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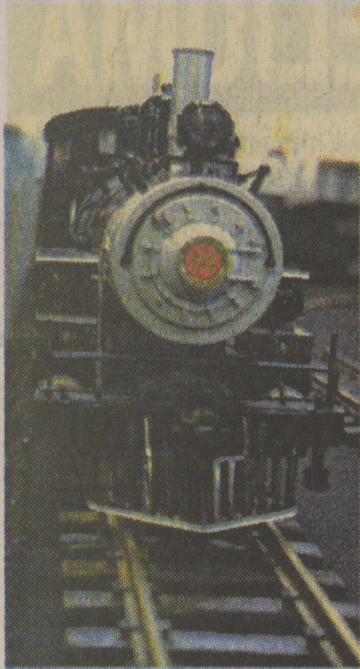
Thursday, July 14, 2011

Emergency Meeting of the City Council: Graffiti Concerns Addressed

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An emergency meeting of the city council was convened at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2011 to discuss actions regarding graffiti and the position vacated for the Director of the Sonora Main Street Program.

In a crowded meeting room the discussion quickly went to the matter of the recent graffiti incidents across Sonora. As an answer to a visitors comment Police Chief Jarrett stated that, "we currently have only four officers so we cant cover a 24/7 patrol. I am looking at applications now to fill that vacant spot we have. If everything goes good I can expect to hire someone as early as July."

The chief later commented that, "we have had 22 counts of criminal mischief in a very short amount of time. The vast majority of those oc-

curred over 2 nights".

Many of those in attendance expressed their appreciation for the hard work the police department is doing to monitor this issue. As an answer to a question about forming a neighborhood watch Jarrett commented that, "that is an excellent idea, and if anyone would like to set up a watch please feel free to contact the police department."

Discussion soon went to current policies concerning who is responsible for cleaning up the graffiti. City Manager Charle Graves commented that, "in 2009 the state passed a law allowing cities to pass an ordinance where the city would be responsible for cleaning up the mess. If a private property owner refuses to let the city cover up or clean the graffiti then they have 10 days to

clean it themselves or the city will do it and charge the property owner. This law is very vague, and its going to take the cooperation an input from all community members to write this where it is fair to everyone."

Discussion concluded with Mayor Lemuel Lopez commending the police department for all their efforts and an assurance that, "we will do everything in our power to come up with an ordinance that addresses this problem."

The council agreed to table any discussion regarding the Friends of Historic Main Street until it's board had a chance to meet.

Make sure to pick up a copy of Next Weeks Devil's River News for continual coverage of the Graffiti ordinance.

Rail Road Exhibit Ties Us Into Our Past



Human nature can be defined in its most simple form as the connection we feel with each other. This trend is evident throughout our history as most of our advancements as a civilization have really don't do anything more than connect us better. It all started around 10,000 years ago when a group of our ancestors started harvesting the bounty from domesticated plants and animals. With the discovery of agriculture grew the concept of villages, towns, cities, and finally commerce. The success of any particular community was defined by its ability to trade with neighbors and build alliances with friends against common enemies. The Romans may have conquered the known world on the size of its military, but they built an empire on the strength of its roads. From the telegraph to the internet it seems as though every driving force in our world is laid on the infrastructure of communication and connection, and in the history of our nation nothing has helped connect the United States more completely that the rail road system.

In the late 1800's America was a young country eager to lay claim to its future. The idea of Manifest Destiny put the country into a fever frenzy to settle the western portion of the United States. Before that period many communities were established around the availability of water (just as Sonora was in 1889), but that all changed with the establishment of the railroad. Simply put, if a town had access to a rail road they survived if there was no rail road the town would disappear.

The first residents of Sonora knew that, and as early as 1908 they even explored the idea of establishing an electric railroad. In 1920 conditions at the existing railhead at Barnhart became uncertain and by July of that year a Sutton County Railroad Committee was established. Without the efforts of that committee Sonora might have never established itself, according to a past edition of the Devil's River News "the first route of the railroad was to bypass Sonora. The Sonorans met to discuss the oversight in 1904 or 1905. Mr. McCauley, a resident of

Sweetwater presented a more suitable plan of the road. In a day's time the citizens of Sonora agreed to pay \$40,000 for this plan. The money was raised, placed in the bank and paid out for work done in Sutton County. Ed Jackson, founder of the bank, Judge S.G. Tayloe, W. F. Whitehead, W.A. Glasscock, and J. Lwenthal were all instrumental in getting the rail road to Sonora".

