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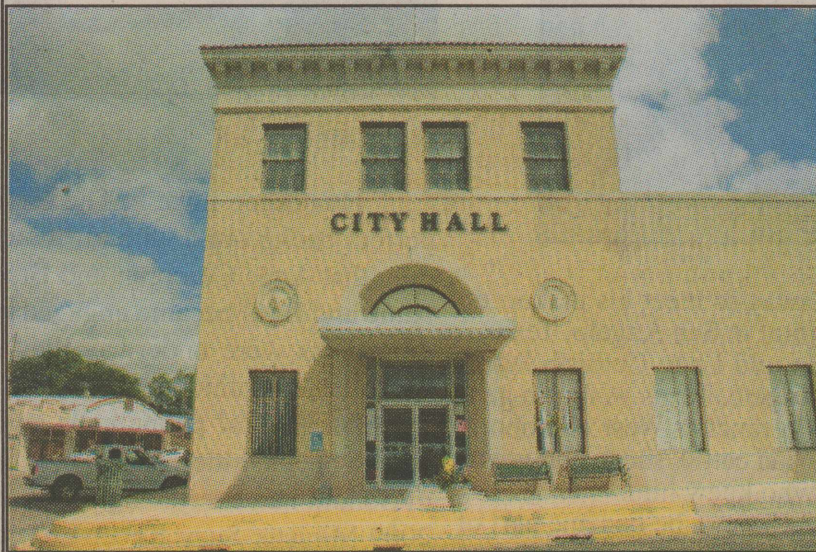
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City Council Awards New Water/Wastewater Engineering Contracts



The Sonora City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16th. Mayor Pro- Tem Jana Dover called the meeting to order since Jed Davenport was in court in Crockett County. In Old Business, the council unanimously approved Birkoff, Hendricks, and Conway, LLP of Dallas to provide professional engineering services related to the city's water and wastewater system rehabilitation projects. Gary Hendricks, one of the engineering firm's partners stated, if his firm is able to get the survey results from Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, "there will be no significant cost increase in the two infrastructure projects."

The council held the first reading of the ordinance that will result in a penalty fee being charged on utility bills on the first day after the due date. There are now increased fees for the dumping of wastewater at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Effective immediately, it will cost 13 cents per gallon to dump wastewater. This increase is competitive with prices charged by adjoining municipalities. The vote was 3-

1 (Dover dissent). There will be more information and action on this agenda item in the coming months.

Council member Smith Neal moved and council member Pete Bradley seconded a motion to approve the revised ordinance that amends provisions regarding livestock permits and permits for poisonous and wild animals. The motion carried unanimously and will become effective ten days after first publication. Council also approved an agreement with Texas South Aviation for a five year lease of hangar and office space at Sonora Municipal Airport.

Council conducted a Public Hearing on the 2008 Annual Drinking Water Report. Chris Phillips, the Public Works supervisor, explained how the tests are accomplished and the new training the water department has taken to ensure samples reflect an accurate snapshot of the water.

Council member Dover stated she had received a call from Chandra Hughes, long-time swimming pool assistant manager and current manager, about both Mr. Phillips and

City Manager Dean Carrell. Mrs. Hughes related in the many years she had worked at the swimming pool, she had never seen either a city manager or a public works supervisor stop at the pool. Both Mr. Carrell and Mr. Phillips had been at the pool to make sure the equipment was operating as required and if Mrs. Hughes needed any assistance or supplies.

The Chamber of Commerce was on the agenda requesting a right-of-way for the Sutton County Days parade on August 15th. The council approved this item unanimously. The next chamber request was for approval of an agreement with TX DOT to temporarily close Hwy 290 West/Crockett St. on August 15th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Council member Dover moved to approve this request with council member Neal seconding the motion.

The next agenda item concerned several Wilson St. residents' request to close an alley between Block 6 Lot 5 and Block AG, Lot 2 of the Mexico Addition. Council member Neal moved to approve the request with Council member Hernandez seconding the motion.

The city's Codes Enforcement officer, Juanita Gomez, provided information on the three Planning and Zoning (P&Z) agenda items. Reynaldo Jimenez of St. Anns St. started building a carport prior to going before the P&Z and City Council for approval. The construction is less than the required 25 feet from the street. P&Z made no recommendation about this agenda item or the other two on the

agenda for this meeting. Councilmember Neal made a motion to allow Mr. Jimenez to complete his carport but with the added stipulation that he cannot restart construction for thirty days since he failed to comply with Sonora's building code. Council member Dover seconded the motion (Mayor Davenport had now assumed his duties). The vote was 3-1 (Bradley dissent). The next P&Z item involved Hector Lopez of 103 Glasscock, who was applying for a permit to operate a fruit stand in a residential zone. The motion carried unanimously to approve the new mini-business. The last P&Z item was Irma Zook's application to allow her to keep a newly constructed carport that is less than five feet from the side property

line. Council member Neal made a motion to approve the request with council member Dover seconding the motion. The vote was 3-1 (Bradley dissent).

Prior to explaining the Sonora Economic Development Corp. (SEDC) three part agenda item, SEDC President Max Howorth stated the non-profit corporation's tax receipts have dropped 40 percent since the economy has taken a downturn in Sonora. Council member Hernandez was then appointed to fill the position Thomas Adkins had filled on the Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept. Pension Review Board. The council also approved the SEDC board's decision not to penalize Mr. Luis

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Liberty Park Update



By Juanita Gomez

Mata Fencing and Dozer Services has been hard at work rebuilding the gazebo out at Liberty Park (La Placita). Take a few minutes and drive by and take a look. The Park is located at the corner of Mata Street and Gonzales Ave. If you are interested in volunteering at the Park, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez or Michelle Faz at The Bank and Trust or Juanita Gomez at City of Sonora.

Sonora Police Department Monthly Report For May 2009



The left graph represents the total number of arrests made by the Sonora Police Department in May of 2009, the graph on the right represents the total number of incidents. A complete listing of Citations issued for May is found on Page 4.

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Thur. June 25- Birthday party for June babies
Fri. June 26- Happy Birthday *Bill Tittle*
Mon. June 29- Happy birthday *Vera Simpler, Pedro Viren*
 Bingo
Tues. June 30- Need volunteers for the summer.
 Come by the center.

Senior Center Menu

Thur. June 25- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato, Spanish green beans, wheat rolls, lime rice swirl and milk
Fri. June 26- Chicken fajitas w/onions/peppers, rice, milk pinto beans, tossed salad, Jell-O w/fruit
Mon. June 29- Beef stew w/veggies, tossed salad, crackers, cake w/icing and milk
Tues. June 30- Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
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Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E. Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
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Obituaries

John Allen Ward, III



John Allen Ward III passed away to meet his maker on June 20, 2009 at Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas. John, son of John A. Ward, Jr. and Lucy Cutbirth Ward, was born August 27, 1929 in San Angelo, Texas. A fourth generation Texan, known to many as a rancher West of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, where he raised cattle, sheep and goats. He was admired and loved by all who knew him.

