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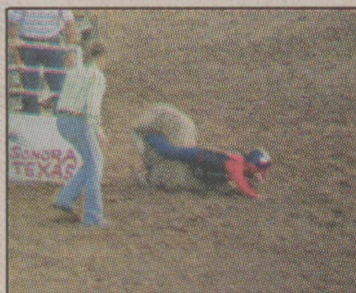
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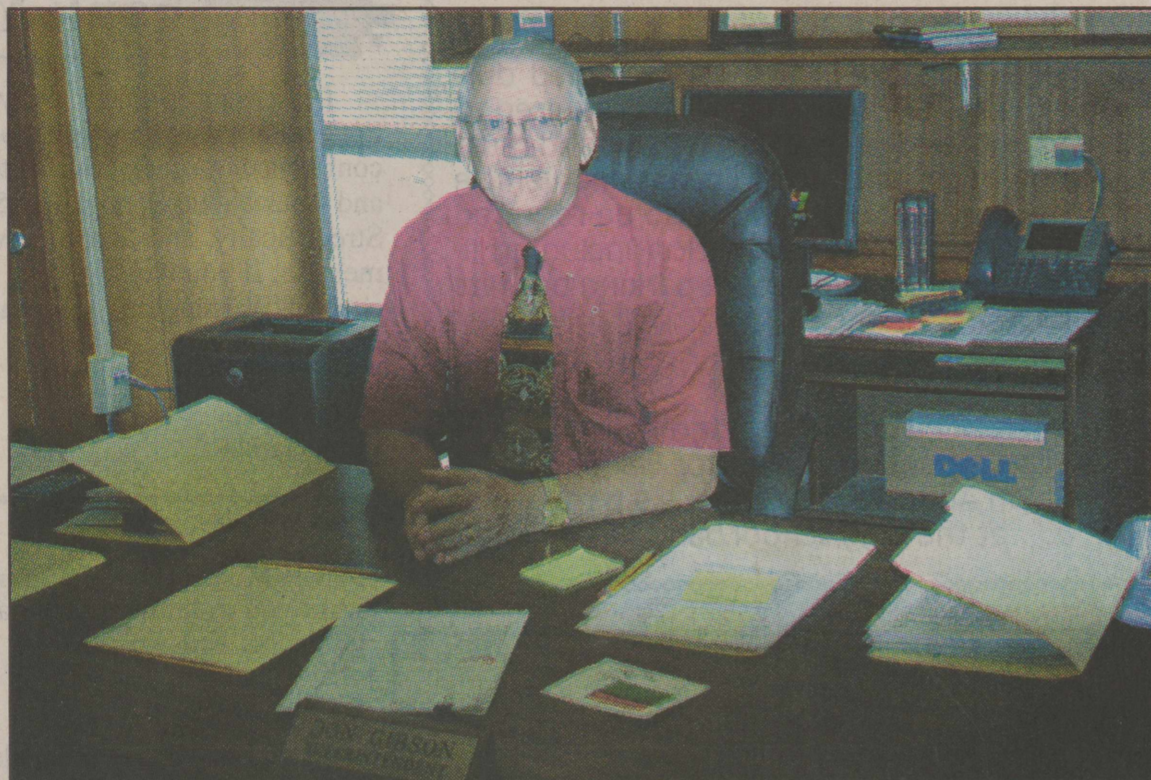


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## SISD Welcomes (Back) Superintendent



by Ben D. Taylor

After over 20 years in education, Don Gibson had retired. He had served as a teacher, coach, and school administrator in towns across West Texas and looked forward to a long rest after his

career. By all accounts he was enjoying his retirement, then in August of 2008 he got a call from Sonora ISD. His retirement is now on hiatus.

"I was ready to retire. I think more than anything though, I

was just burned out. I took a break and now I am back full time," Don commented to me during an interview on August 4th. He and his wife Debbie are settling into Sonora and

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## Firing Off For Football



The Sonora Football team started practice in anticipation of the 2008 season. The practices have been hot and grueling (late summer temperatures are now reaching over 100 degrees), but the atmosphere is one of cool determination. The community is firing off of the line to support our Broncos with the 2nd annual "Meet the Broncos" event to be held at St. Ann's Parish Hall on August 16th. Everyone is welcome to come meet the Broncos at 2:30 and enjoy brisket. Admission is free but, if you do come, please bring a covered dish.

## Sonoran Travels With People To People Program



Michael Stephens, a student at Sonora High School, just returned from a 19-day People to People Student Ambassador Program to England and France. Michael traveled with a delegation of 39 stu-

dents from the Abilene and San Angelo area, participating in many activities such as touring London, Parliament, and the memorial where the Magna Carta is preserved. They stayed at the British Sailing Academy for 3 days learning how to sail, spent the night at Warwick castle, and traveled on to Stonehenge. After taking an over night ferry ride to France, they participated in a July 4th wreath laying ceremony at the WWII memorial at Normandy. In France, they visited the monastery Mont St. Michel, then traveled on to Paris, viewing many landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the Palace of Versailles, and the Louvre.

Stephens was selected to participate in the educational travel program and is completing the academic credit requirements related to the program's culture and heritage excursions. He traveled under the leadership of Marissa Contreras and Phil Speciale who are teachers in the San Angelo school district.

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## Sonora to Host Smith Pro Rodeo's "GREATEST SHOW ON DIRT"



Photo by David Jennings

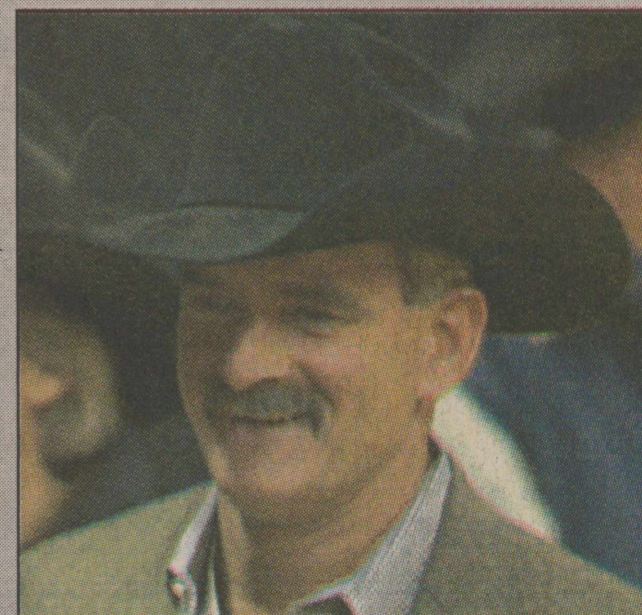
By Bonnie Lou Campbell

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will be teaming up with Stace Smith and Smith Pro Rodeo this year for the "Greatest Show on Dirt"! Rated as one of the best small town PRCA Rodeos in the country, this year top cowboys and cowgirls from around the country will compete for over \$22,000 in prize money.

Slack will begin on Thursday, August 7th at 8:30 a.m. with the first go-round of timed events. The second go-round will begin at 5:00 p.m. Action will start up again Friday, August 8th at 8:30 a.m. with girl's Barrel Racing and Steer Roping. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature local Mutton Busters and County Team Ropers along with some exciting Dodge Series Pro Rodeo action.

After the rodeo on Friday, dance under the stars from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. and on Saturday night from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. to Jake Hooker and The Outsiders at the Sutton County park slab.

This year's rodeo events are proudly sponsored by Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, Enertech Wireline Services, JMC Transport Services, Lost Lake Ranch, Glazers Wholesale, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.



Stace Smith, owner of Smith Pro Rodeos, has participated in rodeo at every level - from contestant and chute boss to pickup man and stock contractor.

Stace Smith produces more PRCA rodeos than any other stock contractor in the PRCA. In 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 Stace Smith was named Stock Contractor of the Year in the PRCA. Also in 2004, Smith Pro Rodeos had two rodeos in the top five in two of the four categories.

In 2005, Small Rodeo of the Year was awarded to the MDA Benefit Rodeo in Athens, Texas, which was created by and has been produced by Stace Smith since 1995. In 2006 Smith Pro Rodeos had a rodeo in the top five in three of the four categories.

Stace Smith Pro Rodeos owns 321 head of horses in its bucking horse program. Of these, approximately 140 head are of age and condition to be hauled to rodeos and bucking events. They own approximately 60 head of bulls that they take to PRCA and PBR events. They had 15 horses and 5 bulls at the 2005 National Finals Rodeo. In addition, Smith Pro Rodeos was awarded the 2005 PRCA Bareback Horse of the year and the 3rd place 2005 PRCA Saddlebronc Horse of the Year.

Smith Pro Rodeos is the committee or partners with the committee at eleven of the thirty rodeos they produced last year. Because of this, they have an inside edge on what it takes to help committees achieve one of the ultimate goals of spectator sports, which is putting spectators in the seats.



## 63 Years Later Veterans Remember Hiroshima

AUSTIN - At 8:15 a.m. August 6, 1945, the United States became the first nation on earth to use an atomic weapon in war.