In July 1, 1930 two trains made their debut in Sonora with ten Pullman cars filled with railroad officials and other dignitaries. Joseph VanderStucken shipped the first livestock (a double deck car of muttons to Fort Worth) for a shipping cost of \$81.40. Initially the passenger fair from or to San Angelo from Sonora was \$2.40. For many years a regularly scheduled freight and passenger mixed train ran. Often as many as 2000 cars of livestock were shipped per year. The last passenger service was in 1956 when a group of Sonora

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I would like to thank all of the businesses and people who supported me as well as the other queen candidates. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to represent Sutton County. I owe a very special thank you to First National Bank of Sonora, The Mercantile on Main, and the Mercantile Garden for all their help and support. Lee Ann Holt, Ashley Schenkel, Katie Harrell, and Ann Morriss were great at supervising the Miss Sutton County queen candidates. We really appreciated them. I also enjoyed standing alongside Paige, Adriana, Whitley, and especially Rose Karnes. It was an experience I will always cherish. I look forward to serving Sutton County this year.

Yours truly,
Hunter Jennings

Sonora Goes Pink For Women's Health



Front row L to R Dr. Kristy Edwards, Aurora Noriega, Ada Castilleja, Juanita Mesa, Maria Carrasco, Gloria Lopez, and Noemi Samaniego. Back row: Araceli Perez, Kelly Thorp, and Tish Roque

One hundred and forty-three women attended Sonora's first Friend to Friend Pink Party for Women's Health, held Wednesday, July 6 at the Sutton County Civic Center and hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

This program's purpose was to encourage women to get regular mammograms and Pap tests for the early detection of breast and cervical cancer, when the disease is most curable. The Friend to Friend program provided up-to-date information on breast cancer and Pap tests from Dr. Kristy Edwards of Sonora Medical Clinic and Tamatha Humphrey, a certified radiology technician with Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Noemi Samaniego spoke to the group about several financial assistance programs. One being offered to women ages 18 to 44 is through the

Women's Health Medicaid Program the other was Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) who provide free mammograms and cervical screening for women ages 44 to 64.

Women who have Medicare Part B can receive mammograms and cervical screening at any facility accepting Medicare Part B. Any woman wishing to be tested must have a physician's order and then a mammogram can be scheduled through Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital where they provide state of the art mammography services right here in our own backyard.

A number of Pink Party door prizes were given to attendees, including grand prizes such as a KitchenAid Artisan Series Raspberry 5-quart

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Senior Center Activities

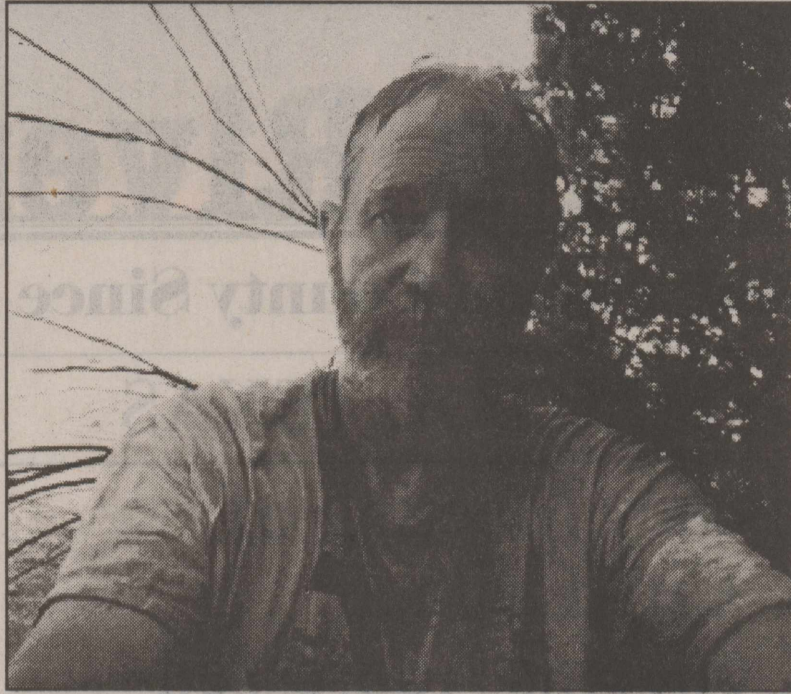
- Thurs. July 14 - Crafts
- Fri. July 15 - Happy Birthay *Jean Humphreys*
- Mon. July 18 - Bingo
- Tues. July 19 - Chair Exercise
- Wed. July 20 - Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. July 14 - King ranch chicken, roll, milk
broccoli & carrot salad, oatmeal cookie
- Fri. July 15 - Chicken fajita salad w/cheese, tossed salad
macaroni salad, crackers, pie, milk
- Mon. July 18 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes
broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk
- Tues. July 19 - Polynesian salad, sweet peas, wheat bread
golden salad, vanilla pudding, milk
- Wed. July 20 - Baked pork chop w/gravy, corn, tossed salad
zucchini/yellow squash, wheat roll, fresh fruit