When attending High School in Sonora he became part of the "Infamous Four" because though John was scheduled to graduate in 1944 as Valedictorian of his Sonora High School class, they elected to delay graduation to play football an additional year, to ensure a winning team. The Infamous Four became the subject of dispute, ending in the forfeiture of all Sonora's victories. John went on to the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and graduated cum laude.

He was a proud Aviation Cadet, receiving his wings in 1952 at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, and completed training at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. He flew F-51, F-86, and F-89 fighter jets in the 11th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, part of the Air Defense Command during the Korean War.

Following his discharge from the Air Force, John received his law degree from the University of Texas, where he was on the Texas Law Review, and graduated magna cum laude in 1957. He was admitted to the Texas bar in 1956 and scored the highest grade in the State on the Texas Bar Exam that year.

He was in-house legal counsel with Sun Oil Company ("Sunoco") and Chief Counsel for International Operations and on their behalf negotiated many overseas oil contracts and concessions with countries in the Persian Gulf, South America, Europe, Australia and Africa. He was licensed to practice law in Texas, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. He argued 37 cases before the United States Supreme Court.

John married Lucia Marino in 1983. They enjoyed many good years and many world travels together, and recently celebrated their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary. John was, for many years, the Senior Warden of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, and a dedicated member of the Sonora Lion's Club. Until his death, he remained "Of Counsel!" with Wallace Law Offices of Sonora.

When recounting his extensive travel adventures, he was often heard to say, "I've been to 72 countries, two revolutions... and one elegant dinner in the House of Lords." Which is all true.

John was proud of being, in one lifetime, a cowboy, a fighter pilot and a lawyer. His long time childhood friends in Sonora consider him a "legend".

Mr. Ward is survived by Lucia M. Ward, his wife; Anne Ward Guinan of Dallas, daughter from a prior marriage to Anne Curtis, two grandsons, Daniel and Amon Guinan and extended family in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, Texas. Any memorials may be sent to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital or any recipient of your choice.

Victor Noriega

Sonora-Victor Noriega, 88, of Sonora, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in a local nursing home. Services will be held on Friday June 26 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home. He is survived by 3 sons, Richard and Florentino Noriega both of Rio Vista, CA. and George Noriega of Sonora, 3 daughters, Olivia Chavez of Christoval, Maria Elena Garcia of Rio Vista, CA. and Alicia Ross of Keller, 2 brothers, Alex Noriega of Sonora and Frank Noriega of San Angelo, 2 sisters, Consuelo Lozano and Mickey Chavez both of Sonora.

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 Beth Moore

The Caverns Hosts A Wedding



Submitted

Horseshoe Lake in The Caverns of Sonora provided the perfect background with all its natural wonders for the wedding that Anne Corcoran and Brad Davis always dreamed of. Anne and Brad became engaged in October of 2008. As wedding plans were underway they decided that they needed a "beautiful and unique" spot to exchange their vows.

After several phone calls and a visit to the Caverns, the couple decided they had found the perfect spot. The Caverns of Sonora had everything they were looking for. On May 16, 2009 Minister Suzy Roberts performed the ceremony uniting the couple.

The Caverns of Sonora has preserved a place in history and has now become a part of Anne and Brad's History. Their unique wedding story will be passed down from generation to generation. We look forward to Anne and Brad's return some day to the Caverns with their children and hopefully with their grandchildren.

The Devil's River News will be closed Friday, July 3, 2009 for the Fourth of July.

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Happy Birthday!

June 25
 Elida Guerra, Susana Gonzalez, Hayley Mata, Laramie Hall, Keith Heiken

June 26
 Hulio Samaniego IV, Cayle Moss, Savell Shannon, Jason Vitela II, Marc Hernandez, Thomas Bloodworth, Farrah Virgen, Luis Hernandez, Leticia Garcia, Tracy Fincher, Lilia Gallegos, Bill Tittle

June 27
 Paul Faz, Gene Damian, Brady Vvlecka, June Williams, Bubba Cook, Devon Yearout

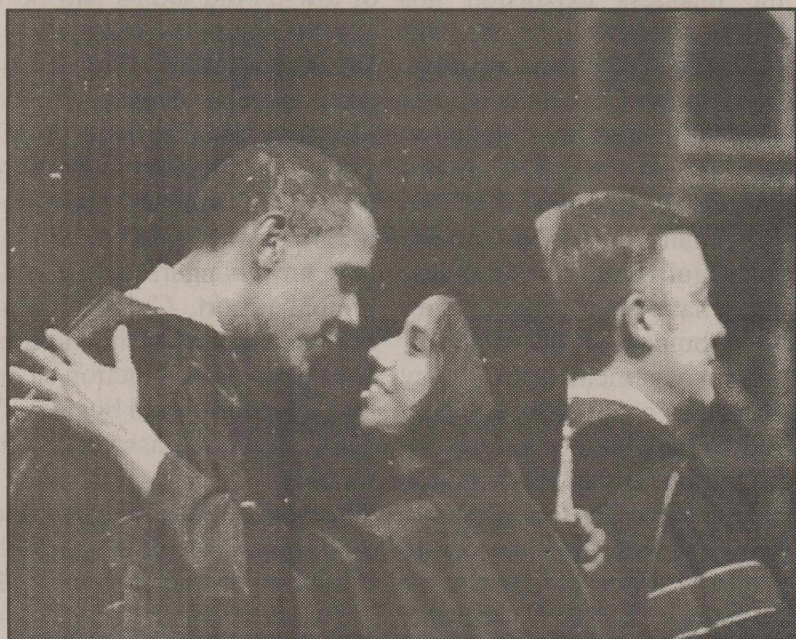
June 28
 Chris Perez, Glenna Martin, Ryan Cramer, Martin Cano, Alda Duran

June 29
 Pete Virgen, William Gutierrez

June 30
 Riley Crain, Madeline Davis, Wil Trainer, Franchesca Gandar, Katrina Brown, Jana Dover, Terry Duckworth, Phil Miller, Maribel DeLuna, Frank Gallegos

July 1
 Juanita Buntyn, Juna Glasscock, Maria Mesa

Avila Graduates from Arizona State University



Irene Avila, Ph.D

Irene Avila, Ph.D., the daughter of Silverio and Frances Avila, was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology from Arizona State University on May 13, 2009. It was a graduation to remember as President Obama gave the commencement address to the Class of 2009 and with over 71,000 people in attendance. The President shared some inspiring words with the graduation class: "I know starting your careers in troubled times is a challenge, but it is also a privilege because it's moments like these that force us to try harder, to dig deeper, and to discover gifts we never knew we had- to find greatness that lies within each of us". Irene will continue to do experimental research at the national Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD where her research efforts are directed toward identifying mechanisms in the brain that could be manipulated to prevent, correct, and/or compensate for motor complications occurring in Parkinson's disease.