"Little Boy", the single bomb dropped on Hiroshima, ended the lives of more than 140,000 men, women and children. Three days later, the U.S. dropped another atomic bomb, "Fat Man", on Nagasaki killing another 80,000. On August 15, the Empire of Japan surrendered and Americans were spared from the specter of a bloody invasion of the mainland.

Old soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines remember how they felt when the bombs were dropped, as well as what they think now. Voices of Veterans, an oral history

program run by the Texas Veterans Land Board, asks each veteran interviewed to share their personal story about this pivotal time in U.S. history. Their stories are posted on a website for all to hear, [www.voicesofveterans.com](http://www.voicesofveterans.com)

"I had no regrets. Harry Truman was saving a lot of American lives," said James Groesbeck, a staff officer with the 8th Fleet during the war. "Those were my thoughts at the time. I don't know how I feel, knowing what I know now."

Groesbeck has since visited Hiroshima. "The Japanese have kept it as a reminder of the horrors of war," he said. "And boy, it's a devastated place."

Jerry Patterson, Chairman

of the Texas Veterans Land Board, created the Voices of Veterans Program so the personal stories of Texas veterans could be captured and archived for future historians. Patterson is a Vietnam Veteran and retired Marine Lt. Colonel.

"Every veteran has a story to tell. The goal of this project is to ensure that those treasured memories are not lost forever," Patterson said. "These veterans remind us that ordinary people, placed in unthinkable situations, can do extraordinary things."

James Crabtree, a Captain in the Marine Corps who served in Iraq, runs the program for Patterson. For Crabtree, it is an honor to be able to capture the intimate details that would otherwise be lost to the broad-strokes of history.

"All the major battles and personalities are well-documented," Crabtree said. "But the individual stories, those add to the entire picture. The goal of the Voices of Veterans Program is to gather as many of these personal stories as we can. It all comes together like a big patchwork quilt."

The stories themselves are fascinating, Crabtree said.

Jesse Cruz, a lineman with the Army's 99th Signal Battalion, was in Manila preparing for the anticipated invasion of Japan. Cruz remembers looking out at all the activity in the crowded Leyte Gulf and feeling relief.

The gulf was "just teaming with soldiers, war machines of all sorts, landing craft, you name it," Cruz said. "What we were doing, was prepar-

ing to go into Japan ... and it had been understood that every man, woman and child was armed in Japan, waiting for us."

Ralph Miller, a pilot with the Army Air Corp's 336th Bomb Group, had already served his tour in Europe and was on the way home when he heard the news.

Miller had been traveling home by plane, train, and finally was on a bus headed into his hometown of Rochester, Indiana when he noticed "all the noise and hoopla."

"Bells rang, whistles blew, people were standing along the street - all sorts of excitement was visible from my window on the bus," Miller said. "I thought, 'Oh boy, they knew I was coming and there's a big celebration for old Miller.'"

Miller spent the last mile of his trip composing in his mind what he'd say to the expected welcoming committee.

But when the bus turned the corner and there was no one at the bus station, Miller soon figured out what the celebration was about.

"It was VJ Day, and people were celebrating the end of the war in the Pacific," he said. "I had to call my mother for a ride."

Patterson is urging World War II veterans like Miller to share their stories with the Voices of Veterans Oral History Program.

Oral history interviews can be conducted in person at the Veterans Land Board in Austin or by telephone from anywhere in Texas. All that's required is completion of the interview release form and a couple of hours for the interview.

Any veteran interested in including his or her story in the Voices of Veterans program should contact the Veterans Land Board at 1-800-252-VETS (8387), or visit [www.voicesofveterans.com](http://www.voicesofveterans.com).

To hear more Texas veterans tell what they thought on August 6, 1945, visit: [www.glo.state.tx.us/news/VOV/media.htm](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/news/VOV/media.htm)

Choice of attention is to the inner life what choice of action is to the outer. In both cases, a man is responsible for his choice and must accept the consequences, whatever they may be.

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## Crockett County 4-H Open Youth Rodeo

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Broken Arrow Buckles will be given for all-around boy and girl in each age group, except lead line. Lead line halters will be given for overall all-around. Tack will be given to places 2-4 all-around in each group.

After the Crockett County 4-H Youth Rodeo is over the Zane Coates Memorial Bronc Riding will take place.

For more information and an entry blank please call the Crockett County 4-H office at 325-392-2722 or you may call Wendy Justiss at 325-226-2305.

# Traveling With A Monkey

## Air Force One and The Farmer

By Tumbleweed Smith

Tommy Lucia grew up in Minnesota during some rough times. When he was eleven years old he set pins in a bowling alley until 1 AM and had three paper routes. His mother worked day and night to feed the family. When he was fifteen he went to his first rodeo and his life was changed forever.

"I wanted to be a bull rider," says Tommy, who now lives in Weatherford. "So I started going to rodeos, competing in bull riding and bare-back events. It was a challenge to see if I was tough enough."

He became a rodeo clown at age 19 and for 20 years performed at rodeos all over the country, including the National Finals Rodeo. During that time he trained animals for

various clown routines.

"I would train a goat, a dog or a horse. I had a lot of original acts and used all kinds of animals. It takes a long time to train one. You have to get to know the animal and he has to know you."

He quit clowning in about 1982 and started doing specialty acts. At rodeo arenas these days, he has a monkey named Whiplash who rides a border collie while the dog pens some sheep.

"The sheep are Barbado. I use those because they stay so wild and it makes the dog really have to work. I've been using Whiplash for more than 35 years. He rides in a special saddle made by Cactus Saddlery in Greenville that makes saddles for the National Finals

rodeo. It's a very light, custom fit saddle for the dog's back. It's not like a saddle for a horse where you cinch it up. We don't draw it tight because we want the dog to be able to breathe good and have freedom of movement. It takes a long time to get that just right so Whiplash can ride and balance himself. Of course his tail is wrapped around the dog. His front feet have hold of the hair on the dog's front shoulders and he's got the saddle horn or bars to hang onto. So he sits up there and rides."

The monkey and dog make a good team. No matter how many quick stops and turns the dog makes, the monkey stays on. During the act he wears a shirt, bandana and hat and makes all sorts of movements when the dog is crouched on the arena floor. He'll look at people in the stands or reach down and pick up some dirt.

"I don't think the word teach is in the monkey's realm of understanding. I call it negotiate. You have to make it interesting for the animal, something they're going to like to do."

This Whiplash is 21 years old and has a special room in Tommy's house.

"He has his own radio, TV and DVD player. He watches DVD's all day.

We have a lot of Walt Disney and Sponge Bob

Air Force One crashed in the middle of rural America. Panic stricken, the Secret Service mobilized and descended on the farm in force. When they got there, the wreckage was clear. The aircraft was totally destroyed, with only a burned hulk left smoldering in a tree line that bordered a farm. Secret Service descended upon the smoking hulk but could find no remains of the crew or the President's staff.

To their amazement, a lone farmer was plowing a field not too far away as if nothing at all happened. They hurried over to surround the man's actor. "Sir," the senior Secret Service agent asked, panting and out of breath. "Did you see this terrible accident happen?" "Yep. Sure did." The man muttered unconcernedly. "Do you realize that is the President of the United States' airplane?" "Yep." "Were there any survivors?" the agent gasped. "Nope. They's all kilt straight out." The farmer sighed cutting of his tractor motor.

"I done buried them all myself. Took most of the morning." "The President of the United States is DEAD?" The agent gulped in disbelief. "Yep, he kept a-saying he wasn't ... but you know what a liar he is!"

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**The Sonora Woman's Club** will be publishing a new address book. If you want your address included or you do not want to be included, please send your information to Sonora Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1402, Sonora, TX 76950.

**The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church** are selling their cookbook "Breaking Bread: Meals and Memories of St. John's Episcopal Church". The cookbook is available at the church office Mon.-Wed. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and at Ol' Sonora for \$20.00.

**Sonora High School Class of 1998 10 Year Reunion** Saturday, August 9 @ Sutton County Steakhouse-Texas Room, 5:00 p.m. Bring family and friends and join us for dinner. (Meal not provided) Kellie (Downing) Crain: 325-226-5856, kelliedean@yahoo.com Please spread the word -no official invitations will be sent!

**Float Parade** Saturday, August 9. Begins at First National Bank (Main and Concho), ends at the fairgrounds. Line-up starts at 8:00 a.m., and parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Please call Kellie Crain for details. 325-226-5856

**SHS 2008 Junior Class** will be operating the coke trailers during the rodeo at Sutton County Days. Any Junior or parent that would like to help please call Marris @ 387-2507 or 387-2041.

**Sonora High School Class of 1978** will be having their 30 Year Reunion at noon Sat. Aug. 9 at the home of Sharon and Johnny Creek. FMI call Brenda @ 387-3340 or Janice @ 387-3460.

**The Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary** is selling tickets for a 42" Flat Screen HDTV and a child's motorized John Deere Gator. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Sutton County Days. You do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be held at Sutton County Days. Prizes can be seen at Everett's Furniture Store. All proceeds will go toward a new landscaping project at the Hospital.

**The Board of Directors** of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a public hearing and its regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 301 S. Crockett Avenue. Public is invited.