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00;
\$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

Thank You Notes



My Trans-Texas Bicycle Odyssey ended with the near-death shutdown of my body between mile markers 425 & 426, I-10 Westbound. I am extremely grateful to my wife, Sutton County Sheriff Bill Webster (ret.), cellular access, and, earlier while Eastbound, to numerous Border Patrol agents and many people for your assistance. Without you, I have no doubt that my next vehicle would have been a hearse instead of my Doublevision tandem recumbent!

Thank you very much!
Sincerely, John Eyberg

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Tues., Aug. 9th - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - FRESHMEN

Wed., Aug. 10th - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon - NEW STUDENTS

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July 15
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July 16
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July 17
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July 18
Annalisa Perez, Whitney Perez, Ann Morriss, Barbara Earwood, Anita Hudson, Morgan Vvylecka

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Larry Finklea, Jason Arrendondo, Will Anderson, Starlyn Chadwick, Hector Ortiz, Jr., Ryan San Miguel, Elva Mata

July 20
Caleb Gulley, Cody Mond, Jazmin Ramos

Texas Dairy Queen Operations Make Donation

Fort Worth, Texas (July 11, 2011) – Today, the Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council (TDQOC) announced they are donating \$33,834 to the family of Shannon Stone, the Brownwood, TX firefighter who died July 7 after a fall from the left field upper railing at The Ballpark in Arlington while attempting to catch a baseball for his six-year old son. To help support Stone's family, the TDQOC announced Saturday, July 9th that they pledged to donate \$1 for each person in attendance at Sunday's game between the Texas Rangers and the Oakland Athletics. The attendance at yesterday's game was \$33,834.

"Like the rest of the country, we were extremely saddened by the accident that took Shannon Stone's life and wanted to do what we could to help Mr. Stone's family," said TDQOC President Larry Newell. "Dairy Queen, like the game of baseball, is a family destination and both are part of virtually every community in Texas. When something like this happens, the family needs the help of their community more than ever. As a Brownwood firefighter, Mr. Stone spend 18 years selflessly serving his community and as part of that extended community, we want to give something back to his family."

The TDQOC will make the donation of \$33,834 to the Shannon Stone Memorial fund set up by The Texas Rangers after Stone's death last Thursday.

The Dairy Queen restaurants in Texas are represented by the Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council, which includes approximately 200 franchisees who own nearly 600 restaurants throughout the state. The Council provides guidance and support for the owners in such areas as hot food specifications, quality control, marketing and operations.

Drought Continues to Break Records

COLLEGE STATION – The months-long Texas drought is sapping the record books bone dry and is racking up dire statistics that have never been reached since reliable record-keeping was started 116 years ago, according to figures from Texas A&M University researchers.

Don Conlee, instructional associate professor of atmospheric sciences who, along with graduate student Brent McRoberts, also assists State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon with recordkeeping, confirms that the period from February through June was by far the driest on record with a statewide average of 4.26 inches of rain. The next driest occurred in 1917 with 6.45 inches.

Also setting records: March-June, driest on record; January-June, driest on record; December-June, driest on record; November-June, driest on record; and October-June, driest on record.

They note that official weather keeping began in 1895 in Texas.

Drought researchers,

emergency managers and state and federal officials will convene in Austin on Thursday (July 7) for a special Southern U.S. Drought Impacts & Assessment Workshop.

As for June, it was most definitely time to crank up the AC unit: 2011 marked the hottest June ever in Texas with an average of 85.2 degrees, breaking the previous mark of 84.9 set in 1953.

"June was not only the warmest June in Texas history, it comes in as the fourth warmest month ever, which usually goes to a July or August time period," Conlee notes.