F.Y.I.

Lions Club Youth Camps. The Lions Camp for the disabled (July 26-August 1) and children with diabetes (July 19-25) is now taking applications for their summer camp to be held in Kerrville. These camps are free of charge for those that qualify. Anybody interested in these camps can contact Col. Pete Bradley at 325-387-6282.

Due to conflicts, the next regular meeting of the Sonora ISD Board of Trustees has been changed to Monday, July 20.

The Game Dinner Meetings will be held on July 7, Sept. 8, and Nov. 3, 2009. Anyone interested that would like to participate in the preparations and the event are welcome to attend. All meetings will be held at Fire Dept. meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Reunion for Graduating Classes 1984, 1985, 1986, August 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ Bill & Judy Webster's home, 115 Manor St. For more info, visit www.sonorahighalummi.com.

Sutton County Friends of NRA will be holding their 2nd Annual Auction/Banquet event on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Donations and auction items are being sought for this event. If you would like to be an active participant or would like to donate, please contact Tonya Brown @ 325-387-3861 or 325-387-5929. A pre-event raffle will begin April 2009. A gun safe and 5 firearms will be raffled with one winner taking all!

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good Shepard, 319 N.E. Mulberry. FMI, call 387-4941 or 450-8922.

Rent the Depot! For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The Sutton County Historical Society Ranch Museum is looking for a pair of handmade boots, made by Ramirez Boot Shop in Sonora, Texas, to display in the museum.

Fundraiser for Liberty Park Veteran's Memorial Wall-Buy a permanently engraved brick for the new sidewalks at Liberty Park. We are raising money for the engraving of the names to go on the Memorial Wall. 4x8 brick \$35.00, 8x8 brick \$60.00, 12x12 \$150.00-with logos. Pick up forms at The Bank & Trust or at City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veteran's name to be engraved on the wall. Include the name of the veteran, branch of service, submitted by, mailing address. Veterans must be residents or former residents of Sonora or Sutton County. Mail to: Liberty Park Veterans Wall, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also pick up a form at The Bank & Trust or City Hall.

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at www.sonorahighalummi.com. For more information log on to sonoraalum@aol.com.

Fellow Friends and Co-Workers. A trust fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Sonora. Anyone interested in making a donation (Tax Deductible) to Roy J. while he is recovering from his accident can do so by cash or check. Make checks payable to Sutton County Community Trust, and on the memo line write: Roy J Eisenbach Jr. Drop payments off at the bank or give them to Pat Day or Randy Sparks. Thank you very much.



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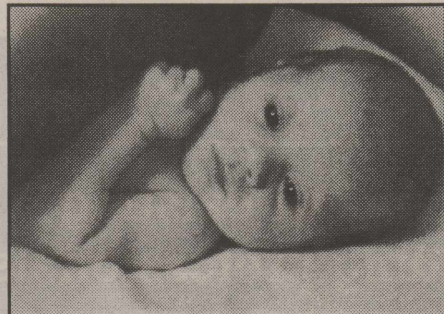
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18" long

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Our Little Miracle has Arrived



Emmalee Grace Latham

Born: May 15, 2009
5 pounds, 5 ounces and 18 inches long

Proud Parents:
Dub and Kimberly Latham

Big Brothers: Dub and Josh
Big Sisters: Natasha and Victoria

Wipff Gets First Trophy



Madyson Wipff is proudly showing off the trophy that she received last Saturday night, June 13, 2009. Madyson's Mimi took her to the LA Speedway Races in San Angelo for her first time. On the last race of the night the winner, David Hudak had to pick one child to give the Feature trophy to and that was Madyson, with the help of her Aunt Clyda. Mady is now hooked on the races and loves her trophy! Madyson is the daughter of Brett and Jenny Wipff and the granddaughter of Ronnie and Lynn Wipff, all from Sonora.

WTAMU Announces Honors Lists for Spring Semester

Canyon, Texas- West Texas A & M University has named more than 1,000 students to honors lists for the spring 2009 semester. Of that total, 356 were named to the President's List and 646 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Area student includes: Kaci L. Chavarria, Sophomore, Theatre.

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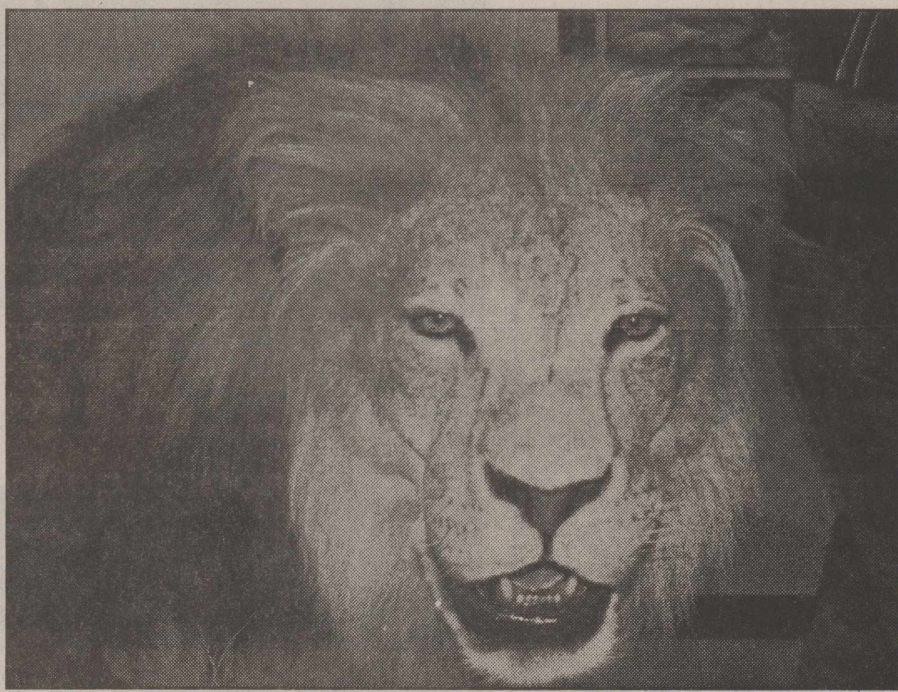
TJ & Pam Thorp
Cole & Heather Cearley

The Lions Roar

By Frank Wamble

This past week has been a sad, but busy one. We lost Lion, Jim Allen Ward III. A moment of silence and "missing man" place setting for John was ready at our weekly meeting.