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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### MAY 3, 1978

# Preston Love Recalls 50 Years of Ranching

By Wes Burnett

"There were no paved streets or concrete sidewalks...just dirt and boards," Preston F. Love remembers about his first look at Sonora more than 50 years ago.

The long-time Sutton County rancher has seen a lot of changes through the years... serving as ranch foreman for Sol Mayer and Son and the Mayer and Roussetot Ranch until retiring in 1976.

Preston Love came to Sonora in February 1928 in response to a call from his brother, Clarence.

"Clarence was working as ranch foreman for Mayer and Wilkinson who were leasing 60 sections of the T-Half Circle Ranch," Love explains.

"My older brother Gus was ranch foreman for Sol Mayer, who owned the T-Half Circle and operated the other 60 sections," he adds.

"Well," Love recalls, at the age of 17 and not much to do at home, I decided to join Clarence."

"I was born July 29, 1911 near Medina in Bandera County," Love comments. "My dad had a small ranch there."

#### Bandera County

His dad, Preston O. Love, moved to Bandera County in the 1870's and settled on a ranch near Love Creek, which was named after Love's grandfather, who was one of the first settlers.

"My mother was Melinda Lloyd, born in Llano Coun-

ty," he adds.

The Sutton County commissioner also explains that he was raised on the family ranch near the Sabinal River and went to the Nalyon School in Bandera County.

"I rode a horse or walked three miles to school," he adds, "for seven years."

After school Love worked on neighboring ranches until leaving home for "dad's ranch just couldn't support more than one family," he explains about leaving home.

Soon after arriving here, Love's brother Clarence left the ranch and leased the Robins Ranch, now the Philip Jacoby Ranch.

Working as a ranch hand, Love found himself too busy to see any real problem when a new foreman took over his brother's duties.

"Roy Crowell only stayed until October 1928," Love remembers, "and when he left, Mr. Wilkinson called me in and told me I'd have to be in charge of all the hands."

"I had picked up enough Spanish to get by, but it was a little rough telling those older fellows what to do."

Love recalls that trips to town in those days were few and far between.

#### Visits Sonora

"We might go once a month to Sonora," he remembers, "and Sam and Fred Hull had the most modern building in town, the Sonora Motor Co." In fact, the First National Bank

Building was in the building that now serves as ASCS offices on Main St.

"The very first deposit I made at the bank," Love smiles as he recalls the event, "was with Jack Neill, the teller."

Neill now serves as chairman of the board of the First National Bank.

"There were no saloons in town, because of prohibition, although a person could find refreshments if he really tried," Love observes about Sonora's earlier day.

"We used a Model T touring car for transportation, but most ranch work was done with horses, mules and wagons," he continues.

#### Bunk Houses

The first few years Love lived in the bunk house, as Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson moved to town in 1929, but Love remained in the bunk house until after his marriage to Alma Schrier on Dec. 18, 1933.

"I first met Alma in 1931," Love adds, "she was one of her relatives' house in Sonora. One of her cousins worked at the ranch and I went to town with him...where I met her," he recalls.

Alma came to Sonora with her family in 1929 from near Austin where her dad worked on ranches.

"We were married by Schleicher County Judge Frank Bradley in Eldorado" Love adds, "Alma was only 16." They now have three

children: Tommy and Preston O. of Sonora and Martha Simms of San Angelo.

The newlyweds moved into the ranch house, a five-room box lumber structure built in the 1880's and heated by a wood stove and no fireplace.

#### Worst Winter

They remember the worst winter ever.

"It was 1929-30...we had an 14 inch snowfall and in December 1929 it got down to 10 degrees," Love remembers.

"We lost lots of sheep, mostly freezing to the ground," he adds.

The heavy wool would get moisture from the snow and during the day it would thaw...and when the sheep lay down at night the damp wool froze solid.

"It was a terrible sight, and there just wasn't any way we could cover the whole ranch during that."

"Ranching hasn't changed a whole lot during the years," he adds, "shearing is about the same except for improvements in equipment and the way we stayed with the crews."

When Love first arrived in Sutton County, it was common practice to graze 350-400 sheep to a section. "We didn't realize we were overgrazing." During shearing time the ranch foreman stayed with the crews throughout the 15-18 days and nights, moving from place to place on the big ranch.

"We slept in bed rolls and

sheared 18,000 to 20,000 sheep, using Uvalde shearing crews. They had a Model T motor for their 14-drop machine," he adds.

On average the sheep sheared 10-12 pounds of grease wool.

"Our first supplemental feeding was in 1934," Love continues, "we gathered up the cattle and fed the thin ones and left the healthier ones to roam."

In those days they raised Delaine sheep, Hereford cattle and Angora goats.

#### Kid Crops

"And we had 125 percent kid crops," he remembers.

Cattle drives were common and the trips to Barnhart or Mertzon usually took 3 days.

"We followed a wagon road on the Devil's River Draw, driving 600 to 700 cows and calves. We took the cows so the calves would be easier to handle, then we'd bring the cows back," Love explains.

#### Wildlife

There wasn't much wildlife in Sutton County when Love first came here.

"The first two or three years I only saw one deer," he says. Ranchers, work hands and visiting hunters had killed off almost all the deer.

"Roy Hudspeth and W.E. Glasscock were the first ones to start efforts to save the wildlife, and their work has paid off."

In 1940 Mayer took back the lease and Love worked for

him on the south ranch.

"Mayer moved in 12,000 Rambouillet lambs, 200 Angus yearling heifers, 300 two-year-old Hereford along with 700 Suffolk ewes and rams," Love recalls.

The big difference today in ranching is lighter stocking, heavier lambs and the use of research data.

"In the past we went by experience and gut feeling," Love adds.

#### Sheep Improvements

"We've seen a dramatic improvement in the Rambouillet. In the earlier days they had big folds and wrinkles, short wool and very few graded staple wool."

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In 1946 Sol Mayer moved to the north ranch and turned the south ranch to his son Edwin.

In 1951 E.S. Mayer and son Ralph operated the ranch and in 1957 the ranch became Mayer and Roussetot, combining north and south ranch.

Love semi-retired from the foreman position in 1976 and now serves as a consultant to his son Tommy, ranch foreman.

But you'll still see Love working sheep almost every day.

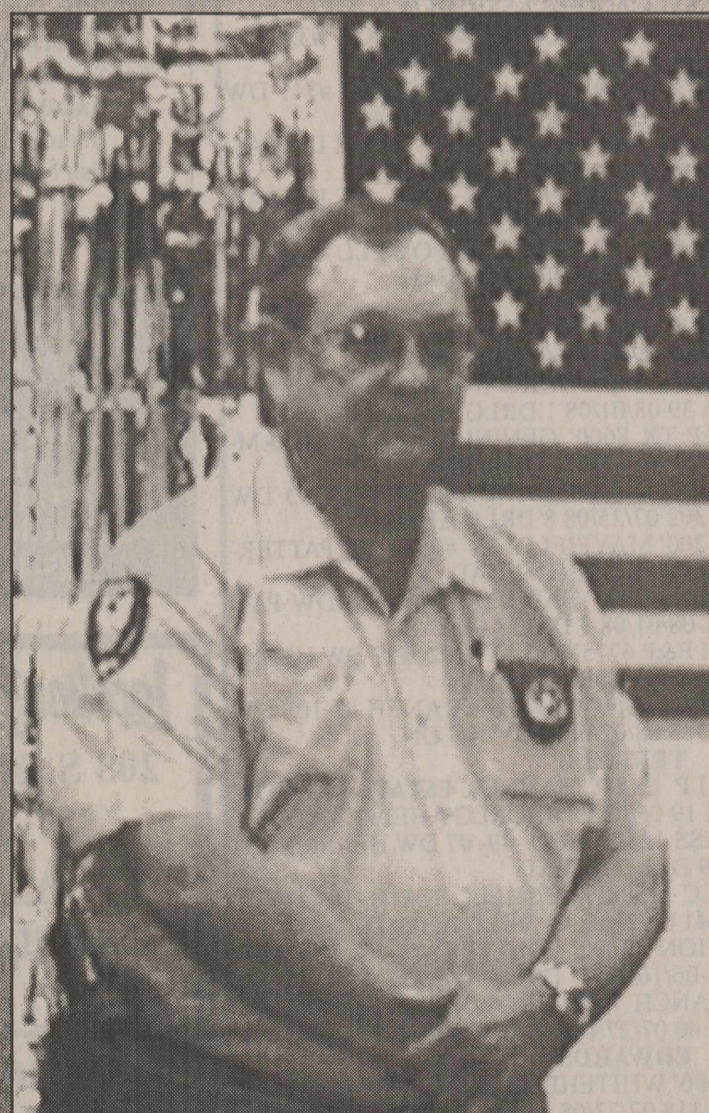
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It can be fun to shoot wildlife year-round. No, NOT poaching. I mean taking a "shot" with a camera. Photography can be a good way to catch outdoor and wildlife experiences during the hunt or any time of year. Here are a few suggestions for "capturing the moments" when you spot deer, birds, or any wildlife you enjoy.

