A Partnership Program with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmer and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2006 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) have until the close of business Friday, February 17, 2006, to sign applications. If you wish to apply, come by the NRCS office at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 325-387-2730 ext. 3.

Big Lake Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament, February 11, 2006, Big Lake, Texas, \$125 entry fee, deadline to enter is February 8 at 9:00 p.m.; limited to first 20 teams, contact Brandi at 325-450-0211 or 325-884-3626.

Sonora Elementary School Fundraiser - cheesecakes made to order, February 21 - March 7,

If you have a son or daughter and would like to tie up a yellow ribbon for them on the old oak tree you can contact the Friends of Historic Main Street Program at 325-387-2248, the organization that honors local soldiers during their time away from home. If there are any questions please contact manager Ann Kay or Jennifer Esparza.

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	General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 13,458,707	\$ -	\$ 25,770	\$ 965,315	\$ 14,449,792
5800 State Program Revenues	796,574	-	-	160,353	956,927
5900 Federal Program Revenues	11,330	269,794	-	628,214	909,338
5020 Total Revenues	14,266,611	269,794	25,770	1,753,882	16,316,057
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	4,626,327	240,680	-	468,684	5,335,691
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	111,403	11,935	-	37,533	160,871
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	32,321	11,608	-	46,568	90,497
0021 Instructional Leadership	61,307	5,571	-	-	66,878
0023 School Leadership	320,849	-	-	-	320,849
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	262,793	-	-	1,500	322,349
0033 Health Services	49,474	-	-	12,895	275,688
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	594,455	-	-	555	50,029
0035 Food Services	21,037	-	-	1,462	595,917
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	397,042	-	-	297,284	318,321
0041 General Administration	479,511	-	-	901	397,943
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	981,754	-	-	1,542	481,053
0053 Data Processing Services	225,168	-	-	5,250	987,004
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	130,625	-	-	600,000	730,625
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	33,999	-	-	196,456	230,455
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	32,075	-	-	460	32,535
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	603,693	-	2,376,421	-	2,980,114
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	1,497,685	-	-	-	1,497,685
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	-	39,131	39,131
6030 Total Expenditures	10,461,518	269,794	2,376,421	1,737,573	14,845,306
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,805,093	-	(2,350,651)	16,309	1,470,751
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	24,825	-	-	-	24,825
7913 Capital Leases	233,710	-	-	-	233,710
7914 Non-Current Loans	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	21,667	21,667
7949 Other Resources	9,274	-	-	-	9,274
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(21,667)	-	-	-	(21,667)
8949 Other (Uses)	(7,983)	-	-	-	(7,983)
7980 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	263,159	-	-	21,667	284,826
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	4,068,252	-	(2,350,651)	37,976	1,755,577
0100 Fund Balance - September 1, (Beginning)	6,066,401	-	2,350,709	76,915	8,494,025
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(7,673)	-	-	-	(7,673)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 10,126,980	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 114,891	\$ 10,241,929

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