Football Coach David Sine was our speaker. His program for future Bronco youth will be July 27-29 at Bronco stadium. Youth 6-15 are invited to attend camp from 9AM-12PM. Sign up your children by



player will receive a shirt, water bottle, and brochure with their registration.

Mr. Lee Roy Moore's piano students entertained the Lions with a concert at our meeting. Anna Johnson was the Mistress of Ceremonies. The concert pianists were: Matthew Roque, Rebeckah Owen, Mary Kyle Johnson, Hazel Kent, and Mr. Moore. The performances were superb. Hopefully, a repeat performance is in the cards for 2010. Anyone interested in youth piano lessons can contact Anna Johnson.

or mail before June 27. The June 27, the fee is \$40. Call registration fee is \$30. After 325-387-6940 ext. 3304. Each

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Vasquez of El Torito due to the business expansion not being successful in the old Frenchie's Big Tree location. The original El Torito's next to Teaff Oil is still in business. Mr. Howorth next gave an update on the first year that Two Pros management has run the local golf course. He stated there have been some unforeseen bumps in the road for the management team. They inherited a \$30,000 tax debt due to the previous bookkeeper failing to pay the required taxes. Two Pros is presently working with the state comptroller's office to correct the situation. Council member Bradley stated that junior golf is alive. He also commented that in order for "them to make more money (at the golf course), they need to crack down on the golfers bringing their own beverage coolers" on the golf course.

Four members of the Main Street board of directors need-

ed to be replaced due to resignations and/or moving out of town. Four ladies will now assume duties as Main Street Board Members: Gloria Lopez, Cecelia Sanchez, Dee Martinez and Charlene Terry. Council member Bradley moved to approve negotiations for the construction of two new hangars at the municipal airport. Council member Neal seconded the motion. The goal of this action is to "go after additional business." This motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is scheduled for July 21st at 4 P.M. Anyone wishing to make a comment must complete a comment form at the sign-in desk prior to the start of the meeting. All council meetings are open to the public. Past meeting agendas and the approved minutes are posted for public viewing on the City of Sonora website at www.sonora-texas.com

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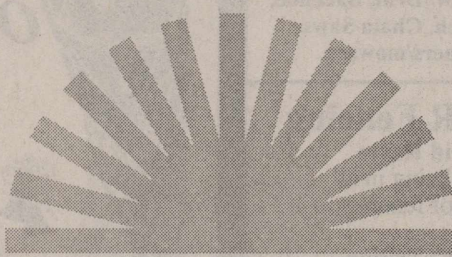
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Violation	Citation #
CHILD SAFETY SEATS - CHILD < AGE 5, NOT PROPERLY SECURED	2
CITY PERMIT (LIVESTOCK) NONE	2
CLEARANCE (OR SIDE MARKER)	1
DEFECTIVE HEAD LAMP(S)	4
DISOBEYED NO LANE CHANGE SIGN	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY LOUD MUSIC	3
DISPLAY EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CERT	15
DISPLAY EXPIRED REGISTRATION/LICENSE PLATES	8
DISPLAY/POSSES AN EXPIRED CHAUF. LICENSE (WHEN APPLICABLE)	1
DISPLAY/POSSES AN EXPIRED OPERATOR/DRIVERS LICENSE	4
DISREGARDED STOP SIGN	5
DOG AT LARGE	2
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID	2
DROVE W/O BEING SECURED BY SAFETY BELT	5
DROVE WRONG WAY ON ONE-WAY ROADWAY	1
FAILED TO CONTROL SPEED	1
FAILED TO DIM HEADLIGHTS-MEETING	1
FAILED TO DISPLAY OPERATOR/DRIVER LICENSE	4
FAILED TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	17
FAILED TO REPORT CHANGE OF ADDRESS (OR NAME)	4
FAILED TO SIGNAL LANE CHANGE	1
FAILED TO SIGNAL TURN (INCLUDING MOVING RIGHT OR LEFT)	2
FAILED TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	3
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PROHIBITED LEFT TURN -SCHOOL ZONE	6
RESTRICTIONS ON WINDOWS	5
SEAT BELT - NOT WEARING	1
SPEEDING	58
SPEEDING - 15 MILES OR OVER	2
STOP, STANDING PARKED IN ROADWAY	1
UNKNOWN	0

The Choice

An old punster made the king the butt of most of his jokes. Consequently, he was loved by the people, but hated by the king.

The king endured the ridicule for months. One day, after hearing people in the streets repeating some of their favorite quips, he had had enough. He had the following statement posted around the royal city:

"By royal decree, anyone who tells a pun will be hanged by the neck until he is dead."

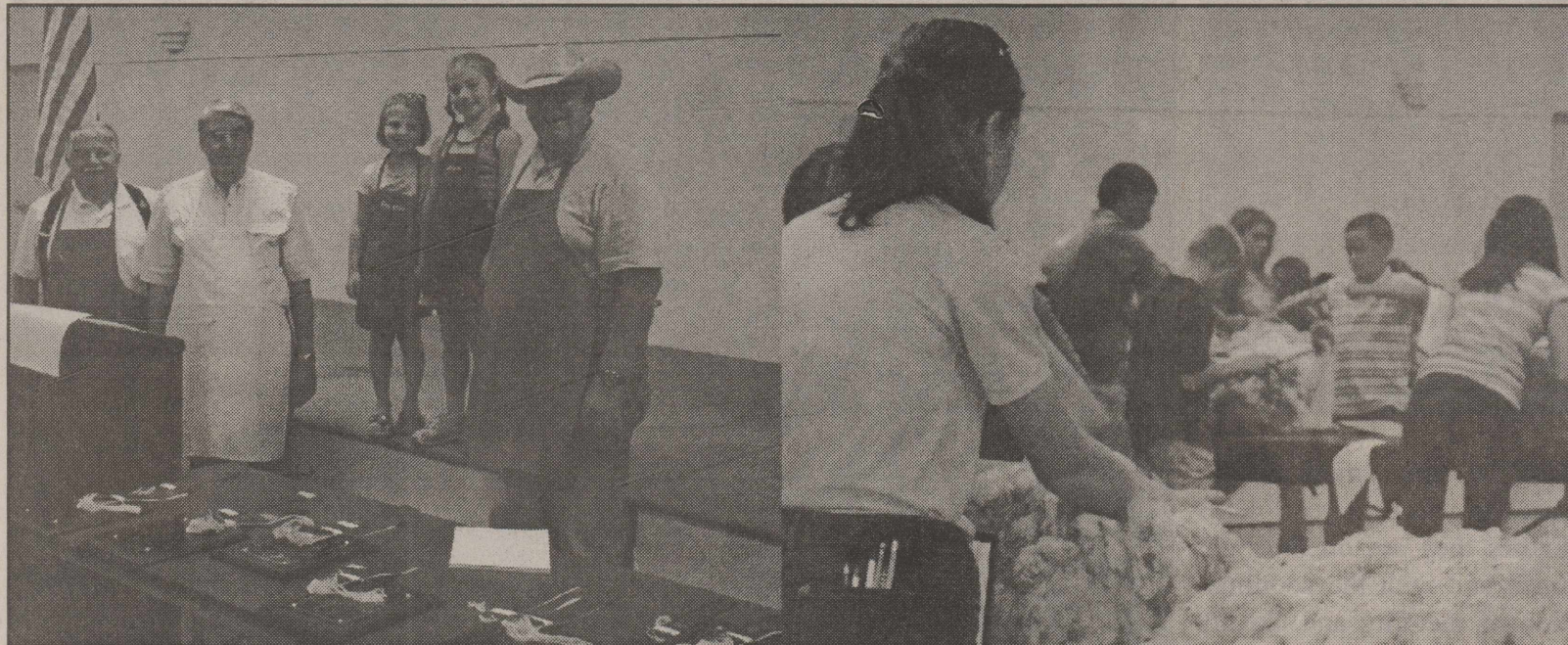
The old punster kept telling his jokes, including puns. He was arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged at dawn in a week's time.