First, always be alert. Know what's around you and what safety precautions you may need to take. Second, know your camera. If you have to search and fiddle with the controls, you'll miss the shot. Next, if yours is a digital camera, we all know that they go through batteries like turkeys go through deer corn, so always take extra batteries with you. Also keep in mind that some of the special camera batteries aren't always avail-

able at small-town convenience stores. Many compact digital cameras have a lag time between the depressing of the shutter-release button and the actual release of the shutter. Work around this unique challenge by practicing on moving subjects and anticipating the action. Another approach, if you have burst mode, is to simply hold down the shutter-release button, taking a series of shots. With luck you'll have captured the action you wanted.

Some cameras don't have the zoom capabilities necessary to take a picture of a buck at 50 yards, but they're more than adequate for capturing related scenes. Take many shots, varying the position of the hunter and photographer. Using a flash is may be necessary for at least some of the shots. The single most im-

portant ingredient to getting a good photograph is to have your camera with you at all times and to take many pictures.

A more passive but useful option is the use of remote-sensing cameras. The majority of the camera systems available to the general public today which are suitable for unattended wildlife observation are infrared-activated. These systems are activated when the subject crosses the invisible "beam" that extends between the transmitter and the receiver, and interrupts the infrared emission.

Remote-sensing cameras can be used to count deer and usually involve placing the cameras over baited areas or near feeders. However, this often leads to a high number of photographs of nontarget animals that are also attracted

to bait and feeder sites. One possibility is the use of combinations of urine scents and mock scrapes and can be a useful method to inventory the buck segment of the population. However, it probably would be a poor technique to determine sex and age ratios needed for a total population estimate.

If you have an interest in this topic, make plans to attend an educational workshop scheduled for August 12th at the Sutton County Civic Center. For details, call the Sonora Experiment Station at 387-3168 or the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.

*Dr. Selma Glasscock, Assistant Director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation.*  
*Early Bird tour begins at 7:00 am Tuesday August 12 at Eaton Hill (above the Presbyterian Church) for a bird watching tour then move to the Sutton County Civic Center for a program until noon. Program starts at the Civic Center at 8:30 a.m. Contact Butch Taylor or Nick Garza at (325) 387-3168 or the Sutton County Extension office at (325) 387-3101.*

**Junction Stockyards Inc.  
Market Report**

Sheep & Goats Market Report  
Sold 1738 head. Kids sold 1-3 lower.  
Other classes steady.

August 4, 2008

#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs. .96-1.04  
#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. .94-1.02  
#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs.  
#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs.  
Fat Ewes -.30-.40  
Thin Ewes -.10-.20  
Bucks -.28-.40  
Solid Mouth Ewes - .  
Ewe & Lamb Pairs - .  
Baby Tooth Angora  
Stocker Nannies -  
Solid Mouth Angora  
Stocker Nannies -  
Stocker Angora Muttons -  
Angora Kids -  
Angora Kids Shorn .80-1.10  
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) .10-.25  
(Fat) Nannies -.30-.35  
Muttons -  
Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.75  
Fat Spanish Nannies .38-.45  
Thin Spanish Nannies .12-.20  
Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .80-1.05 mutt .67-.80 billies  
Fat Yearlings - 1.00-1.05  
Fat Spanish Kids -.90-1.02  
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Fishing  
Report

Falcon: Water murky; 85 degrees. Black bass are fair flipping Brush Hogs in 2 - 8 feet. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on stinkbait. 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.

LBJ: Water stained; 83 degrees; 0.37' low. Black bass are fair on white Curb's Erratic jigs and perch crankbaits in clear water in 4 - 12 feet early, and on green pumpkin tubes and Texas rigged Big Pigs around docks and lay-downs. Striped bass are good on Creme Lure's 2" Spoiler Shads and Little Fishies at night. White bass are fair to good on Li'l Fishies at night. Crappie are fair to good on Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles in clear water. Channel catfish are very good on nightcrawlers, liver, and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

Amistad: Water stained; 83 degrees; 17.48' low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on Carolina rigged watermelon seed flukes and Senkos in 12 - 16 feet, and on Zara spoons and swimbaits in 4 - 12 feet. Striped bass are fair on swimbaits in the backs of coves. White bass are fair on chartreuse topwaters and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. 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.



## Kelly's Fish is Health Food

Submitted By:  
**Kelly L. Thorp, MS**  
 County Extension Agent  
 Family and Consumer Science  
 Texas AgriLife  
 Extension -Sutton County

Grill it, poach it, broil it, fry it. Any way you cook it, fish really is brain food. Not only that but, according to research, also food for your heart, prostate and more. Fish, particularly fatty fish, is a good source of the Omega-3 fatty acids, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). Omega-3 fatty acids have been shown to be beneficial in a myriad of ways.

The American Heart Association recommends two servings per week of fish such as mackerel, lake trout, herring, sardines, albacore tuna and salmon. All types of seafood contain some of the Omega-3 fatty acids, but the darker fish such as salmon contain more than lighter fish such as cod or halibut. Benefits to your heart may include:

- \* Decreased risk of cardiac arrhythmias.
- \* Decreased blood clot formation, sometimes involved in heart attacks and strokes.
- \* Decreased triglyceride levels.
- \* Decreased growth rate of atherosclerotic plaque.
- \* Improved artery health.
- \* Lower blood pressure.

French researcher Pascale Barberger-Gateau found that just one serving a week of fish decreased the risk of developing dementia by 30 percent.

Eating fatty fish several times a week may also lower the risk of developing prostate cancer by as much as half. A Swedish study of 3,500 postmenopausal women eating two servings of fatty fish a week found they were 40 percent less likely to develop endometrial cancer than those eating less than one-fourth of a serving a week.

Fish consumption during pregnancy may result in a

lower risk of preterm delivery or low birth weight. DHA in particular is essential for infant brain and eye development. It may even help prevent postpartum depression.

However, be aware that several types of fish - swordfish, shark, king mackerel, tuna and tilefish - are unsafe in any amount for pregnant or breastfeeding women, women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, and small children, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's advisory.

There is concern that these fish may contain high amounts of methylmercury, which has the potential to cause nervous system damage to a developing fetus and other damage to those at risk. Methylmercury is an industrial contaminant that sometimes finds its way into the waters in which fish live. The FDA states that no more than 12 ounces of cooked fish a week may be safely eaten by those in the high-risk groups, with choices coming from shellfish, canned fish, smaller ocean fish or farm-raised fish.

When shopping for fish, how do you know if it is fresh? Here are some clues:

- \* The fish's eyes should be clear and bulge a little. Only a few fish, such as walleye, have naturally cloudy eyes.
- \* Whole fish and fillets should have firm and shiny flesh. Dull flesh may mean the fish is old. Fresh whole fish also should have bright red gills, free from slime.
- \* If the flesh doesn't spring back when pressed, the fish isn't fresh.
- \* There should be no darkening around the edges of the fish or brown or yellow discoloration.
- \* The fish should smell fresh and mild, not fishy or ammo-

nia-like. It's always safest to cook seafood and it's a must for at-risk people.

The FDA 1997 Food Code recommends cooking most seafood to an internal temperature of 145 degrees Fahrenheit (63 C) for 15 seconds. If you don't have a meat thermometer, there are other ways to determine if seafood is done:

\* For fish, slip the point of a sharp knife into the flesh and pull aside. The edges should be opaque and the center slightly translucent with flakes beginning to separate. Let the fish stand three to four minutes to finish cooking.

\* For shrimp, lobster and scallops, check color. Shrimp and lobster turn red and the flesh becomes pearly opaque. Scallops turn milky white or opaque and firm.

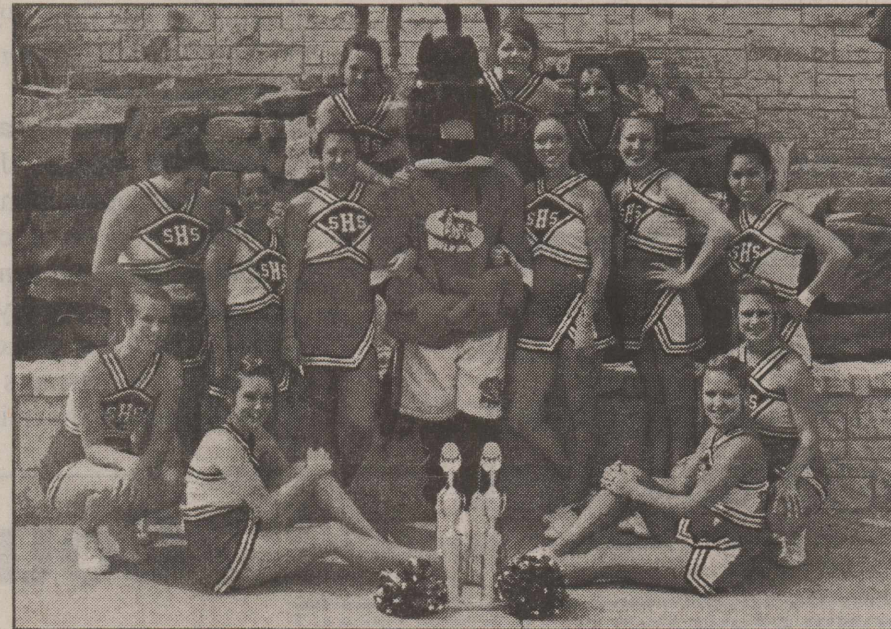
\* For clams, mussels and oysters, watch for the point at which their shells open. That means they're done. Throw out the ones that don't open.

