

# The Devil's River News

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## Middle School In Disrepair: School Board Discusses Campus Needs

By Becky McAngus

Construction, maintenance and repair of school district facilities highlighted discussion at last week's meeting of the Sonora ISD Board of Trustees.

Board president Tryon Fields reported to the board that he recently visited with a group of middle school teachers who have expressed concern with the maintenance of the Middle School building.

Dedicated in 1980, the Sonora Middle School was designed with a drain in the middle of the roof. That drain has become clogged with leaves from the oak grove in which the building was constructed.

"We need to get ready to spend a chunk of change," board president Fields warned, indicating that gabling the roof would resolve only part of the maintenance issues at the school.

While much of the school district's attention and funding has focused on construction of new facilities, overlooking maintenance issues at the middle school has created serious consequences.

The laundry list of maintenance problems observed by Fields during his tour of the building includes roof leaks, water runoff into classrooms from around the windows, rest room facilities that are not functional, mildewed, dirty, and threadbare carpeting, black mold growing on ceiling tiles and on the ceiling in the stair well, missing baseboards and air conditioning grates in classrooms, missing stall doors in restrooms, loose windows, holes in walls and missing light coverings.

As Fields expressed his dismay at the condition of the middle school building, he presented a list of maintenance requests from middle school teachers. One of those requests was from a teacher who has been attempting for six years to have a sink unclogged.

Superintendent Doug Bawcom reported that he has discussed the issues with the district's maintenance staff, who will immediately begin to address those issues.

The board minutes reported that "Mr. Fields emphasized

that the Maintenance Supervisor was not at fault and that he has had his boat loaded with additional duties including construction and project(s) supervisor along with being short-handed."

In an update to ongoing construction projects, the new concession stand and restrooms at the tennis courts is complete "aside from water, sewer and electricity," according to Superintendent Bawcom. The new vocational building is also nearing completion, and will be "functional and easy to clean," he added.

In regard to construction of girls' dressing rooms at Bronco Stadium, the superintendent reported that he has forwarded signed amendments to the architectural contract to Lenora Clardy with the architectural firm of Chapman Harvey. Ms. Clardy has indicated, according to the superintendent, that scheduling of all of the entities involved in surveying and engineering the project will take some time and suggested

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## Physician Assistant Student Chooses Sonora to Complete Rural Clinical Training

Van C. Tran, a Physician Assistant student enrolled at the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) in San Antonio will be completing 160 hours of clinical training under the guidance of a preceptor, Dr. Charles Pajestka, M.D., FAAFP at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital beginning on May 27, 2008. Dr. Pajestka is Board Certified in Family Practice and has practiced in Sonora since July 1987. In addition to the teaching support that Mrs. Tran will be receiving from Dr. Pajestka, the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will provide housing for Mrs. Tran while she is completing her training

in the community.

Van C. Tran currently resides in Austin, Texas and is a third year Physician Assistant graduate student at UTHSC in San Antonio. She grew up in Houston, Texas and completed her undergraduate studies at University of Texas at Austin, where she received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. She states "the town of Sonora offers a state of the art hospital with services and amenities that much larger towns would envy. The availability of technology combined with the small-town atmosphere and pace offers a great opportunity for students to learn in a controlled, un-pressured envi-

ronment. It really helps calm the nervousness and anxiety that we might experience when working with our first real patients. The hospital and office staff is all helpful and willing to let us gain hands on experience with any type of procedure that may need to be performed. Dr. Pajestka offers a wonderful opportunity for students to rotate and gain some experience here. Physician Assistant's Kessler and Arteaga are welcoming and great at sharing knowledge, as well as teaching." Mickey Schaefer, Chief Financial Officer of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital adds

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## Sutton County Wool Judging Team Wins State, Advances To Nationals



By Shawna Faris

Once again, Sutton County 4-Hers made an excellent appearance at the 2008 Texas 4-H Roundup held last week in College Station. In the years that I've been coaching combined with the years that I myself participated as a 4-Her I have never seen a more successful group of individuals.

Not to take away the glory and honor of the team that just competed, but I do want to back up and express to you how extremely incredible their accomplishments truly are.

In order to advance to the state contest at Texas 4-H Roundup, a team must achieve 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at the district level first. Our teams have easily attained that and have gone far beyond the district level.

Four years ago, I hauled the team of Craig Leonard, Emily Earwood, Laura Martin, and Colton Moore to Roundup to

compete in the Mohair Judging contest. The team walked out winning first and winning numerous individual awards as well. By winning state in any 4-H contest, an individual is eliminated from ever competing in that contest again because once you win state, that's it.

With that being said, the following year the same individuals simply switched over and competed in the Wool Judging contest at State and again ended up first as a team along with great finishes individually that year again.

Winning the wool judging contest at state qualified them for the National Wool Contest where they finished second.

Having won each contest at the state level, that group of kids finished their wool and mohair judging careers as they couldn't have attained any higher honors at that point.

Although that team was finished, Sutton County was only getting started! We decided to regroup with a new set of individuals and re-live those experiences. Not only did they set goals to do that, but they achieved those goals that they set!

Last year, the team of Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Meredith Earwood, and Sterling Love competed and won the state Mohair Judging contest at Roundup and again attained numerous individual awards.

This year the team of Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Sterling Love, and Chelsey Lou Campbell set out to not only win the Wool Judging contest but advance to the National contest as well. Both honors were achieved as they finished up first as a team and overall dominated the

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## Webb Wins Reserve



Wayne Webb takes Reserve Grand Champion at the 8th annual Fort McKavett cook-off

By Lynn Wipff & Angie Kissire

The Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department hosted their 8th annual cookoff last weekend at the fire station / community center.

Four teams from Sonora competed, with all the teams excelling.

Totally Wacked, with team members Ronnie and Lynn Wipff, placed first in beans and ribs, fourth in chicken, and ninth in brisket.

Kirk Joy of the Shoot the Moon team took fourth in brisket, fifth place in beans, and ninth in ribs.

Tia Loca, comprised of Kelly and Steve Thorp, placed third in chicken, sixth in beans, seventh in ribs, and tenth in brisket.

Wayne Webb of the Garden Club team placed first in bris-

ket and second in chicken.

When the cooking and judging was all over with, Wayne Webb had just enough points to pull ahead and earn the title of Reserve Grand Champion for this year's cookoff.

The chili portion of the competition is sanctioned through a different organization, and thus is a separate contest. Ronnie Wipff and Lynn Wipff, both of Totally Wacked, took third and fourth places respectively with their entries, and Steve Thorp and Kelly Thorp of Tia Loca won sixth and seventh places, respectively. Totally Wacked also earned bragging rights for winning the Chili Showmanship award.