The king's conscience was pricked. He didn't want to execute a citizen for merely telling jokes. So the king sent a message to the hangman on the morning of the execution, telling him that the old man was to be given a pardon if he promised never to tell another pun.

The old man couldn't imagine living in a world where he could not tell a pun. So he replied, "No noose is good news," and died gladly.

Oil & Agribusiness

72nd Wool and Mohair Show On the Rise



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

The 72nd Sonora Wool & Mohair Show and 49th National 4-H Wool Judging contest as well as the 9th annual FFA National Wool Judging contest are completed. We have new champions. Results are as follows:

Though the show had been experiencing a decline in entries, there have been increases the last two years. Ninety fleeces were entered for competition this year. The Grand Champion Wool fleece was a Delaine Aged Ram fleece which belonged to Colton Reeh from Kerr County 4-H. It received a plaque from Gerry Ingham's Caverns Ranch and was purchased by the Comfort Inn of

Sonora for \$250. The Reserve Champion fleece came from a Commercial Aged Ram entry by Sara Zunker from Kendall County 4-H. It was purchased by the Eddie Sawyer Ranch for \$150.

The Grand Champion Mohair Fleece was a Doe Kid which belonged to Jackie Nentwich from Kerr Co. 4-H. It received a rosette and plaque from Jimmy & Sharon Holman Ranch and was purchased by the Days Inn of Sonora for \$250. Meanwhile, the Reserve Champion mohair fleece was a Buck Kid fleece also entered by Jackie Nentwich. It was purchased by the Eddie Sawyer Ranch for \$150.

Kendall County 4-H'er, Sarah Zunker, received the Joe & W.F. Berger Memorial trophy awarded to the premier wool exhibitor by the L.P. Bloodworth family. The Fred T. Earwood Memorial trophy goes to the premier mohair exhibitor which this year was Jackie Nentwich from Kerr County.

Looking at the wool judging contests, National Champion 4-H Wool Judging honorees went to Kerr County 4-H with a score of 1842 while Tom Green County 4-H ended second with a score of 1744 points. The National Champion FFA Wool Judging was James Madison FFA with a score of 1778, while Wy-

lie FFA finished second with 1701 points.

The annual event also features youth livestock, range, as well as wool/mohair invitational judging contests. It is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and Sonora Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Extension. Other sponsors include Sonora Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora, Sonora Wool & Mohair Co., Capital Farm Credit, and Earwood Ranch. A sincere word of gratitude to them, Melinda Crain, Corky Schwiening, Angelo State University, and all those I forgot to mention. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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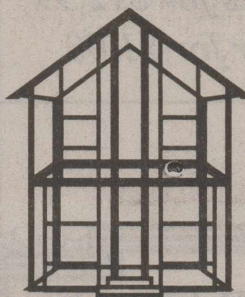
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Boating Fatalities Down as Spring Turns to Summer

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have noted a drop in boating fatalities after a rash of accidents in March signaled that 2009 might be on track to match the near-record high of 61 fatalities in 2008.

As of June 18, year-to-date boating fatalities stand at 18. Texas Game Wardens and members of the Lewisville Fire Department are combing the waters of Lewisville Lake for the body of a 35-year-old man who went swimming off of a pontoon boat Wednesday evening.

In the same time period last year, 31 Texas boaters died.

"It's not clear why we are seeing a drop in fatal accidents, but it is certainly welcome news," said Texas Game Warden Maj. Alfonso Campos, TPWD's chief of marine enforcement. "Following the fatalities on Belton Lake, Lake Grapevine, Lewisville Lake, Lake Lavon and Richland Chambers Reservoir back in March, we really stepped-up our public education efforts, as well as enforcement efforts; maybe that made a difference, or maybe people are just being more careful."

Over the Memorial Day holiday, there were zero fatal boating accidents in Texas, something Campos called "remarkable."

On Lake Conroe, where Texas Game Wardens and members of the Montgomery

County Precinct One Constable's Office worked with the district attorney to implement the state's first "no refusal" weekend on a major lake, there were no accidents at all.

"The public was aware due to extensive media coverage and we received a number of thanks from the boating public for taking such a strong stance against Boating While Intoxicated," said Texas Game Warden Capt. Ron VanderRoest. "Texas Game Wardens on Lake Conroe arrested eight suspects for BWI, two for Narcotics violations, one for Failure to ID Fugitive and also issued more than 175 citations."

VanderRoest said that at least three more "no refusal" weekends are slated for the lake over the summer, with

the largest effort slated for the July 4 holiday weekend.

Statewide, Texas Game Wardens and local marine safety officers will participate in "Operation Dry Water" June 26-28. The campaign, sponsored by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, involves 48 states and emphasizes BWI detection and enforcement.

"We'll have saturation patrols on some lakes with an emphasis on stopping drunk boaters," Campos said.

Campos cautioned that the lower numbers of boating fatalities so far this year does not mean that boaters should be any less vigilant or careful on the water.

"Maybe we're getting a little bit smarter about how we have fun on the water," he said. "But

maybe we've just been lucky. Either way, we would be very happy if this trend continues and fewer families have to experience the tragedy of losing a loved one on the lake."

Campos reminded boaters to wear their life jackets, designate a sober driver on the water and for a safe ride home, and to enroll in an approved boater education course.

"If everyone would do those three things, we'd see a huge reduction in these largely preventable accidents," he said.