One stat sure to make Texans sweat: Even if the state receives an average of 2 inches of rain in July (the long-term average is 2.45 inches), it will already have had the driest August (2010) through July period ever.

Conlee says the Palmer Drought Severity Index (used by the National Climatic Data Center) is currently -6.37, officially making this the third worst drought on record. First

place occurred in 1956 with a mark of -6.54, and second was in 1918 with a -6.41 reading.

"But the stats are through June, meaning this still has the potential to surpass one or both of the infamous past droughts to be the worst or second worst drought in Texas history," Conlee adds.

"The primary cause of the drought is the lingering La Nina in the Pacific, but we don't know for certain if climate change is affecting rainfall one way or the other. What we do know is that temperatures are a degree or two warmer with climate change so the drought is worse than it would otherwise be," says Nielsen-

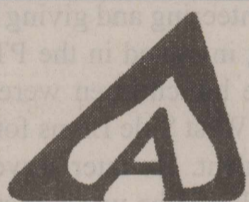
Gammon, whose position as state climatologist is in addition to his service as professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M.

As for rainfall in the upcoming months, Conlee says the prospects are not that promising: the mid and long range forecasts are no better than an equal chance of above and below-normal precipitation, with many parts of the state having greater probability of below-normal.

"The saving grace could be the wildcard of a tropical storm or hurricane, although that rain could come at a high price," Conlee adds.

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Eldorado Game Dinner & Drawing 11:00 AM, November 5, 2011 at the Schleicher County Civic Center on US Hwy 277 South in Eldorado. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and BBQ brisket and sausage plates are \$10 and include 2 raffle tickets.
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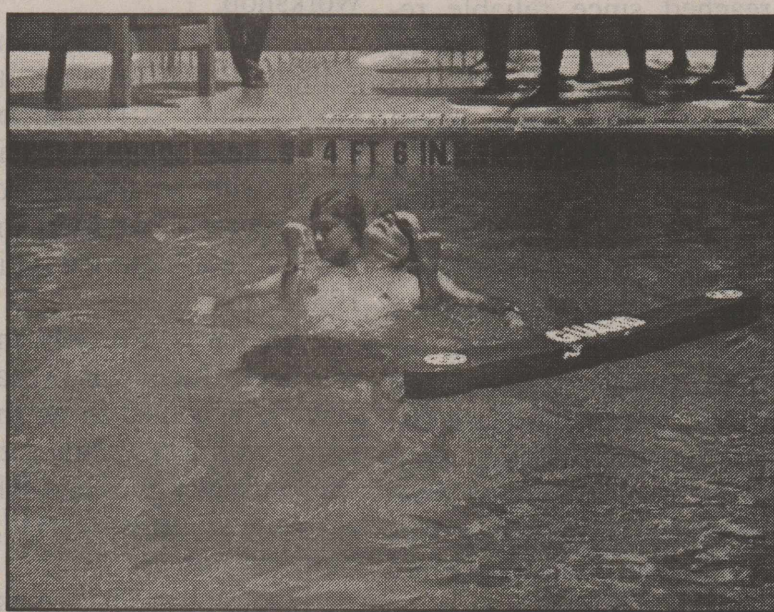
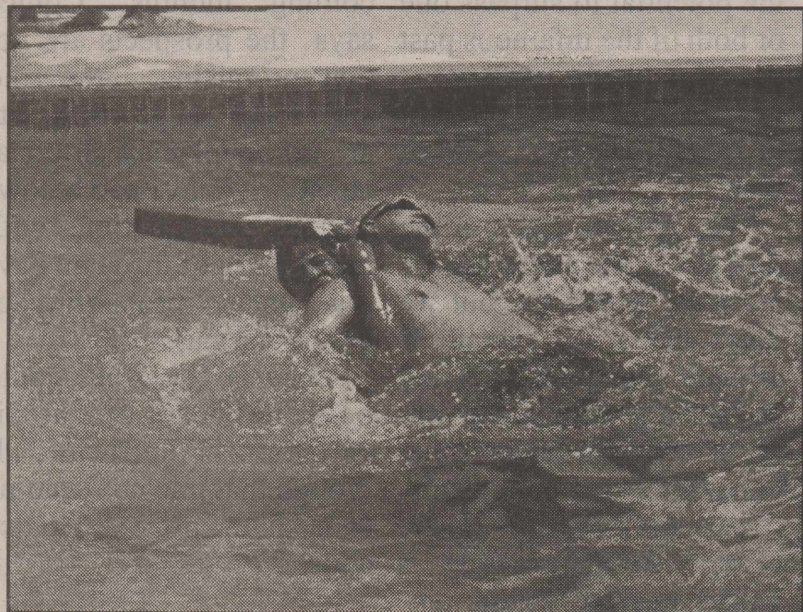
City of Sonora Lifeguards Attend TML Training

Recently, this years life-guards from the City pool attended a TML training in

Brady, Texas. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for pool managers, head

lifeguards, and lifeguards to review and practice their skills. They also learn about

new ideas to help minimize risks at our facility.