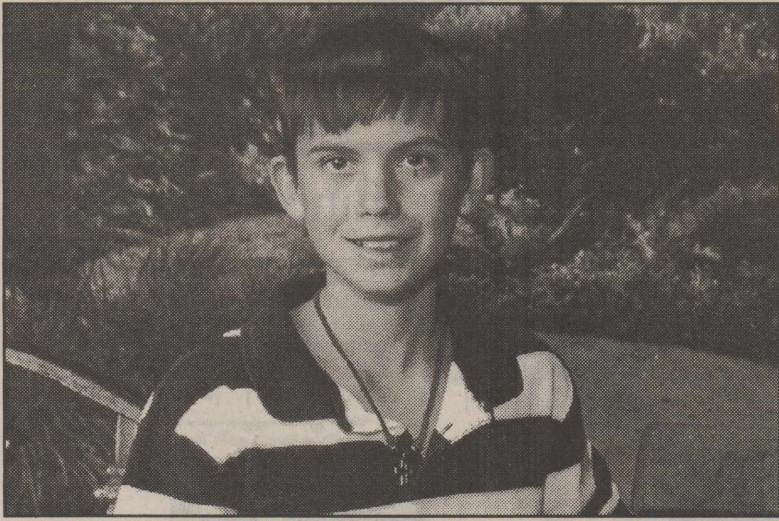
Congratulations to everyone—you did a great job! If

anyone else is interested in becoming a BBQ cook and would like to hop on the cook-off trail with these great cooks, just let us know. We have a great time!

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## Hall to Attend Youth Range Workshop



Sterling Hall has been selected to attend the 2008 Youth Range Workshop at Texas Tech University Center-Junction on June 15 - 20, 2008. County selection of participants involved in 4-H and FFA programs was based on outstanding projects, leadership and interest in range and natural resource management. Sterling's local sponsor is Edwards Plateau SWCD, a strong supporter of range education and leadership development of local youth. He will attend Sonora High School this fall and is the son of Stephen and Susan Hall.

The week-long Youth Range Workshop, sponsored by the Texas Section Society for Range Management, is held annually to recognize outstanding Texas youth and to provide them with an opportunity for complimentary training in range and natural resource management, stewardship and leadership. According to Dr. Barron Rector and Hoyt Seidensticker, workshop co-coordinators, youth participants will learn about the principles of ecology, ecosystem level management, Total Resource Management, range and watershed management and gain an understanding of the plant-soil-water relationship. Hands-on activities and lectures conducted by sixteen staff members will provide training for the youth participants in plant identification, evaluation of rangeland potential/health, determination of stock rates and the decision-making process relative to

livestock production, wildlife habitat and multiple uses of Texas rangelands. Leadership training will feature training on communications skills and conflict resolution as related to ecosystem management. Field trips for hands-on training will be to Mason and Menard County ranches, the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Texas Tech University Center lands and the South Llano River State Park. Rector states that this intensive workshop has a goal to prepare 4-H and FFA youth for service in leadership roles as youth leaders in range and natural resource management for their respective county programs, clubs and chapters.

Range workshop instructors include Texas Cooperative Extension Specialists, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Scientists, County Extension Agents, teachers from major Texas universities, ranchers, consultants, land stewardship consultants, personnel from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas General Land Office and other members of the Texas Section Society for Range Management involved in the management of rangeland resources and youth education.

This will be the 54th consecutive year for this educational program conducted for Texas youth. The workshop began in 1955 and has provided training and been of benefit to more than 1950 Texas youth.

## School Board Wool Judging

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that the timeline for completing the construction drawings will be approximately six to eight weeks.

Construction on the \$1 million project is anticipated to begin in October or November.

In other business, the board was informed that 99% of the district's assessed tax roll has been collected, amounting to \$15,639,710.23. The district has \$20,622,331.75 in investment in TexPool, but with interest rates going down and rising fuel prices, business manager Diane Jacoby warned the board that operational and construction costs are "eating away at the principal."

The most challenging aspect, she noted, was getting the state to re-calculate the district's Chapter 41 standing. Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code creates a wealth equalization provision for Texas public schools. In 2004-2005 Sonora was one of the state's 135 Chapter 41 school districts, those school districts with property wealth in excess of \$305,000 per weighted student. Recapture provisions in the law mandate payment of locally-collected property tax revenue for redistribution to poorer districts. This provision has been referred to as the "Robin Hood" provision.

"Last year's tax collection was higher than the state predicted and we are going to have to send an additional \$100,000 to the state," Jacoby told the board.

The board will begin budget workshops in July, and at that time will review the professional pay scale for teachers and paraprofessionals in the district. In order to attract qualified instructional personnel, the district will pay close attention to employee benefits, stipends, and/or across-the-board pay raises for its personnel.

The superintendent is currently the acting principal at Sonora Middle School as Joe Young, who is under contract with the district through June 30, 2009, has been reassigned within the district. The board will be reviewing resumes and applicants with anticipation of naming a new principal for the middle school before August 1st.

Bawcom reported that he is working with the staff at the middle school to address not only maintenance issues, but also issues of scheduling, discipline, communication, and team planning in preparation for the 2008-2009 school year.

contest. Savannah was 2nd high individual, and Steely was 3rd, with Sterling and Chelsey Lou not far behind.

As the prior team did, winning state in Wool has earned them the chance to compete in the National Wool Contest held here in Sonora on Thursday, June 19th where they will likely become the National-Champions! I can't tell you of another group that can say that they have won both contests at the state level nor one that can say that they are members of a county that has been named the state champs for the last four consecutive years. It is an absolutely amazing accomplishment, one that I am extremely honored to have been a part of, and one that everyone I hope can appreciate and respect. My hat goes off to this group of individuals, they are the cream of the crop in every way! Please help me congratulate them for four straight years of representing Sutton County as Texas 4-H State Roundup Champions!! Good luck at Nationals, it is my firm belief that they will finish on top AGAIN and add to their lists of accomplishments not only STATE but NATIONAL Champions!!

## Popcorn Proceeds Go To 2008 Project Graduation



Shelly Hughes receives a check from LaDonna Alaman for the 2008 Project Graduation.

## Physician's Assistant

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"Keith Butler, Chief Executive Officer has been the key player in enhancing the benefits and improving the viability of this state of the art hospital, and is always actively seeking new ways for improvement."

Meeting the health needs of rural communities continues to be a focus of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs in Texas. Providing the opportunity for students in health professions programs to complete clinical training in rural areas not only gives the student a glimpse of what rural medicine entails, but also allows the community the opportunity to recruit health professionals for the long-term future.

While each student who completes clinical training in a rural community may not return to this community as a practitioner, word of mouth from a positive experience goes a long way to hosting future students and compiling a list of perspective health providers for a community's long term plans for meeting the health needs of its population. Elisa Williford, Center Director for the Permian Basin Area Health Education Center agrees, "Healthcare in rural Texas is critical and the recruitment and retention of healthcare providers in our rural areas is crucial. AHEC's are among the few federal programs designed to address

access to quality healthcare, improve the diversity of the healthcare workforce, and recruit and retain healthcare professionals in medically underserved and rural areas."

Community based education experiences like these are a result of a partnership between communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and The Permian Basin Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Permian Basin AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the Permian Basin and West Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living. The Permian Basin AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board.

For questions about the services and how your community can work with AHEC, contact Patty Murphy at (432) 685-8306 or patricia.murphy@twc.state.tx.us.