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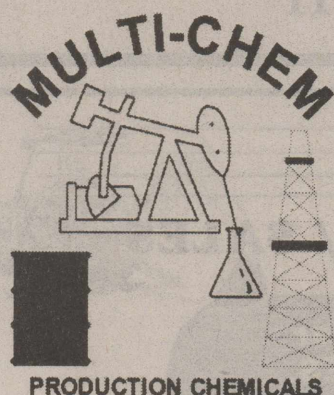
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The Bodean brothers have spent a good portion of their collective lives searching for something. None of them really know what it is that they are looking for, but as Skeeter Bodean (also known as Whiskers) stated, "We ain't gonna give up the goat, until we find it. We used to know what it wuz that we were lookin fer, but my brothers Happy and Tiny fergot". They were at the end of their quest when a trip to Rush In Lube Pit refreshed their memory, "Sheeet, we just remembered what it wuz! Watchin that there feller change our oil reminded us that it was time for Momma's doctor visit."

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Sonora Receives the Governor's Community Achievement Award



By Susan Hall

The Governor's Community Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious annual environmental awards given in Texas. Each year, based on a community's population, nine winning communities share \$1 million in landscape prizes from the Texas Department of Transportation for their outstanding overall efforts to keep their communities beautiful. The award recognizes achievement in seven areas: Community Leader-

ship and Coordination; Youth Education; Public Awareness; Litter Prevention & Cleanup; Beautification & Community Improvement; Solid Waste Management; Litter Law & Illegal Dumping Enforcement. This past year Keep Sonora Beautiful was able to show their efforts in all seven categories. They placed second in the Category 3: Population 3001-5000. Keep Sonora Beautiful was pleased to receive this honor, making that

\$70,000 grant more within reach to win next year. KSB knows they are on the right track and with the coordination of the City and County and all the partnerships with the various organizations and churches in our Community it is definitely a strong possibility. The citizens of Sonora know how to get a job done right. Keep Sonora Beautiful looks forward to this upcoming year.

Landscape of the Month



Sonic Drive-In was chosen Landscape of the Month for June 2009 by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are Biddy Ramirez, Annette Castro – Manager and Donna Garrett, Executive Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Sonic!

Disc Golf Coming to Sonora



Photo courtesy of the American Frisbee Golf Association

By Delyse Jaeger

Disc golf is a growing sport that can be found on nearly every college campus and in ever increasing city parks across the nation. Tournaments are held and associations exist to organize, support and grow the sport, which combines the

popular frisbee toss with the beloved game of golf. Recently, the City of Junction built a course and held their first tournament, which by all reports was very successful and well attended. Junction's next tournament is scheduled for July 4th.

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance Sonora's appeal to 1-10 travelers, provide local recreation activities for Sonora's youth and community, and draw repeat visitors to our city, a disc golf course has been designed for construction. Sponsorships are being sought from the community to help bring the game to town. Approximately 10 to 12 holes are in need of funding and the cost is \$500.00 per hole. This covers a tee box, basket, markers and signage which will include the sponsors name. Individuals, clubs, businesses, churches, or partnerships can all participate. Sponsorships can be in the form of a memorial or in honor of an individual or group. A fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Sonora, and donations will also be accepted and greatly appreciated. Please contact Delyse Jaeger at Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary 325-387-2615 for more information or to help with this effort.

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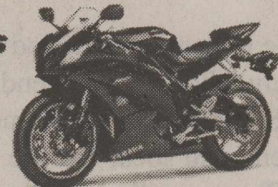
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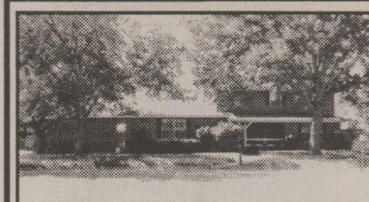
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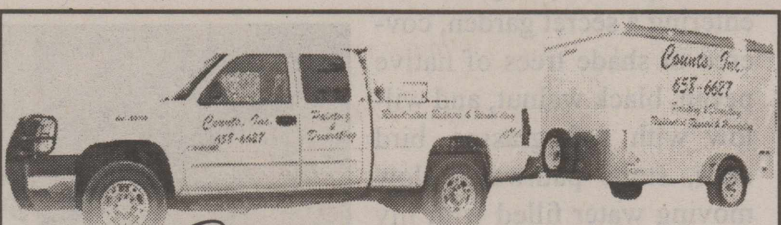
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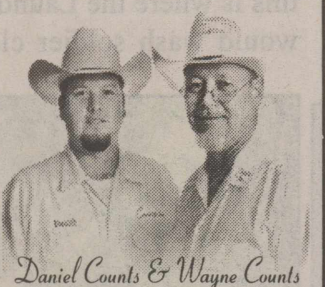