For the latest in food safety information and consumer advisories, visit <http://www.foodsafety.gov/~fsg/seafood.html>

Fish is not only tasty but also loaded with health benefits when chosen with care and eaten in moderation. It needn't be expensive or difficult to prepare. Try sautéing fish in olive or canola oil, adding pepper, garlic and tomatoes toward the end. Oven-poach fillets in skim milk, adding some bread crumbs, black pepper and Parmesan cheese on the top.

Or slap a salmon steak on the grill. Any way you prepare it, fish will benefit your health! Source: Colorado Extension Service.

## Bronco Cheerleaders Make Sonora Proud



By Kate Jennings

Summer's almost over, and with that, the Bronco Varsity and JV Cheerleaders attended this year's UCA Cheer Camp at ASU from July 26-29th. Twenty squads attended the end-of-the-summer camp along with the Sonora squads. In addition to winning the spirit stick each evening, the Bronco Cheerleaders also won the most spirited squad at the sports rally on the third day. Varsity cheerleader Stephani Morriss and JV cheerleader Rose Karnes brought home All-Star Cheerleader honors. Stephani and Rose now have the opportunity to go to London, England, to represent Sonora. Stephani also won this award in 2007. Both the Varsity and JV squads achieved Superior Squad rankings at the camp for cheer and dance routines. These rankings qualify them to represent Sonora in Orlando, Florida during the Christmas holidays.

Varsity cheerleaders are: Seniors- Stephani Morriss, Savannah Leonard, Monica Traylor, Samantha Tidwell. Juniors- Kasey Gutierrez, Jalen Falcon, and Mascot Shaina Johnson. Sophomores- Morgan Smith, and Marissa Prieto. JV cheerleaders are: Sophomores- Rose Karnes, Maci Zuniga, Karina Trevino, and Kash McGee. Freshmen- Liz Chavarria and Hunter Jennings.

Thank you to the Sonora Golf Club for allowing the cheerleaders to hold a cart wash fundraiser at the tournament on August 2nd. The cheerleaders will also be selling "retro" uniforms from seasons past at Sutton County Days. We are looking forward to an OUTSTANDING Bronco football season. Go Get 'em Broncos!

## West Texas Threat Claims 1st Place



2008 14U MIDNIGHT MADNESS CHAMPS  
 First Row : Brittany Blackford, Ashley Fainbro, Karlyn Mitchell, Sarah Ramero, Angela Garcia, Kimberly Lomas. Middle Row: Morgan Montemayer, Alex Gomez, Kelli Wofford, Kelbi Creley, Sara Kingston, Ashton Huddleston, LeAndra Castañeda, Raynee Fisher, Coach Adrian Gomez. Back Row: Coach Loni Mendez, Coach Bobby Creley, and Coach Chris Gomez. Not Present - Loni Gomez

West Texas Threat claimed first place at the original Midnight Madness Tournament in San Angelo. An SHS freshman varsity softball player, LeAndra Castaneda, also played with Team Threat, helping them to their victory. The girls played strong under the sun and stars for three days, putting wins under their belts. We are proud of the girls' showing everyone what the word "team" means. Congratulations, LeAndra, for a job well done--your family is so proud of you!

## Exploring the Basics of Birding

Birding is one of America's most popular outdoor activities with approximately 47.7 million people spending an average of 115 days per person per year watching birds according to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. Because Texas has recorded over 600 species of birds, it is a popular destination site for many birders. So why do people find these little feathered creatures so fascinating, and how can you begin to discover what birds are on your own property or in your community? Join us in learning about birding during a field day scheduled on August 12th at the Sutton County 4-H Center. The field day will emphasize basic instruction in the skills and tools involved in bird identification, but will also include discussion

of birding tourism and issues associated with birding as a value-added recreational activity.

Participants will explore a variety of skills and techniques used in bird identification such as basic bird anatomy, field marks, and songs and calls. Habitat and season as they are related to bird diversity and abundance will be covered as will a discussion of the "tools of the trade" used in birding. Another goal of the program will be to explore what factors need to be evaluated if one is considering incorporating birding as a value-added recreational activity on private property or within the community.

The field day will be led by Dr. Selma Glasscock, Assistant Director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation in Sinton, Texas. Dr. Glasscock assists with wildlife and range management,

research, and education on the Welder Wildlife Refuge in south Texas. She leads birding field days as part of the Foundation's conservation education program.

The program will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12 at Eaton Hill (above the Presbyterian Church, 401 E. Mulberry in Sonora) for a bird watching tour and then move to the Sutton County Civic Center (next to the rodeo arena) for a program until noon. Bring your binoculars. If you cannot make it at 7:00 a.m. then meet us at the Civic Center at 8:30 a.m. If you need directions or more information, please contact Butch Taylor or Nick Garza at (325) 387-3168 or the Sutton County Extension office at (325) 387-3101.

## A Barbers Folly

A priest went into a Washington, DC barbershop, got his hair cut and asked how much he owed. "No Charge, Father" the barber said. "I consider it a service to the Lord." When the barber arrived at his shop the next morning, he found a dozen small prayer booklets on the stoop along with a thank you note from the priest.

A few days later a police officer came in. "How much do I owe you?" the cop asked after his haircut. "No charge officer, I consider it a service to my community" answered the barber. The next morning the barber found a dozen doughnuts on the stoop along with a thank you note from the policeman.

A few days after that, a Senator walked in for a haircut. "How much do I owe you?" he asked afterward. "No charge," the barber replied. "I consider it a service to my country." The next morning when he arrived at the shop, the barber found a dozen more Senators on the stoop.

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## Game Warden Field Notes

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

**The bandit wasn't the one in the cage** — July 16, a Grayson County game warden followed-up on a complaint about a feed store in Van Alstyne that had a baby raccoon in a cage. The game warden went to the business and was able to locate the animal. The

suspect, who had held the animal for two months, was cited for possession of a fur-bearing animal without a permit.

**Any age the right age for first fish** — Also July 16, a game warden hosted a fishing event at Heritage Park City Lake for five residents from Pittsburg Assisted Living. An 88-year-old woman was sitting in her wheel chair on oxygen when she caught

the very first fish on her life. A 79-year-old woman also caught her very first fish. The next day, the game warden hosted another fishing event at the lake for four residents of Mt. Pleasant Assisted Living. A man with a disability caught his first fish in many years. Many fish were caught and a good time was had by all.

**Other things not to do when intoxicated** — Right before closing, a customer walked into

the TPWD Waco District Office to renew his boat registration. An administrative technician noticed that the customer appeared to be impaired. In fact, while at her window the customer almost fell asleep while standing. The technician asked for the customer's driver's license and told him that she would return after making a copy. During this time, she contacted the Department of Public Safety office, which is located next door, and asked that a trooper come over. A trooper arrived within minutes. After a brief discussion with the customer, he was arrested for DWI and transported to the McLennan County Jail. Case pending.

**Munchies strike at the worst times** — July 11, a Newton County game warden observed a vehicle driving extremely erratically. After finally stopping, a Newton resident exited the vehicle with no shirt on and with blood covering his face and chest. The subject advanced on the game warden's patrol vehicle where he was quickly placed into custody. A small bag of suspected marijuana was recovered from the vehicle. While transporting the subject to the jail, he attempted to eat the baggy by retrieving it with his mouth from the console of the patrol truck. The subject was charged with DWI, possession of marijuana, tampering with physical evidence and assault on a public servant.

**Sort of, almost the right idea** — July 10, a Hays County game warden received an Operation Game Thief complaint reference a fawn deer being tied to a porch at a residence near San Marcos. On arrival, the game warden saw the fawn in question. As he walked towards the residence, a man exited the house to meet him. The game warden asked about the fawn, and the man said: "Just a minute." He went back into the house, returned with his wallet then handed the game warden a valid hunting license with a deer tag missing. He pointed to the fawn where he had attached a deer tag, and told the game warden he wanted some tender venison for Labor Day. Case pending; fawn relocated to a rehabilitator.

**Excuse me, did you lose something?** — July 6, while patrolling Cedar Creek Lake, a Cherokee County game warden began to hear screams near his location; however there were no signs of a boat in the area. The warden began to scan the area and finally noticed two young girls floating in the middle of the lake. The little girls were so small they could only be seen between waves. The scared little girls were safely plucked out of the water. It was determined that the girls had fallen off a tube while being towed by their grandfather on a PWC. The PWC and the driver were located approximately 1 mile away. After being educated on the dangers of towing skiers without a mirror or an observer, the girls were taken to the bank. Case pending.