## TPWD Fishing Report

Falcon: Water stained; 80 degrees. Black bass are good on large soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Channel and blue catfish are good on cutbait and stinkbait in the river. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

Amistad: Water clear; 80 degrees; 17.41' low. Black bass are very good on Yamamoto Senkos, topwaters, swimbaits, Lucky Craft jerkbaits, and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair on large red fins and topwaters. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

**Sonora Animal Hospital**  
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Mondays	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Receptionist Only
Tuesdays	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
Wednesdays	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Thursdays	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
Fridays	Closed	

Dr. Gibbens will be available on Mondays and Fridays at the Southside Animal Hospital in San Angelo 325-653-0113.

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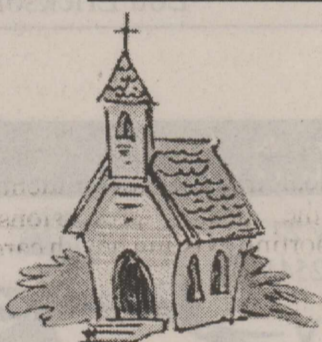
### Senior Center Activities

- Thur. June 19- Join us for summer crafts after lunch.
- Fri. June 20- Birthday party for June @ lunch.
- Mon. June 23- Happy birthday Maria Quiroz, Bingo
- Tues. June 24- Happy birthday Katy Wall Jenkins
- Wed. June 25- Cooking with Kelly, Nutrition Ed. @ noon.

### Senior Center Menu

- Thur. June 19- Fried chicken breast w/gravy, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat rolls, lemon squares and milk
- Fri. June 20- Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, cole slaw, crackers, fruit salad and milk
- Mon. June 23- BBQ beef on a bun, French fries, carrots, coleslaw, peaches and milk
- Tues. June 24- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato, spanish green beans, wheat rolls, lime rice swirl and milk
- Wed. June 25- Beef tacos, pinto beans, corn, tossed salad, mixed fruit and 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).



## Sonora Church Directory

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| <b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br>504 Santa Clara<br>387-2035                     | <b>Church of Christ</b><br>304 N. Water<br>387-3190                   |
| <b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b><br>319 E. Mulberry<br>387-2616 | <b>First Baptist Church</b><br>11 E. Oak<br>387-3190                  |
| <b>Lighthouse Community Church</b><br>1705 N. Crockett<br>387-9100                 | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E. Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466      |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
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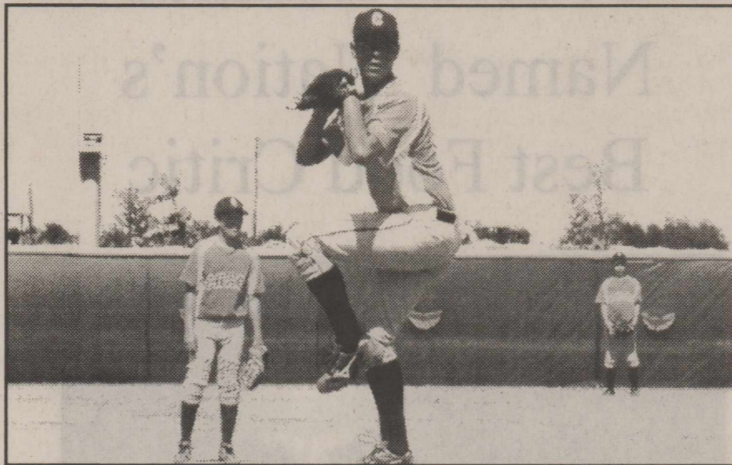
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### Thank You Notes



John Lopez IV

I would like to thank the following people for giving me the opportunity to participate at the Round Rock Super Series State Championship games. To Location Builders, Mata Construction Inc., Walsh Welding, Los Unidos Club, Castillo Welding & Juanita Shurley for your generous monetary support. Thank you to all who supported me by purchasing tickets for brisket plates. A special "Thanks" to Kirk Joy for donating his time and the use of the StageCoach, & Adrian Mata for cooking the briskets. Thanks to my grandma, Juanita Duran, James, Lisa & Jasmine Talamantez for helping cook and serve. I am very lucky and blessed to have such wonderful supporters, friends and family. Thanks Sonora for supporting and giving me the opportunity to experience baseball at a higher level. I enjoyed every minute of it. God Bless All of You, especially my mom and dad for always being there for me.

John Lopez IV

Frances and Joe David would like to thank the many who have prayed for both of our recoveries, phone calls, and cards expressing concern and support.

The Hudspeth Hospital Rehab Center headed up by Steven Spoonmore and Josie Cumpian really made a difference with my hip replacement.

Steven has a firm but low-key approach that is planned for each individual patient without insisting on pain. The exercises that he had me doing prior to surgery definitely made my first week easier. Both Josie and Steven had a sincere friendly attitude for everyone that came through their doors.

After completing my regular exercise appointments a stroll would be taken through the hospital hallway to receive additional friendly encouragement from the team on duty. Dr. Pajeska removed the metal stitches pain free and gave me some very timely advice that sped up the walking efforts. It was fun watching others swim and use the machines.

We are very fortunate to have such a complete, more-than-a small town medical facility in Sonora that also serves adjoining towns.

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### St. John's Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, and The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

### Vacation Bible School

June 23-27, 2008

at the

### First United Methodist Church

Registration 8:30 a.m. June 23

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

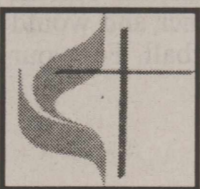
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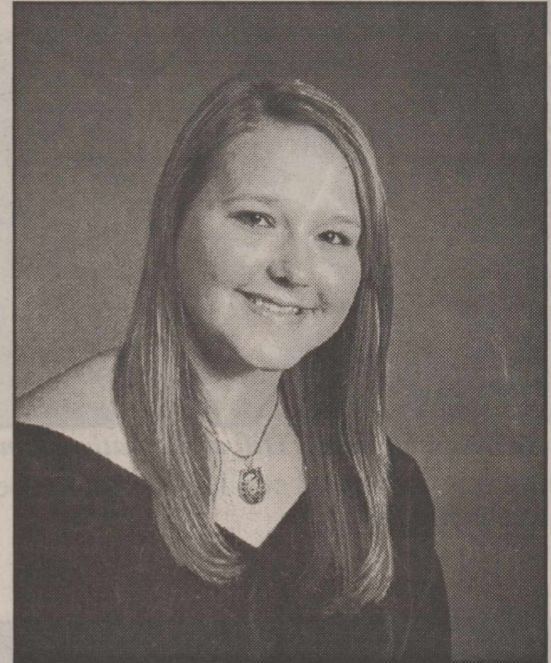
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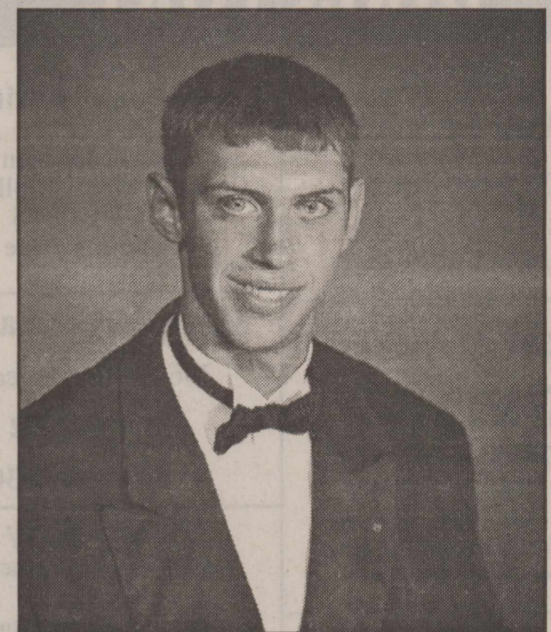
### First United Methodist Church Ray Wells, Pastor