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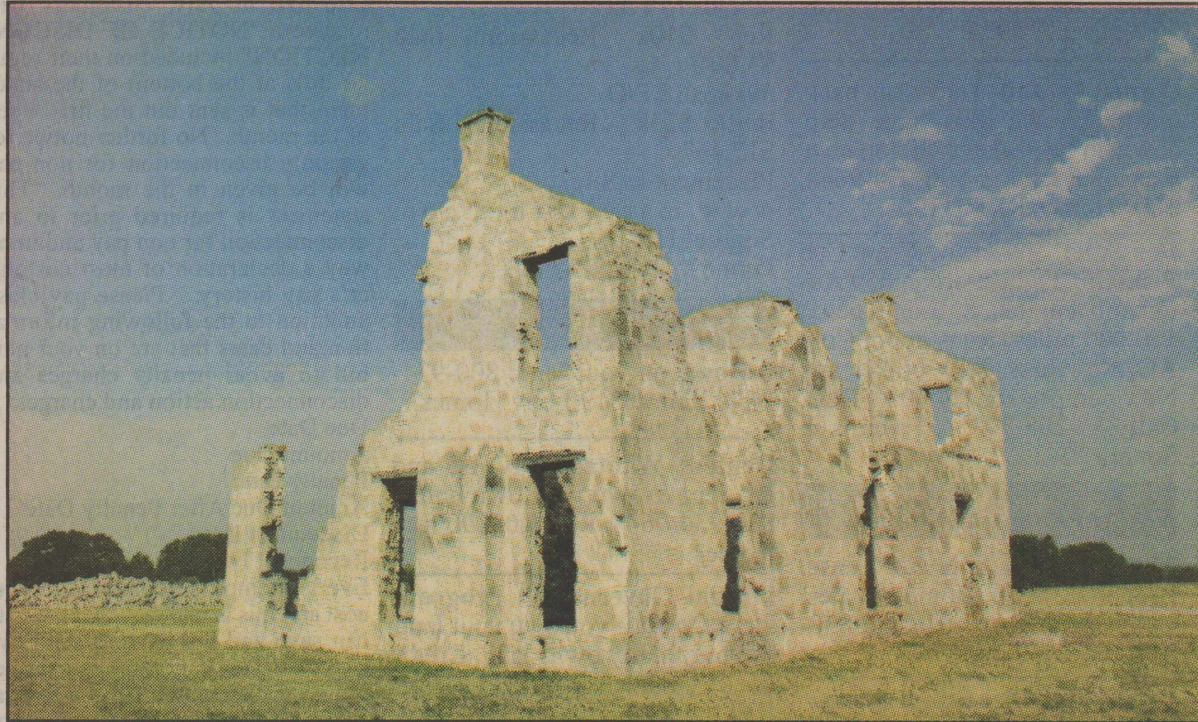
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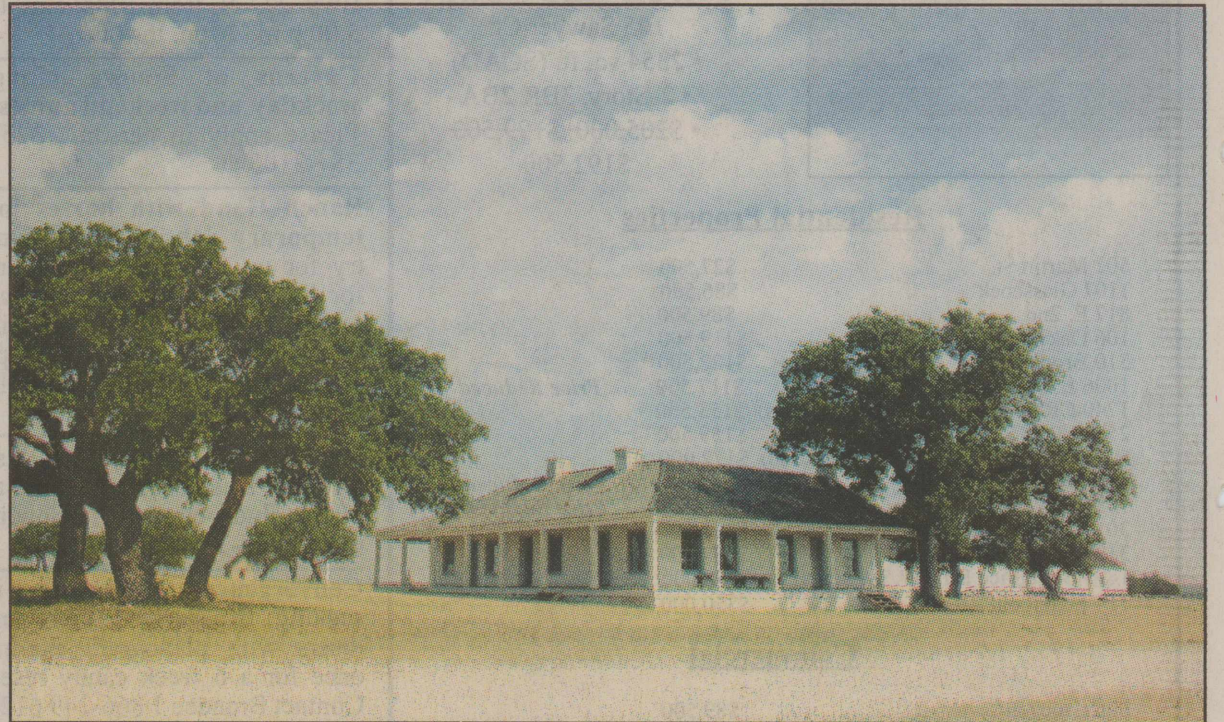
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The Post Commander's House was the only two-story building at Fort McKavett. Constructed in 1856, the building was destroyed by fire in 1941.



The Post Headquarters Building was constructed in 1852 and later expanded after the Civil War. The Headquarters Building contained the regimental offices, post library, paymaster and telegraph room.

Adventuresome: daring-willing or eager to participate in exciting or risky activities (Encarta Dictionary). The Adventuresome is a special section added to the Devil's River News for the summer. We hope you will use it as a guide to help you get out and explore the treasures around West Texas. Each issue we will explore a different park, nature area, historical site or travel destination within a day's drive and highlight the attractions and adventure to be found.

Fort McKavett State Historical Site

Travel Time: 42 min.
Distance: 40.5 miles

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There is an allure to historic sites, as I'm sure at one time or another we all have wished we could travel back in time, these destinations offer a window into the past. The thrill often in history is not a rush of adrenaline but the thoughts we have as we take time to ponder and learn how people used to work, play, love and live while exploring the ruins and buildings most foreign to our way of life.

Fort McKavett holds the spirit of military frontier life during a time of the Texas Indian Wars within its buildings showing furnished rooms as they once might have looked, tools of archaic medical use and military weapons, a stone quarry and kiln, and a natural spring that brought life wa-

ters to the area.

The travel to the fort is an easy shot from Sonora and I-10 as you head North East on Ranch Road 864. As you near the site, the buildings of Fort McKavett appear over the tree line sitting on a hilltop with a deep view of the surrounding area. Parking is convenient and the visitor's center contains a large history of the people at the fort and a sense of what military life was like in the 1800's. Stories are told of various infantry and cavalry units, the Buffalo Soldiers, the role of women in their supporting roles, and frontier living.

The stoic buildings and ruins are well maintained and open to exploration in great detail with many Live Oak shade trees and picnic tables placed around the grounds, which would make for an enjoyable morning visit with a picnic lunch on site. Modern restrooms leave little need for one to try out the old "Sink" (restroom) building with its

wooden framed seats and close quarter sitting arrangement.

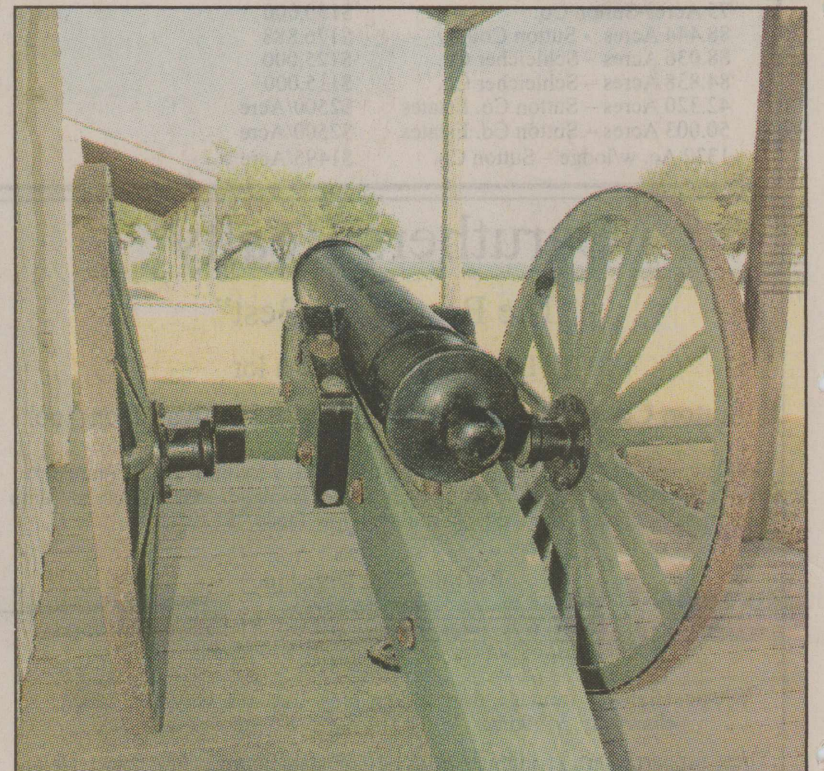
The staff was helpful and friendly, open to questions and had a plentiful supply of information about the fort. As the heat of the day sets in, I would recommend a hike down the ¼ mile Government Road Nature Trail to the rock quarry and springs.