## County Team Roping Results 2008

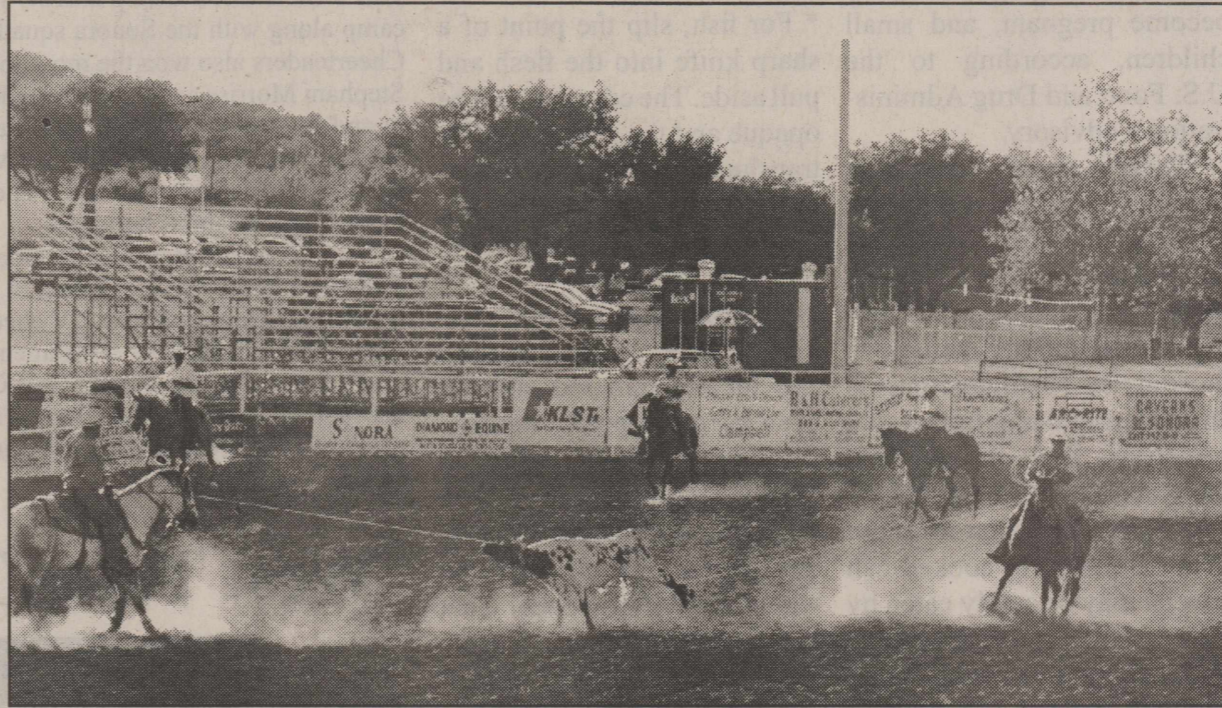


Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

Catching their steer cleanly, Cliff McMullan and William Renfroe participated in the County Roping on August 2, 2008.

On Saturday, August 2, 2008, the county arena was a dust bowl of steers and team ropers competing for fun and funds, as well as some beautiful "Broken Arrow" belt buckles. Winning the first go-round was the team of Trey Hale and Clay Hale with the fastest time of 6.81. In second place was the team of Mack Altizer and Sterling Price with a time of 7.47. Qualifying for the ten top places to come back and compete in the County Roping finals during the Outlaw Pro Rodeo were the following teams:

1. Trey Hale / Sterling Price 26.5
2. Ladd Hughes / Clay Hale 26.74
3. Trey Hale / Clay Hale 32.42
4. Kelly Kothman / Clay Hale 38.45
5. Terry Crawford / Shorty Hernandez 40.13
6. Leo Rodriguez / Olie Smith 40.72
7. Cody Barber / Petie Lewis 56.69
8. Ladd Hughes / Clint Rainey 14.68 on 2
9. Mack Altizer / Sterling Price 16.75 on 2
10. Dean Rutland / Sterling Price 20.69 on 2

The Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee would like to thank all the workers in back, and all the chute help for their hard work during the roping. Without you volunteers, this team roping would not have been as smooth as it was. As always, thanks to our Cowboy Camp for all the great food they provided to the ropers and sponsors. Our thanks also goes to our stock contractor and roping secretary, Dennis and Karen Townsend, for a very successful team roping. Come out and enjoy the fun at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo this Friday and Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Arena.

Tonya Brown joins  
First National Bank  
of Sonora as Assistant  
Vice President/  
Lending.



First National Bank of Sonora is pleased to announce that Tonya Brown has accepted the position of Assistant Vice President/Lending. Tonya has over 17 years of banking experience ranging from New Accounts to Operations and Lending. She is a long-time resident of Sonora and has been married to her husband, Charlie, for 25 years. Tonya enjoys hunting, camping, horseback riding and stained glass.



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**Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
63<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, August 12, 2008



**Schleicher County Courthouse Lawn Eldorado, Texas**

**-PROGRAM-**  
7:00 p.m. Barbecue for members and their guests.  
8:00 p.m. Business session begins.



# SHEEP WRANGLERS MOUNT UP

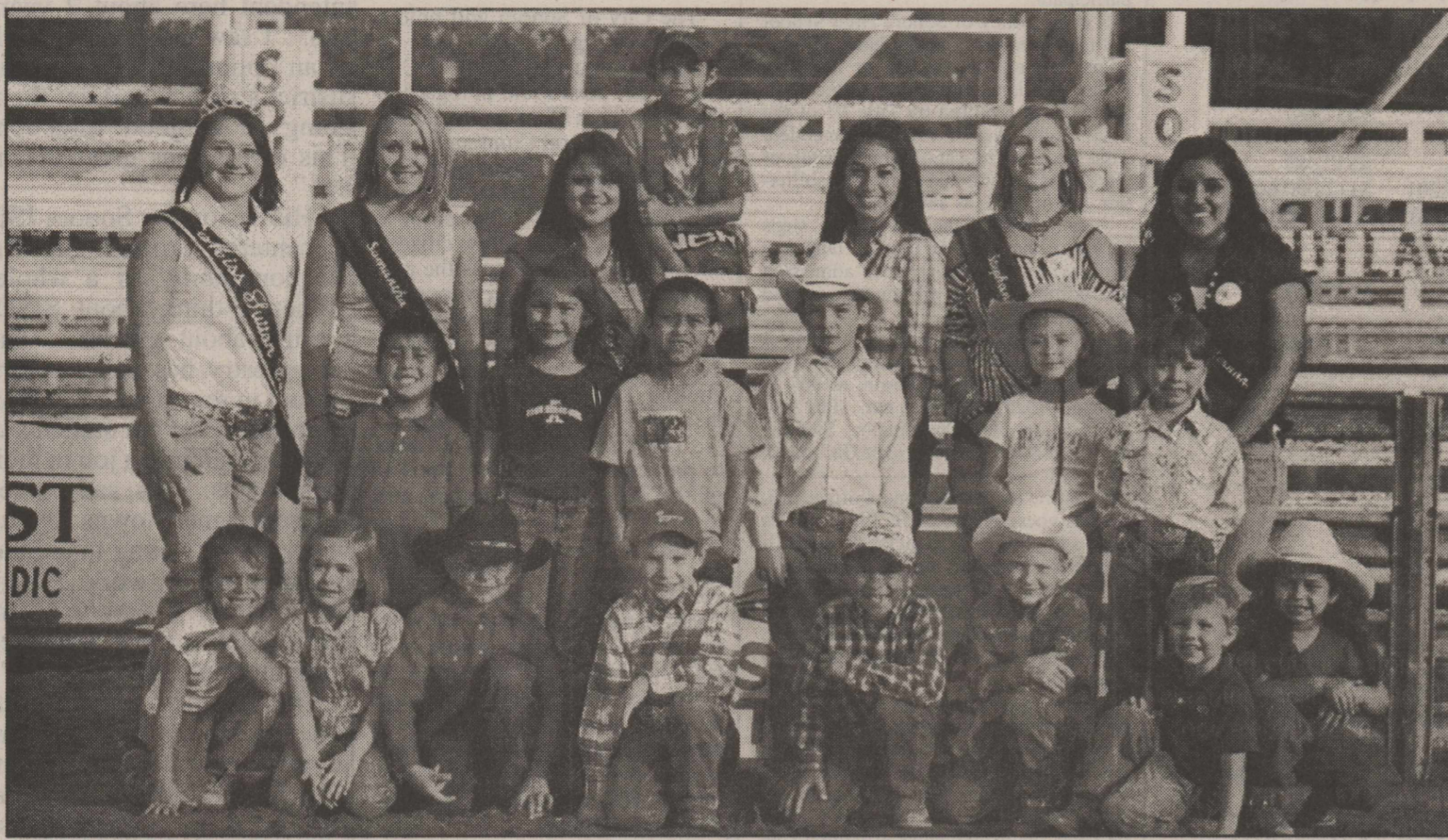


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Bottom Row (left to right): Sarah Kanady, Madalyn Fisher, Levi Garrett, Wilson Johnson, Darrel Castro, Hayden Davenport, Ryan Hopkins, Sky Lynn Hernandez. Second Row (left to right): J.R. Hernandez, Gabriella Zapata, Alex Mata, Willie B. Munoz, Kodi Ann Davis, Victoria Kay Klebold-Smith. Back Row (left to right): Laura Martin, Samantha Tidwell, Regina Morales, Robert Zapata Jr., Jalen Falcon, Stephani Morriss, and Brittany Hernandez.