Tuesdays @ Noon  
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Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27

## Sutton County 4-H Participants Receive Scholarships



Laura Martin received a \$15,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Spencer Hall received a \$5,000 scholarship from the HOLT CAT Company of Texas

COLLEGE STATION - Two youths from Sutton County were awarded major scholarships at the annual Texas 4-H Roundup, held this week at Texas A&M University.

Laura Martin won a \$15,000 scholarship funded by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Spencer Hall received a \$5,000 scholarship funded by the HOLT CAT Company of Texas.

Roundup this year attracted some 2,900 4-H members, parents and volunteers for a series of statewide competitions, scholarship awards and fun.

The Texas 4-H Foundation presented a record \$2.2 million in scholarships to 233 young people. "This is our 49th year to present scholarships during Roundup," said Jim Reeves, executive director of the foundation. "The generosity of our donors has helped thousands of deserving young people go on to college."

Texas 4-H, which also marks its 100th anniversary this year, began as Corn Club with a dozen boys in Jacks County. Today, Texas 4-H engages more than 640,000 young people in an array of pursuits aimed at learning leadership, citizenship and life skills, according to Dr. Martha Couch, Texas AgriLife Extension Service associate director for 4-H and youth development.

### Happy Birthday !!

#### June 19

Brandon Velez, Kate Martin, Becky Lumbreras, Zare Santana, Gunter Pennington, Sandra Mesa

#### June 20

Jan Northcott, Tony Renfro, Maria Elena Espinosa, Jordan Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Gerry Ingham

#### June 21

Morgan Smith, Callie Allison Moore, Justin Bentay

#### June 22

Virgil Burge, Brandon McGavock, Pam Munn

#### June 23

Manuel Patlan, Charlie Johnson, Bryan Reyes

#### June 24

Koda Armke, Hunter Hughes, DJ Luna, Miguell Villanueva III, Greg Fierro, Donny Yocham, Jr., Mickey Sanchez, Madison Webb

#### June 25

Elida Guerra, Susana Gonzalez, Hayley Mata, Laramie Hall, Keith Heiken

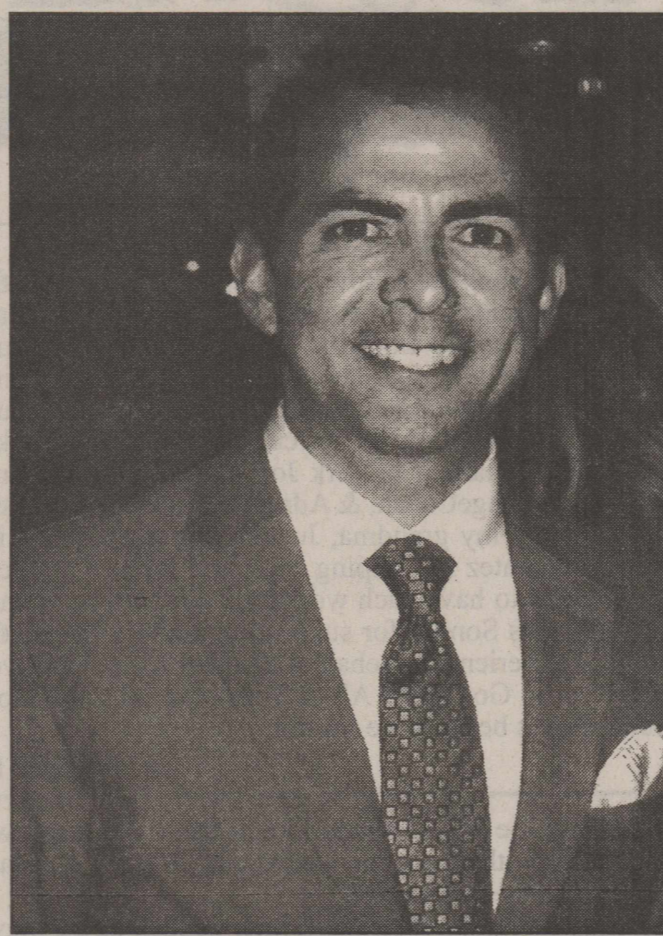
## Eaton Hill Picture of the Week



Photo taken on Eaton Hill at the native plant garden.

This butterfly is a short-tailed swallowtail that has been through a bit of a rough time.

## Sonora Alumnus Named Nation's Best Food Critic



Brad Johnson is the 2008 National Winner of the prestigious James Beard Foundation Media Awards for Restaurant Riviera in New York City. Brad graduated from Sonora High School, attended Texas Tech University and graduated from Texas State University at San Marcos. He is the son of Linda Johnson and Jerry and Nancy Johnson and the brother of Brett Johnson.

### Submitted

The 2008 James Beard Foundation Media Awards have just been announced and, winning the prize for Best Restaurant Reviews, Brad A. Johnson has been named best food critic in North America. Often called the Academy Awards of the food industry, The James Beard Foundation Media Awards celebrate and honor all facets of professional food media, including broadcast, newspapers, magazines and webcasting. This is the biggest award of its kind for restaurant criticism in America. The awards were announced at the annual awards gala on Friday, June 6, at the Hudson Theatre in New York City. Johnson is the national food and travel editor and chief dining critic of Modern Luxury Media, which includes Angeleno magazine in Los Angeles as well as Houston Monthly and Dallas magazines. Johnson was nominated alongside Colman Andrews of Gourmet magazine and Jason Sheehan of Denver's Westword. Other key prizes went to GQ magazine writer Howie Kahn and the acclaimed novelist Junot Diaz, who received the M.F.K. Fisher Distinguished Writing prize for his work in Gourmet magazine. Gourmet's Diary of a Foodie won for best TV food show.

## Landscape of the Month



By Becky Covington

Landscape of the Month: First National Bank located on Main Street has been selected for business "Landscape of the Month" by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. David Fisher, Sierrre Verde Horticulture, LLC; Elaine Donaldson; and Gabriel are the experts that keep the grounds at the bank beautiful. The garden plan features a palette of colorful flowers, crept myrtles, assortment of grasses and ...every plant presents itself in its own unique way throughout the year. This award aims to sustain the betterment of business environment, whether it is improvements to the building or the excellence in outstanding landscape design or horticultural maintenance. Congratulations and thank you for taking part to keep Sonora beautiful and improve the community environment.

Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration.

~Lou Erickson

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### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have anything on a shooting that happened when two people from Sonora ran off to Ozona to get married?

A. There have been a few of them. This is what was printed in the San Angelo Standard on January 16, 1897 and reprinted in our paper: The Tragedy in Ozona Saturday morning, a little after daylight, County Clerk H.S. Hudspeth was called upon by Geo. Traweek and Oscar Drennan to issue a marriage license which was to unite in marriage Mr. Oscar Drennan and Miss Lillie Heflin, of Sonora, and Mr. Traweek had come along to aid them in the matter as the parents and relatives of the bride violently objected to the proposed match; so the young couple eloped from a dance the night before in Sonora and came to Ozona with Geo. Traweek to secure license to wed.

The necessary oath being taken in regard to the bride's age and a note being produced from the father of the intended groom authorizing the issuing of the license, Mr. Hudspeth issued the matrimonial contract and a large crowd followed the groom to the residence of Justice Erwin, where the nuptial knot was tied by the justice of short order. In about a half an hour a buggy drove across the plaza and into C. L. Broome's livery stable from Sonora, in the buggy were two men with a Winchester apiece in each lap, and one of the men asked Claude Hudspeth, who was in the stable, if he had seen a couple come in a short time before that. Claude told him yes and the young fellow asked where they were. Claude said they were married and he was asked again where they were. Claude answered them that they looked a little too fresh with those Winchester and he couldn't tell them. They talked on for several minutes with Claude, when one of them remarked that they had come after his sister and he was going to get her back before they left; but that they were in no hurry

and would go and get their breakfast.

They started toward the Ozona Hotel. At this juncture, Geo. Traweek and Sam Murray come walking up from the Palace Saloon. Sam spoke to Claude and this attracted the attention of the young men with the shooting irons. The light-haired one, who was James Heflin, as was found out later, raised his gun and stepped toward Traweek as if to strike him with it and remarked: "You son of a bitch! Where is my sister?" Sam Murray grabbed the gun and prevented him from striking Traweek. In the scuffle the gun was wrenched from Sam's hands and Geo. Jerked his pistol. At this juncture a general stampede took place among the bystanders for the inside of the stable and the shooting commenced. Four shots were fired (some say only three) and Geo. Traweek ran into the little grain room, cocked his pistol, started out, took two steps and fell dead on the threshold, being shot through both arms and the body.

The young men, after the shooting, started up to Bob Erwin's residence where the bride and groom were. Claude Hudspeth and Sam Murray followed and overtook them and caught their guns. Several other citizens came up and assisted holding the guns and in a few seconds Sheriff Gurley and Deputy Chapman came and took them to jail. They were Wesley White and James Heflin. Justice Erwin held an inquest immediately after the shooting and rendered the decision in accordance with the above facts. Dave Goff, who was standing inside the Palace Saloon when the shooting came up, was shot in the leg by a stray ball, but luckily no bones were broken. Dave will be confined to his bed for several weeks.

Wesley White had his examining trial yesterday and today before Justice Erwin and at first deliberation was remanded to jail without bond. The Judge, however, reconsidered his ruling and set their bonds at \$2,000.

We at the society have found that not only did Lillie Heflin start her married life with violence and murder but

it ended the same way. On March 21, 1918, while leading a posse that was chasing a Mexican American over what Drennan claimed was a "domestic dispute," Drennan was shot dead as he sat at a campfire. The Mexican was a crack shot and got what he considered "justice for the wrongs against him by Drennan." The posse picked up his body and hauled it to the house of the widow, they really didn't want to go after the Mexican and almost felt his actions were justified. The Sheriff forced a group of men to go with him to search but the trail was cold and no one was ever found.

Lillie Heflin Drennan remarried on December 21, 1921 to Oscar Merriman. There was no violence at this wedding and they both lived to a ripe old age.

Do you have anything on the killing of Sheriff McGee in 1894?

Canadian, Hemphill Co., Texas, Nov. 25 last Thursday, George Isaacs expressed from Kansas City to this place five packages of money, consigned to himself, purporting to contain \$25,000. The packages arrived here Friday night. Within ¼ of an hour after the train came in, a band of robbers attempted to hold up the depot. They were stood off by Sheriff Tom McGee alone, who was mortally wounded in the fight. Sheriff McGee died of his wounds the next day. It is supposed the robbers escaped unhurt. Capt. Arrington started in pursuit of them next morning at daylight with a strong body of determined men and reinforcements have been continually following on his trail. Word has just reached him that Captain Arrington has the robbers surrounded in the Antelope hills and reports of a desperate fight are momentarily expected.

A relief party containing surgeons has just started to the scene of action. The man Isaacs lives in the Chickasaw Nation and his two brothers live here. The packages of money have just been opened and found to contain \$100 in each package of \$1 and \$2 bills. Isaacs was immediately arrested and is now in jail. The robbers are four in number and are supposed to

be pals of Isaacs. They were going in the direction of the Chickasaw Nation when last heard from. It is believed that the scheme was to rob the express company, which was frustrated by the action of Sheriff McGee. The robbers are heavily armed and well mounted. Four thousand dollars reward has been offered for their arrest. (Note there was not mention in later issues of "The Devil's River News" of how this situation was resolved.)

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, 307 Oak St., Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net You can call our offices on Tues. & Thurs. from 9-12:30.

## Sonora Church Hosts Program for Teenagers

By Lewis Allen

The Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting the Ministry Team from Teen Challenge International of San Antonio this Sunday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. The team will do a presentation of the ministry of team challenge, share testimonies, and lead singing during the morning worship service.

Teen Challenge is a Christian-based ministry of rehabilitation for individuals addicted to drugs or alcohol. There are 5 teen challenge centers in Texas: San Antonio, Houston, Coastal Bend, Magnolia, and Celina.