Lions Club Announces the Robert "Beto" Duran Outstanding Volunteer Scholarship Program



In the "SPIRIT OF SERVICE", "The Lion Robert "Beto" Duran "Outstanding Volunteer Scholarship Program" is announced for Lion Fiscal year 2011-2012. The criteria established for these awards are demonstrated volunteer service to Sonora and Sutton County in a consistent and selfless manner. Each awardee will receive an invitation to join The Sonora Lions Club. The membership fee and dues for a year will be paid for by the "Beto" Duran Outstanding Volunteer Scholarship Program. Dear and close friends of this outstanding member of The Sonora Lions, Mr. Beto Duran, provided funding for this program

Beto Duran grew up in Sonora volunteering and giving back to the community. He did so by being involved in the PTA at L.W. Elliott Elementary School while his children were students. He was a charter member of the West Side Lions formed in 1961 and served as the Club President. He later served as President of the Downtown Lions Club and he was a member of the Concho Valley Agency on Aging. Beto is a member of The Concho Senior Hall Of Fame for his work with Seniors here in Sonora.

Lionism has always been Beto's passion and the driving force for family and friends to establish this program to honor his accomplishments. The recipients of this award are: Juanita Mesa, Marrisa Faz, Juanita Berrera, and Santiago Faz. Welcome to these deserving volunteers.

100 Years Ago

1. The average life expectancy in the United States was forty-seven.
2. Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.
3. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
4. There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.
5. The maximum speed limit in most cities was ten mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the twenty-first most populous state in the Union.
6. The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

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A record auction amount for a desert bighorn ram permit in Texas was paid by a Texas hunter on July 9 at WildLife 2011, the annual convention of the Texas Wildlife Association.

The record high bid of \$152,000 for the opportunity to hunt one desert bighorn ram at the

Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Brewster County, Texas, highlighted the TWA Grand Auction in San Antonio and exhilarated the 1000 people in attendance.

The previous record auction amount for a desert bighorn ram permit in Texas was \$115,000.

The live auction item was offered by the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF), a 501(c)3 organization. TWAF is donating 90 percent of gross revenue from this auction item to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Desert Bighorn Program for desert bighorn restoration, management, and research in the state of Texas. Ten percent of gross revenue from this auction item will be utilized by TWAF to support

its charitable, scientific, and educational purposes.

Donated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1985 specifically for restoration, conservation, and management of desert bighorn sheep, the Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area continues to serve as the primary source of brood stock for reintroduction efforts. Considered one of the premier desert bighorn hunting areas, 25 total bighorn hunts have been conducted on the area since 1996, and hunter success has been 100 percent. Sixteen B&C record book rams have been harvested on the area.

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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM April 1, 2011- June 30, 2011

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 5,794,719.41	\$ 631,408.13		\$ 1,140,255.52	\$ 4,960.70	\$ 5,280,911.32
FMFC	\$ 1,158,540.13	\$ 123,355.79	\$ 4,960.70	\$ 454,081.59		\$ 832,775.03
Flood Control	\$ 14,911.83			\$ 894.99		\$ 14,016.84
Law Library	\$ (11,302.08)	\$ 355.59		\$ 870.00		\$ (11,816.49)
Lateral Road	\$ 14,518.76			\$ 2,000.00		\$ 12,518.76
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 487.84					\$ 487.84
State Bond Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 420.00		\$ 600.00		\$ 420.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 84,406.11			\$ 12,443.72		\$ 71,962.39
Sutton County 911	\$ 6,706.86	\$ 9.20				\$ 6,716.06
Appellate Fund	\$ 260.73	\$ 242.46		\$ 262.73		\$ 240.46
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 424,044.67	\$ 1,670.23		\$ 7,404.83		\$ 418,310.07
					TOTAL	\$ 6,626,542.28
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
General-B&T	\$ 290,615.80	General-1st Natl	\$ 11,631.80	FMFC	\$ (13,801.51)	
Appellate Fund	\$ 240.46	Sutton County 911	\$ 6,716.06	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 61,029.71	
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 487.84					\$ 356,920.16
MONEY MARKET ACCTS	General	\$ 191,316.68	FMFC	\$ 332,895.12		\$ 524,211.80
C D ACCOUNTS	General	\$ 4,874,448.54	FMFC	\$ 513,681.42		
	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 357,280.36				\$ 5,745,410.32
					TOTAL	\$ 6,626,542.28