by Bridget Wardlaw

This year's little cowboys and cowgirls gave it their all on Friday evening for the first round of the Mutton Bustin'. All participants received an adorable 2008 Mutton Bustin' T-Shirt. The top ten places will return to compete for a buckle, boots, spurs, and ropes during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

This year's contestants were Levi Garrett with a time of 4.27, Willie B. Munoz taking first with a 5.64. Gabriella Zapata hung on with a 3.30, Sarah Kanady running close behind with a 3.30 and J.R. Sanchez with a 2.5. Kodi Ann Davis had a 2.43 time, with Hayden Davenport following close with a 2.67. Madalyn Fisher had a 4.01 (her grandparents made a promise to be in town if she made it back for the finals...and she did it!) and Ryan Hopkins had a 2.55 (but don't let this little guy fool you-- he will be back to



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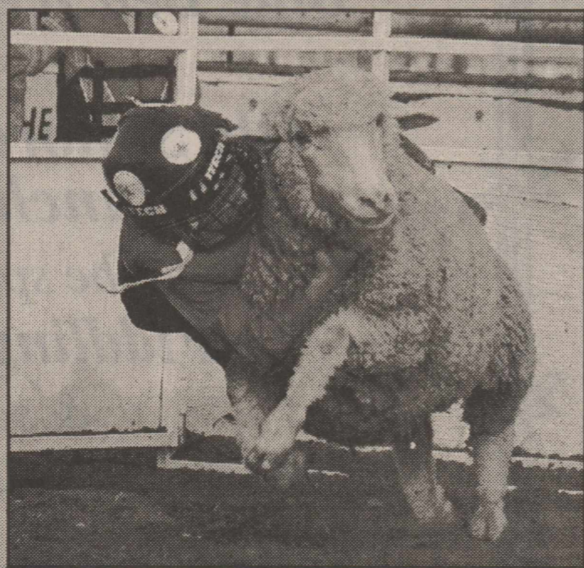
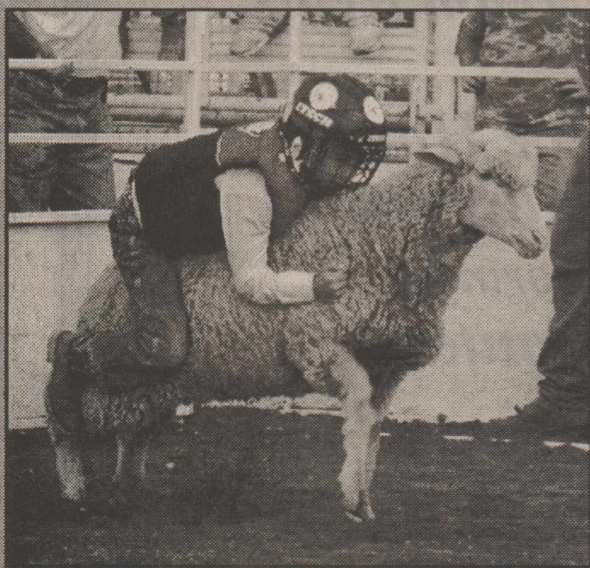
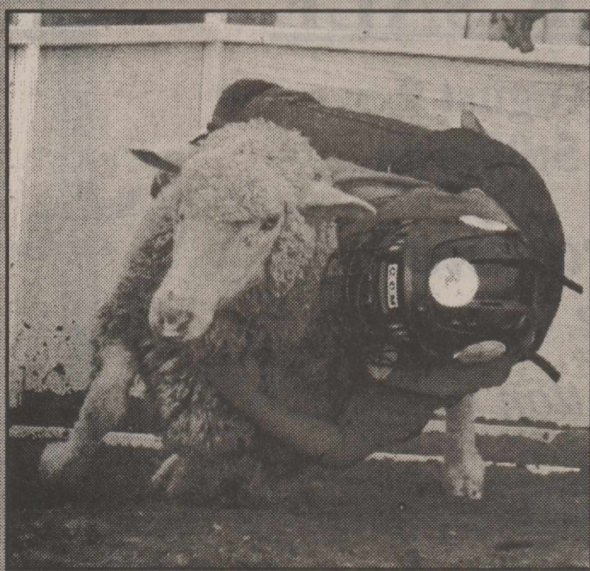
win it in the future.) Victoria Klebold-Smith made it back to the finals with a 4.03 time along with Sky Lynn Hernandez, 3.32. Joshua O'Bannon, and Jacob O'Bannon, the cutest twins in the West, decided to be spectators and try their luck next year. Derek Castro, Wilson Johnson, and Alex Mata will all return to compete in the finals with times of 4.42, 3.38 and 4.08,

respectfully. We would like to thank Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell for supplying all the livestock for the event and all the support you gave to Mack and me; Trey Wardlaw and Mark Foley for running the time; Chelsey Lou Campbell for logging the times; Sterling Price and Cliff McMullan for getting the children on the livestock for their ride and making sure no one

gets hurt; Chance Campbell and Petie Lewis for keeping the gates and livestock going. Thanks to all the queen candidates and Kim Lewis for all their help during and after the event. Thanks to Laura Martin for announcing the participants and winners (you did great). Big thanks to Robert Zapata Jr. for your great mutton-fighter talents. Last but definitely not least, thanks to all the family members, friends and spectators who took time out of your schedules to attend this event. If you missed the 2008 preliminary Mutton Bustin' make sure to mark your calendars for this Friday and Saturday for the Mutton Bustin' Finals. Hope to see you there!

## BUSTERS IN ACTION

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**Public Notices**

**2008 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SUTTON COUNTY**

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for Sutton County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's **effective** tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's **rollback** tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County FM&FC	County Hospital	City of Sonora
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>				
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,362,288	\$508,364	\$1,086,773	\$537,987
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,362,288	\$508,364	\$1,086,773	\$537,987
Last year's tax base	\$1,413,874,853	\$1,411,613,483	\$1,434,192,201	\$112,080,664
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.167079/\$100	\$0.036013/\$100	\$0.075776/\$100	\$0.480000/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,362,287	\$508,364	\$1,086,773	\$537,987
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,723,559,816	\$1,721,522,346	\$1,744,826,824	\$129,100,868
=This year's effective tax rate	\$0.137000/\$100	\$0.029500/\$100	\$0.062200/\$100	\$0.416700/\$100
<b>Total effective tax rate</b>	\$0.166500/\$100			
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>				
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$2,362,288	\$508,364	\$1,086,773	\$537,987
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,723,559,816	\$1,721,522,346	\$1,744,826,824	\$129,100,868
=This year's effective operating rate x 1.08	\$0.147900/\$100	\$0.031800/\$100	\$0.067100/\$100	\$0.450000/\$100
+This year's debt rate	\$0.000000/\$100	\$0.000000/\$100	\$0.000000/\$100	\$0.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.147900/\$100	\$0.031800/\$100	\$0.067100/\$100	\$0.450000/\$100
<b>This year's total rollback rate</b>	\$0.179700/\$100			

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**

If **SUTTON COUNTY** adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.166500 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$4,299.  
 If **SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.062200 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$708.  
 If **City of Sonora** adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.416700 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$3,431.

**UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	BALANCE
Sutton County	General Fund	\$2,500,000
	FM&FC	\$89,000
Hospital District	General Maintenance	\$1,000,000
City of Sonora	Restricted Fund	\$1,375,000
	Unrestricted Fund	\$510,000

**STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE FOR SUTTON COUNTY**

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$10,010 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2007, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculation at Sutton County Appraisal District.

Mary Bustamante  
 Chief Appraiser  
 July 29, 2008

The Sonora ISD offers career and technology education programs in BCIS, Agriculture Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, Tech Prep, and Industrial Technology. Admission to these programs is based on special needs and/or desire to participate.

It is the policy of Sonora High School not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Sonora High School will take steps to insure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Don Gibson, at 807 S. Concho, (325)387-6940, ext. 3001 and the Section 504 Coordinator, Stefanie Taylor, at 807 S. Concho, (325)387-6950, ext. 3401.

El distrito escolar de Sonora ofrece programas vocacionales en BCIS, la ciencia de la agricultura, las ciencias de la familia y el consumidor, cursos preparativos de técnica, y tecnología de industrial. La admisión a estos programas se basa en caso de necesidad, deseo en participar, y en espacio necesario para conducir los programas.

Es norma de el distrito escolar de Sonora no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

El distrito escolar de Sonora tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Don Gibson, at 807 S. Concho, (325)387-6940, ext. 3001 y el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Stefanie Taylor, at 807 S. Concho, (325)387-6940, ext. 3004.

**People to People**

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Before departing, Michael attended several orientation meetings with the program leaders and fellow delegates to learn about the destination and prepare for the journey. Michael believes that he learned so much from this trip and it was one of the best experiences he has had in his life. He really appreciates all those that helped him make this trip possible.