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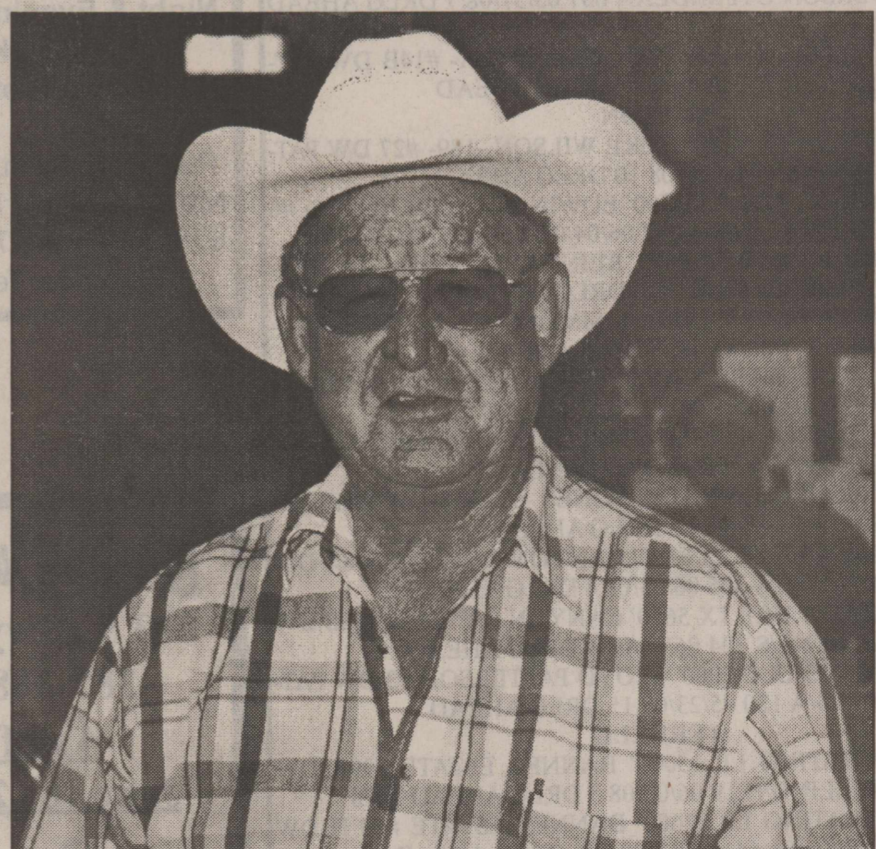
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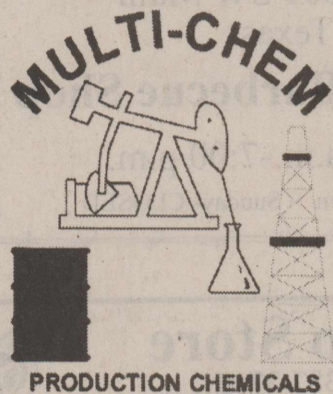
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## Preparing for the Hunt - Scouting

By T.R. Michels,  
Trinity Mountain Outdoors

As a professional writer, author and seminar speaker, one of the biggest problems I hear about or see is that many hunters do not "scout" (actual field scouting or glassing) as much as they should prior to the hunt so that they can gain as much information about the area, the game, the time the game move, and where the game moves in that area.

After scouting many different areas with several people, even accomplished hunters, and for many different species (whitetail, elk, turkey, pheasants, waterfowl, bear), I've come to the conclusion that several different factors contribute to this lack of preparation for the hunt - as in "scouting".

One of those factors (problems) is obviously time. Many hunters do not have sufficient time in their hectic schedules to adequately scout, whether it be the first time in an area, or the first time in an old area that year (things can change from year to year, such as trails wash out or fallen trees make them unusable; food sources change; development occurred).

If you want to be successful on a regular basis, give yourself enough time to adequately scout the entire area you have access to hunt, and use game cameras if you have to so you know what animals are there, where they spend the day (rest), where they generally travel, where they eat and get water, and at what time they are in or near each of those places. If you have time, you should also glass the area, so you actually see the animals (I even glass for waterfowl). And I do a lot of listening for elk, turkeys and pheasants.

Even if the animals are not using the area you hunt, when you have a chance to scout, you still have the opportunity to learn where they sleep, eat, water and travel, if you look for sign in the weeks before you hunt, during the weeks you hunt (which you should continually do, because as the seasons, and weather changes, the habitat and food sources change; and as the breeding season progresses, the activities of the animals change, and where and when they are active may change), in the weeks after you hunt, and during the rest of the year. If it rains or snows, and lets up, get out the door, because the animals will

move, and leave evidence of where they move. You should also either sit and watch, or place cameras in high activity locations to find out what time the animals move.

Another problem is that hunters do not see some signs because they do not know where to look, or the signs are hard to see due to infrequent or one-time use, or due to vegetation; they do not read sign (interpret it) as well as they should, or they do not interpret it correctly. The cure to this is either learn it from someone who is not good but great at interpreting sign. You can do that by reading books and articles, going to seminars, watching TV or videos, or by actually going with them which is generally the best.

This is one of the reasons why I started my Hunting University, because I've learned that even though I think I write fairly good descriptions of sign, and I have good slides for seminars and photos for books, internet and articles, actual in-field experience, with someone to help you understand what you are looking at, and at what time of year the sign was made, and at what time of day it was made, is the best way to learn to interpret sign correctly.

If you think you are lacking in the area of "interpretation" of sign - find an expert - and learn from them.

And scout the area, particularly at the time of year when you plan to hunt, and in the immediate weeks before you hunt (so you know where the animals are), and glass the area or use cameras to find out what time of day the animals are most active at particular places where you can hunt them (blind/stand sites).

And then scout it some more. Scouting is not only the biggest part of the hunt, it can

be the most fun and rewarding part of the hunt. With early duck, goose and deer seasons just around the corner, July and August is a great time to start your scouting for the fall hunting season.

If you are interested in more deer hunting tips, or more deer biology and behavior, log on to Trinity Mountain Outdoor News and T.R.'s Hunting Tips at [www.TRMichels.com](http://www.TRMichels.com). If you have questions about deer, elk, turkey or waterfowl log on to the T.R.'s Tips message board. To find out when the rut begins, peaks and ends

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"Planning for a prescribed burn should begin a year before the fire is carried out," said Kent Ferguson, NRCS state rangeland management specialist. "A sound grazing management program is the key to producing adequate amounts of fine fuel for a successful prescribed burn."

In planning now for next year's burn, steps to be taken include:

- Consulting with NRCS, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas AgriLife Extension Service, The Nature Conservancy, prescribed burn associations and neighbors with prescribed burn experience.

- Developing a written prescribed burn plan based on your goals and objectives that will be followed on burn day.

The plan will include details of the prescribed fire, such as detailed description of the area to be burned, the design of fireguards, the removal of brush piles and slash at least 500 feet into the burn area, personnel needs for the burn, required weather and fuel conditions, and other details of the burn that meet your prescription.

"Burning is an inexpensive and effective way to manage your grazing resources," Ferguson said. "But you won't get the results you want if you don't plan ahead."

If you would like more information about planning a prescribed burn on your property, contact your local NRCS field office or visit the NRCS Texas Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

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For most of us, the idea of behaving obnoxiously at our child's sporting event is detestable.

For a few, however, it is reality. For even fewer, their obnoxious behavior has made the news.

With the beginning of summer sports, such as Little League baseball, this is a good time to review some basic rules of behavior during children's sporting events. It's also a good time to take stock and ask, "Do I rave and rage during my child's games or meets?"

It's easier to admit the truth to ourselves and to make changes rather than to wait for someone else to tell us we've stepped over the line.

It's also a much healthier way to build a relationship with our child. Children, along with coaches, referees and other parents, notice and

become embarrassed and upset, when parents show their anger in the sporting arena.

Two parents have written several books about being a "SportsMom." They focus on parental behavior at kids' athletic events. Laurel Phillips, a registered nurse at the University of Michigan and Barbara Stahl, a marketing consultant who graduated from Miami University, offer ideas

about parental behavior at kids' sporting events. Among them are:

- Begin by admitting to yourself that you are not doing a good thing. Recognize that your behavior destroys the team's concentration. Understand that if your child displayed similar aggressive behavior on the playing field, he or she would be thrown out of the game.