Oil & Agribusiness

Extension Office To Hold Livestock Exhibitor Orientation

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Hard to believe, but we are half-way done with summer vacation. Some families may be thinking about 4-H livestock projects for the upcoming school year, but feel uncertainty as they have little or no prior experience. Because of that, the Extension Office is offering an exhibitor orientation on July 28 at 5:15 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Any family considering a 4-H livestock project is invited to attend this program. The intention is to help interested families answer common questions about livestock exhibition. The clinic will include information on selection of projects, opportunity for showing, facilities and management. Common questions include cost, training, feeding, health management, and care. We will address all those points.

We will also discuss the "Quality Counts" program and the requirement that exhibitors receive certification prior to exhibition. This means youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the "Six Pillars of Character" and the "Eight Core Concepts" presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. Youth will need to pass an online test and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number. Again, not to worry- we will provide training.

We hope to see interested families or current 4-H'ers who need additional information on the "Quality Counts" program. There is no cost to attend, but please call the Sutton County Extension office at 387-3101 to register.

Drought Continues

Thanks mostly to La Niña, the last nine months have been the driest ever in the southern central United States since records began in 1895, according to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service. And unfortunately, NOAA/NWS experts said at a Thursday workshop in Austin, these conditions are not likely to improve drastically anytime soon, although some alleviation is forecasted.

In many locations, including West Texas, it would take 1½ times to twice the average seasonal precipitation needed over the next three months to end the drought, NOAA/NWS Meteorologist Dan Collins said, and there is a five percent or less chance of the drought ending in three or even six months in West Texas.

Ninety-one percent of Texas is in extreme to exceptional drought, NOAA/NWS said, and the Climate Forecast System indicates that there is a chance that La Niña could even re-emerge and extend the drought. NOAA's Klaus Wolter said that this winter could be dry with a La Niña rebound, which is more likely than not.

The drought has brought unprecedented consequences to the cotton crop. For the first time ever, the High Plains is looking at a near 100 percent abandonment rate on dry-land cotton. Some producers are shifting water from other crops to cotton, trying to salvage what they can of the 2011 irrigated crop, and making decisions that previous generations have not faced. The overall impact of the drought undoubtedly will be staggering across the agricultural industry, experts say.

Bob Rose with the Lower Colorado River Authority, which covers an area of Central Texas, said that if the drought continues through the winter, that they could begin curtailing agricultural use in Spring 2012 for the first time in their 77-year history. Stay updated on drought conditions by visiting [http://www.drought.gov] http://www.drought.gov

"Notice to Operators-The Full Disclosure of Frac Fluid Chemicals is Coming Very Soon."

Rulemaking will build upon sound foundation of earlier voluntary national disclosure process created with Railroad Commission input Austin, Texas - Elizabeth Ames Jones, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), the energy regulatory agency for the U.S.'s largest oil and natural gas producing state, hopes to finalize a rulemaking before the end of the year to disclose components of the solutions used in the hydraulic fracturing process now so common in drilling natural gas and oil wells.

Jones said, "This rule will provide the additional assurance to the public that a common sense disclosure policy affords, and it will provide operators uniformity and reliability regarding the disclosure process for all wells that are hydraulically fractured in Texas. I hope we can have the rule ready for implementation before the end of the year".

"Our rulemaking should not be misconstrued to upend my earlier statements. It is still geologically impossible for fracturing fluid or natural gas or oil to migrate upward

through thousands of feet of rock, sometimes miles, to adversely affect ground water." "The Texas disclosure rule will formalize the best practices we already expect and this rule codifies what is being done voluntarily by many companies. I am proud to play a role that ensures the implementation of this groundbreaking policy. Hydraulic fracturing has been going on for over 60 years and the practice, along with other

drilling technologies, continues to be perfected in Texas. As Chairman of the Railroad Commission, I remain committed to encouraging the development and the use of technologies in the field that will allow for an ever-shrinking drilling footprint. That is good for Texas and good for America." added Jones.