The People to People program was founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower during his presidency. He believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not. People to People Student Ambassador Programs is based in Spokane, Washington, and has been coordinating educational travel for nearly 50 years.

**Public Hearing  
 City Of Sonora**

**Texas Community Development  
 Block Grant Program**

The City of Sonora will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at City Hall at 201 East Main in regard to the submission of an application to the office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TXCDBG funding available, all eligible TXCDBG activities, and the use of past TXCDBG funds.

The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of the TXCDBG application and to make their views known at this hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencias publicas. For more information contact Patti Prather at City Hall 325-387-2558.

**Superintendent Continued  
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are looking forward to being a part of the community. "Debbie and I are excited about being here and to be part of the community. I've got to get to know the people and the community before I can do my job. I don't want to be one of those guys that is here just to do a job; I want to know the people in the town I am working for."

Don's career in education started in the 1960's at Brownfield ISD where he worked as a coach/teacher for 4 years upon his father's death, he moved to Dawson to take over his father's farm for the next 11 years. His next foray into education proved to last much longer, when he took a job as Middle School principal for Dawson ISD, then five years later moved to Wall ISD to serve as superintendent for 11 years, ending with his retirement.

I have known many farmers in my life, and a common thread for all of them is their

inability to let a good field go unplanted, which was the reason Don decided to come back to Sonora ISD.

"I served as interim superintendent here about 2 years ago. I saw my coming back as an opportunity to help the district stabilize and get them going in a good direction. This district has great potential."

His vision for Sonora ISD is centered around and for the community as a whole. "When I think about SISD, I think about growth. The oil industry has made a turn around in recent years. It's an opportunity for our students to graduate and find a job in their hometowns. It's sad to see so many small towns dry up when all the young talent has to leave to find work. There are jobs for everyone, from entry level to more advanced computer management jobs".

The idea of someone actually coming out of retirement to work was a strange concept for me until I met Don Gibson; as he is one of those rare people that actually likes his job. "We all have to enjoy what we are doing, but at the same time we have to have a serious side. I enjoy what I do. As long as I am having fun I can do a good job."

He also credits his faith as the driving force in his life, sharing with me a framed quotation from Romans 8:28: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Gibson concluded "I feel like I've been willed to do His purpose".

Don has worn many hats in his life: husband, teacher, farmer, and administrator. Each role has helped form his philosophy in his personal and professional life, but none complemented his role as educator more than a farmer. "Anytime you work with the land it's a good background for working with kids. You plant a seed in each student, and cultivate them for 12 to 13 years in school and hope for a good crop."

**AUGUST 8-9, 2008**



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**Thursday, August 7th**

8:30 a.m. First go-round: Tie-down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping.  
 5:00 p.m. Second go-round starts

**Friday, August 8th**

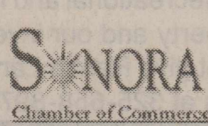
8:30 a.m. Girl's Barrel Racing and 3 complete go-rounds of Steer Roping  
 7:30 p.m. Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo

8:00 p.m. til midnight-Dance to *Jake Hooker and the Outsiders*

**Saturday, August 9th**

7:30 p.m. Crowning of Miss Sutton County followed by the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo

9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Dance at the slab to *Jake Hooker and The Outsiders*



**Historic Downtown  
 SIDEWALK SALE**

**Saturday, August 9  
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Team Graphics  
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**Public Notices**

**Sonora ISD** will accept bids for Middle School roof repair. Specs can be obtained at the Admin. Office or by calling 325-387-6940. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until August 8, 2008 at 12 noon at which time said bids will be opened. The bid will be awarded August 11, 2008 at the SISD Board Meeting at 5:30 PM at the Vocational Building, 905 Prospect, Sonora, TX. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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**Official Notice to tenants of the intent to sale.** Big Door Storage, Hwy 277 S. Sonora, TX. Sutton County. Will begin to sell contents of 2 storage units August 15, 2008 to satisfy back rent owned by tenants Leslie Beyers and Ronald Pincence. FMI call 325-387-5548.

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- YMCA's South Division registrations for our Sonora team will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008. YMCA Youth Football is for any interested football players in 3rd - 6th grade.
- If you would like to play football this season, bring your parents to the registration session at the Sonora City Pool park on Wednesday, August 13th between 6:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jerry Jimenez at 387-2714 or at 226-1443.

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**Miss AJRA  
Steely Ingham**

by Sherry Ingham

The American Jr. Rodeo Association held their National Finals Rodeo in San Angelo at the Spur Arena Monday through Saturday of last week. Sonora was represented by 7 very talented young cowboys and cowgirls. It's been a long tough summer with skyrocketing fuel prices but, after all the hauling and chasing points, the year-end winners are as follows:

In the 9 to 12 girls age group, Macie Friess brought home the World Champion Goat Tying Saddle and the World Champion Optional Roper Saddle. She was also 6<sup>th</sup> place in the All-Around running. In the 13 through 15 girls age group, Stella Ingham ended up with the Reserve Champion Pole Bending buckle, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Optional Roping, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the All-Around category. In the boys 13 through 15 age group, Word Hudson brought home the World Champion Optional Roper Saddle, Reserve Champion Tie-Down Roper buckle and 4<sup>th</sup> place All-Around Cowboy. Sam Powers ended the year in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Tie-Down Roping, 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Optional Roping, 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Team Roping as a Header, 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Team Roping as a Heeler, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the All-Around Cowboy standings. In the 16 thru 19 boys age group, Craig Leonard ended the year 5<sup>th</sup> in scholarship for \$1,500.

The prestigious Miss AJRA title is voted on by all the members of the American Jr. Rodeo Association, and the winner will represent the AJRA for the next year. The winner was announced at the Friday night performance. Sonora's very own Miss Steely Ingham is this year's Miss AJRA.

At the AJRA Finals Rodeo, the kids had 2 go-rounds, a short go, and an average in each of their events. The average winners at the finals were Stella Ingham in the 13 thru 15 girls Pole Bending and the 13 thru 15 girls Breakaway Roping. Sam Powers won the average in the 13 thru 15 boys Team Roping as a heeler. Sam also won the 13 thru 15 boys All-Around for the finals.

Sonora also had Zella Powers entered in the 9 to 12 girls events at the finals. Sonora should be very proud of all these kids, not only for their rodeo abilities but also their sportsmanship in the rodeo arena. They have many friends that they compete against weekend after weekend and it doesn't matter who wins and who doesn't they remain good friends.

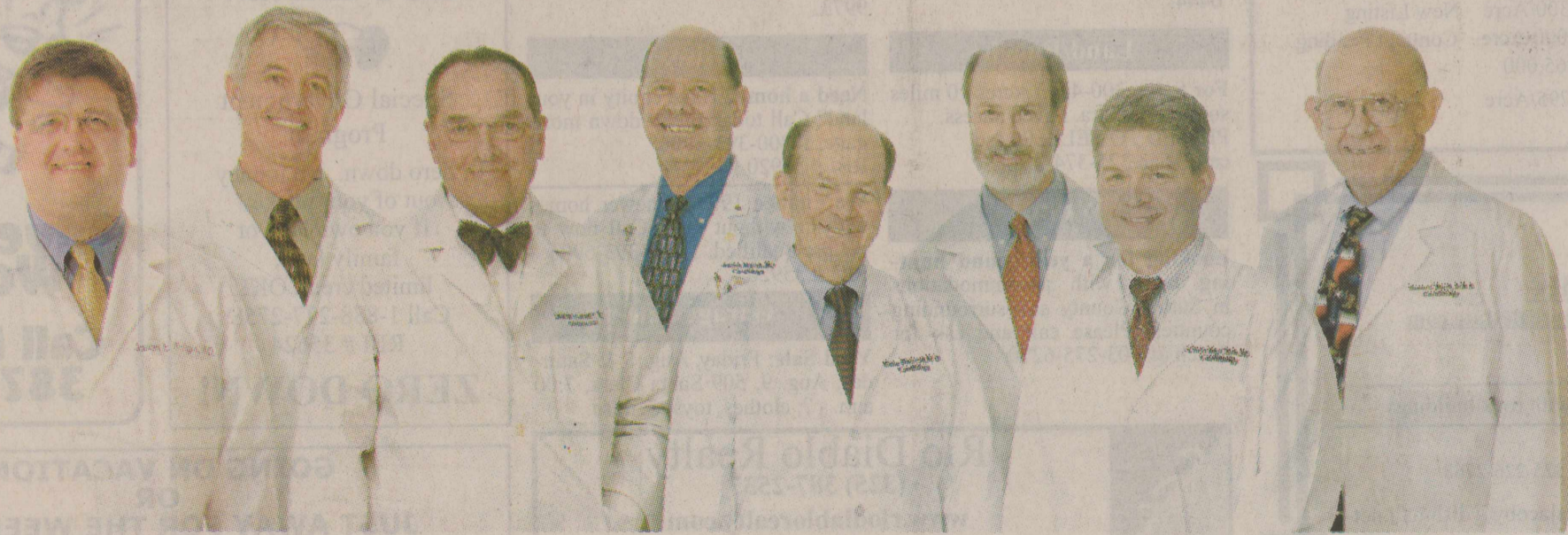


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