The hike is pleasant with a wonderful surrounding of nature and a handful of informative marquees telling about plant and animal life. Entering the springs is like entering a secret garden, covered in shade trees of native pecan, black walnut, and willow with soft grasses, bird calls, stone pathways, slow moving water filled with lily pads and gentle breezes rustling the leaves of the tall shade trees creating a kaleidoscope of falling light through the branches. The lone marquee here tells that this is where the Laundresses would wash soldier clothing

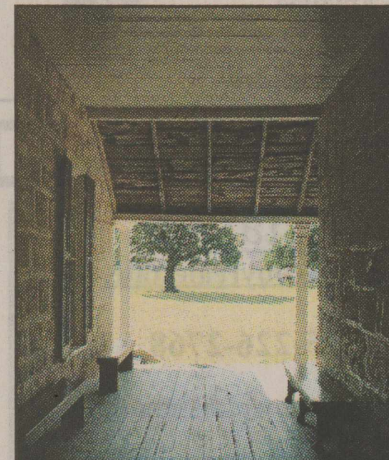
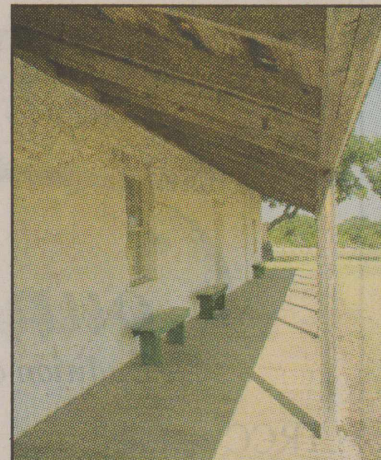
and where soldiers would escape the heat to bathe and collect drinking water.

Another historic feature that may be of interest is found right off the grounds of the historic site, the Fort McKavett cemetery that was established in 1849 and holds ties to many families in our area. For more information on the area and activities available, visit the Texas Historic Commission website.

Go ahead, be "Adventuresome."



A cannon sits on the porch of one of the buildings of the Officers Quarters.



Left-A view of the Officers Quarters, center-the Hospital Building which now contains the museum, gift shop, research library, staff offices and restrooms, right-medical equipment.

Sonora Equestrians Ride High at District

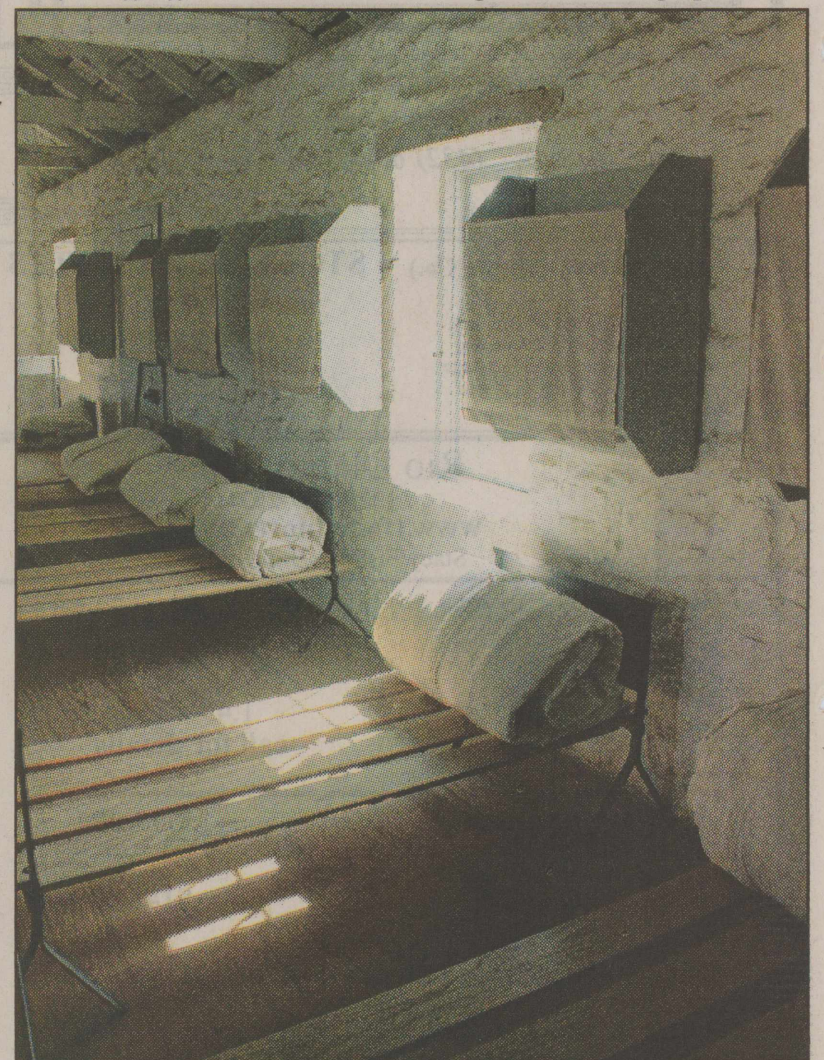


Chelsey Lou Campbell and Serena Lee Allison competed at the District 4-H Horse Show in Gonzales, TX on June 16, 2009.

They finished in the top 25 in Pole Bending, and were both in the top 10 in Barrel Racing. Serena Lee placed 7th and Chelsey Lou placed 9th. This qualifies them both for the State 4-H Horse Show competition in Abilene, attend of July.



The springs is one of many that flow to create the headwaters of the San Saba River. It was used as the primary source of drinking water, bathing and washing.



The north room of Barracks #4 is furnished as it may have appeared in the 1870's. The building once housed Company B of the 8th U.S. Infantry Regiment.