- Don't blame someone else

for your fits of rage. No one can make you lose control, except yourself.

- Figure out what really bothers you. Is it questionable calls from the referee, the team's bad play, your kid's poor follicle through or the opponent's rough play? Before the game even begins, identify your "hot buttons," so you can prepare ahead to get a grip.

- When you are off the sidelines, review the events that upset you. Come up with a different response for the next time.

- Remember that silence can be golden. If you don't trust your mouth once it's open, practice keeping it closed. Limit yourself to supportive and positive comments only.

- Empathize! Could the referee have had his eye on something else when he made that bad call? Is your team playing a team that simply is better?

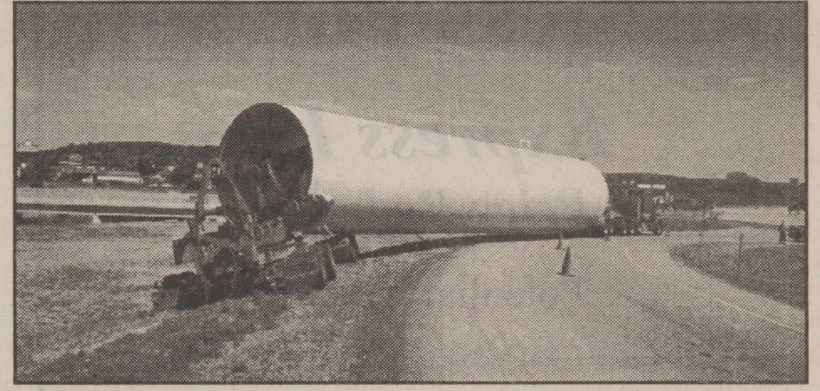
Did your child have a difficult day in school that is throwing him or her off kilter?

- Remind yourself that all the yelling in the world never changed a team's play, a child's performance, a ref's call or the outcome of a game. What does it get you? Higher blood pressure, a red face and an embarrassed child -- not a pretty picture.

- Practice the same type of self-control you would expect of your son or daughter. That glance of appreciation you see likely will be coming from those around you who appreciate parents who attend their kid's games and keep their cool.

For more information about the "job responsibilities" of parenting contact your local county extension office. Source: Ann Zander, Colorado State University Extension

## Heavy Load Comes Close to the Edge



By Ben D. Taylor

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## Comanche's Outlaw Festival Goes Literary

By Tumbleweed Smith

John Wesley Hardin, the famous outlaw gunslinger, spent sometime in Comanche. In fact, he killed one of his thirty or so victims there. The deceased was a deputy sheriff from Brown County named Charles Webb.

Lawmen from Texas chased Hardin all over the south, finally finding him in Florida and bringing him back to Comanche for trial in 1878. He got 25 years. But jail was good for Hardin. He got religion. Hardin was the son of a Methodist minister and apparently in prison he had time to think about things and write his memoirs. He headed up the prison Sunday School and read theological books. He also studied law and when he was pardoned in 1894, he was admitted to the Texas bar. He was in El Paso representing a relative when he was shot to death by constable John Selman.

For years, Comanche staged a "John Wesley Hardin Days" celebration. The usual small town events took place: booths on the court house square, musical entertainment, arts and crafts, food, even mock gunfights. Apparently some of the citizens of Comanche grew weary of honoring one of the state's most notorious outlaws, so this year, to celebrate the founding of Comanche 150 years ago, they tried something different. They changed the name to "Western Tales and Trails" and invited writers and storytellers to sell books and spin yarns on the Comanche courthouse square.

They even invited me to be a part of the event. I was in good company. Other writers there were Elmer Kelton, Charles Chupp and Barbra Clack.

Most everybody has heard of Elmer. He has written some fifty books and got better at his craft with each one. He has won numerous

literary awards. He re-wrote one of his books, *The Time It Never Rained*, three times.

Charles Chupp of De Leon is one of the funniest guys you'll ever meet. He is such a good writer he subbed for George Dolan, front-page columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram when George took a few days off. One of Chupp's latest books is about dogs he has had during his lifetime. Chupp has served as mayor of De Leon.

Barbra Clack is an elementary teacher in Albany who has her students start each day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag.

She told me that one day a little girl came up to her and asked, "What is liver tea?" Barbara told the little girl that when she was reciting the pledge, instead of saying "liver tea" she should say "liberty."

That got Barbra to thinking about the students saying the

pledge by rote and not realizing what it was all about. So she wrote a book called *The Pledge of Allegiance* to help kids understand things like freedom.

A lot of people bought books in Comanche, an extremely literate community. Part of the credit for the informed citizenry goes to Margaret Waring, the librarian. She runs one of the best libraries in the state.

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## All the News That Fits...We Print

By Dr. Don Newberry

It is with a sense of trepidation that the subject is broached at all. Maybe it's akin to moths being drawn to fatal flames or criminals returning to crime scenes. This admitted, I introduce this week's topic—watermelons and recipes. They've gotten me into considerable trouble in the past, and here I go, diving headfirst into controversy's inviting pool....

As Sister Maria sang with the von Trapp Family Singers (remember "Sound of Music"?), let's just start at the very beginning, a very fine place to start.... I, a mere collegian, had just survived my freshman year. My summer aspiration was to earn minimum wage on the lowest rung of the journalistic ladder as the "editorial staff of one" for the BROWN COUNTY GAZETTE'S June through August editions....

There were no illusions of earning national, state or even countywide writing laurels. My prayer was that the inked-up back shop guy and I could put out a paper each Thursday. Usually, it was 8-12 pages, and every word in the news space came from my standard Underwood typewriter that nearly always needed a new ribbon. Also, the "x" and "q" keys were always sticking.

(My theory was that it was from lack of use, since most words didn't require these letters.)

Whatever came in the front door, despite often being of dubious news value, was appealing to me, particularly if only minimal editing or re-writing were needed. After writing all the copy, proofing the ads and getting engravings made for pictures, my editorial assignment was finished for a few hours until the press rolled. Then, I rolled up my sleeves, folded the papers by hand, activated the addressograph gizmo (becoming an ink-stained wretch in the process), slapped on mailing labels and dropped the GAZETTE at the post office....

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With school out, many of our usual news sources dried up, and for that first summer issue, a farmer brought in the biggest watermelon he'd ever grown. In fact, it was the biggest one he'd ever seen in the county. Would we like a picture? Of course we would. (The thought occurred that he just MIGHT leave the melon. He didn't.) In the next issue, we ran a picture of Farmer Brown proudly displaying "the county's biggest watermelon."

It wasn't. The day after

the paper came out, his neighbor came in with a still larger melon, and yes, he expected a photo, too. Same thing the following week. You get the drift.

In one issue we devoted an entire page to several farmers, all vowing to have grown the biggest melons. (One guy brought in "the smallest melon," claiming it was lost in a crease on the palm of his hand. "I don't see it," I said. "I told you it was small," he answered....)

While we obviously erred in suggesting that ultimate melons had been grown, one cardinal rule was followed: We made every effort to spell the farmers' names right. Now, almost a half-century later, I smile when examining some newspapers that may feature two or three pages of snapshots—like the ones we used to fill extra pages in the school annuals—without a single person being identified. I figure they don't have much else to run, or have no melon pictures to fill space....

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On the recipe front, I take great pride in this very column to announce to readers across Texas an important new recipe that may not revolutionize breakfast menus, but then again, it may. (Recipes made

me sick in my early days of journalism. I had a hard time "getting them right." One long ago issue included a recipe calling for a "supful" of flour. A woman called in, saying she had heard of "sips" but not "sups." I told her there were four "sips" in a "sup," and never heard from her again. Maybe her husband came in from the field, wondering if we really meant "CUPful," which, of course, we did.)

Again, apologies for digression. My wonderful new recipe, born of necessity, may extend both marriages and life spans. Wives—typically the collectors, filers and regular users of recipes—are ecstatic when husbands offer to help out with the cooking. My culinary offerings have been limited to grilling outdoors and preparing tuna salad indoors—until now!

Our grandson Ben, who's into this counting thing at age two—so far, in English only—laughs when he counts Poppy's recipes—two! Now, he screams "three!" when he invades my recipe file....



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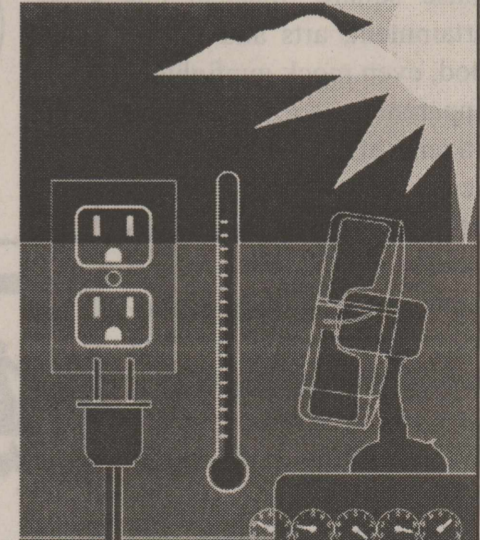
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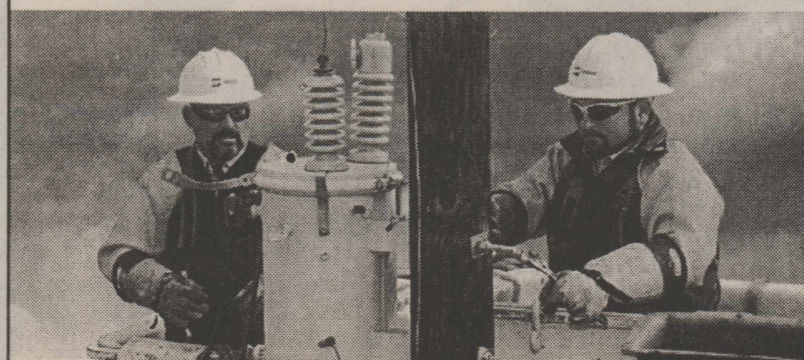
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109 Draw St.	\$91,500	
106 Oakwood	\$122,000	Price Reduced
101 Sawyer Ct.	\$122,500	
410 S. Crockett	\$130,000	
126 E. Castlehill Rd.	\$154,900	Contract Pending
120 Oakwood	\$185,000	Contract Pending
102 Oakwood	\$185,000	Contract Pending
107 Draw St.	\$195,000	
112 Edgemont Rd.	\$210,000	Contract Pending
1893 S. Service Rd.	\$315,000	

**Acreage & Lots**

1000 St. Ann's St.	\$6500	Contract Pending
128 Deerwood Dr.	\$7000	
50 Acres - Sutton Co.	\$3000/Acre	
160.55 Ac. w/home - Sutton Co.	\$565,000	
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3 BR/ 2 BA, Brick home, CH/CA, carpet-tile flooring, double car garage.

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**\$79,900**



Properties Listed in Sonora

Sports

# Stay Injury-Free While Exercising This Summer

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/  
Weill Cornell Medical Center

Summer, in all its blazing, sunny glory, is back! There's plenty of time to get out on the fairway with your golf clubs or onto a court with your racquet. However, this also means there's time for a sports injury to put an end to your summer fun. Golfer's elbow, climber's finger and runner's knee are just a few of the problems that can plague the boys (and girls) of summer.

Dr. William Levine, chief of sports medicine at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/ Columbia University Medical Center, recommends the following rules of the game to avoid athletic injuries:

- Your best bet is to prevent injuries before they happen. First of all, start slow. Don't expect to be in the same playing condition that you ended up in last fall, even if you have been maintaining your fitness level. New activities require muscles and joints to respond in a different way. This may result in minor soreness while your body adjusts. If you push yourself too hard too soon, that minor soreness could turn into something more serious.

- Don't forget to warm up. Although you may feel warm in good weather, you still have to give your muscles a chance to go through the motions and get blood pumping to all the necessary areas. Gentle stretching before finishing your activity will help those

hard-working muscles retain and improve flexibility.

- For tennis elbow, runner's knee, and similar injuries, try R.I.C.E. -- Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. Rest means that the injured area is not put through any undue strain. When icing a body part, apply the ice in a covering so that it is not in direct contact with the skin. A cotton handkerchief covering the ice is helpful. Ice the affected area several times a day, for about 20 minutes at a time. Compression is applying pressure to the injured area to stop bleeding (if any is occurring) or to reduce swelling. Elevation helps in these respects as well. Compression and elevation are to be used in the case of acute injuries, such as a twisted ankle.

- Take frequent breaks. Even tennis pros rest between sets. Taking a rest doesn't mean that you have to completely stop all activity, although it may be advisable sometimes. Just rest the body parts that are working hard and are susceptible to injury.

- The single most important thing you can do is pay attention to your body. Don't ignore the little aches and pains in the joints and muscles. They are early signals that could help you prevent more serious injuries.

## Summer Weight Room Schedule

June 2-5	7-8:30	Hanson/Duncan
June 9-12	7-8:30	Evans/Boxell
June 16-19	7-8:30	Rodriguez/ Tutle
June 23-26	7-8:30	Brooks/Favila
June 30-July 3	7-8:30	Brooks/Pearce
July 7-10	7-8:30	Gallegos/Boxell
July 14 -17	7-8:30	Tutle/Evans
July 21-24	7-8:30	Gallegos/Duncan

"Opposition is a natural part of life. Just as we develop our physical muscles through overcoming opposition - such as lifting weights - we develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and adversity."

-Steven R. Covey



Congratulations!  
Isaiah Lira & Raully Ojeda  
for making  
All-Tournament in Eldorado

## 7-on-7 Football

Sonora athletes competed in a 7-on-7 football game against Central students Thursday, June 7th. These athletes will continue with the next 7-on-7 game Saturday June 21st.



Doctors and scientists said that breaking the four-minute mile was impossible, that one would die in the attempt. Thus, when I got up from the track after collapsing at the finish line, I figured I was dead.

-Roger Bannister

(After becoming the first person to break the four-minute mile)

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