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Home Grown Terror Sets Roots In Texas

COLLEGE STATION, J— Homegrown terrorists are making headlines — most recently in Bandera County, where the sheriff's office issued a warning to citizens last month after the shooting death of an officer and in Hempstead, where a man awaits trial after attempting to aid al-Qaeda. These incidents — two of many in the past months — are acts that are individualistic and were spurred by dramatically different beliefs, a common occurrence in domestic terrorist attacks, says a Texas A&M authority on homeland security.

Danny Davis, director of the certificate program in homeland security at the Bush School of Government and Public Service who has more than two decades of national security experience, says having an informed public and understanding what makes these individuals tick are keys to thwarting future attacks.

But perhaps the most important point to remember about terrorism in general is that it is a tactic, says Davis.

"It's not a cause, not a movement, not an enemy," he says. "It's a tactic, something people use. People try to use terrorism, to make things so ugly, to scare people so much that they hope to win their point."

Advancing an ideology, whether that belief is political, philosophical or religious

in nature, is the ultimate goal of a terrorist, whether that individual is acting in a group or alone and carries out those acts domestically or in foreign lands, Davis contends. While foreign terrorism tends to rely more on groups, such as al-Qaeda or Hamas, domestic terrorists commonly act alone — commonly referred to as "lone wolves."

Since the early 1990s, the concept of leaderless resistance has served as the preferred method of operating for many domestic resisters, Davis adds. Choosing to work alone was partly driven by the increases in technology available to law enforcement officials.

"The strength in leaderless resistance and lone wolf tactics is that the actions of a single person, keeping his or her own council, is less liable to detection than the activities of a small cell or group of people acting outside the law," he continues. "Domestic terrorism is very individualistic. One person thinks one thing, and he might have something in common with someone else, but they're not a group. It's a very loose association that moves along the same routes."

Davis has penned a book about a few of these domestic movements. The

Phinehas Priesthood: Violent Vanguard of the Christian Identity Movement discusses the various offshoots of right-wing leaderless resistance movements. Davis profiles several of these extremists, including Eric Rudolph, the Olympic Park bomber, and Gordon Kahl, an anti-tax protestor. To write the book, Davis interviewed many of these individuals personally and said the majority of these extremists are very intelligent people.

"These people are so opinionated that it's hard to talk to them sometimes because they are so devout in what they believe," he adds. "Although there are exceptions, the majority are not crazy. Anybody that thinks these types of people are lunatics is missing the boat."

Though Davis' book focuses on right-wing extremists like those individuals key in anti-tax or illegitimate government movements, the spectrum of ideologies embraced by domestic terrorists is broad. For example, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, embraced radical Islam before being charged with killing 13 people and wounding 29 more in 2009's Fort Hood shooting. Still other domestic terrorists take up more left-wing causes like animal rights and environmental issues; these individuals cause millions of

dollars in damages to property and products ever year, Davis says.

While the motivation behind an attack may differ, what many domestic terrorists do have in common, however, is a trigger — also known as a stressor — that causes the individual to forward his or her beliefs with action. Such was the case with Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, explains Davis, who was compelled to act on his anti-government opinions after the federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco.

The public has become more diligent and more aware of terrorist attacks at home and abroad since 9/11, says Davis. Domestically, law enforcement monitors the Internet, watches gatherings of resistance-minded elements and infiltrates harmful groups; overseas, clandestine operations are hunting enemies abroad, he adds.

"We've gotten better at foiling them (planned attacks)," he explains. "We're going after them, taking aggressive action. We're much more proactive than we were. With the distinct possibilities of weapons of mass destruction getting into terrorists' hands, it's just a matter of trying to keep everyone safe."

Watch Your Car In July

How many additional crimes can be tied to stolen and burglarized vehicles? The answer: almost all crimes can have a connection. Stolen vehicles can be used as transportation for perpetrators to and from other criminal activities. Stolen vehicles can be used to transport criminal contraband, such as weapons, drugs and illegal individuals. Burglarized

property from vehicles can be used to perpetrate identity theft and home invasions. Stolen vehicles and burglarized property can be sold to fund criminal activities ranging from drug use to acts of terrorism. And with a vehicle stolen in Texas every seven minutes and a vehicle burglarized every two minutes, criminals have plenty of opportu-

nities to make such unlawful connections.

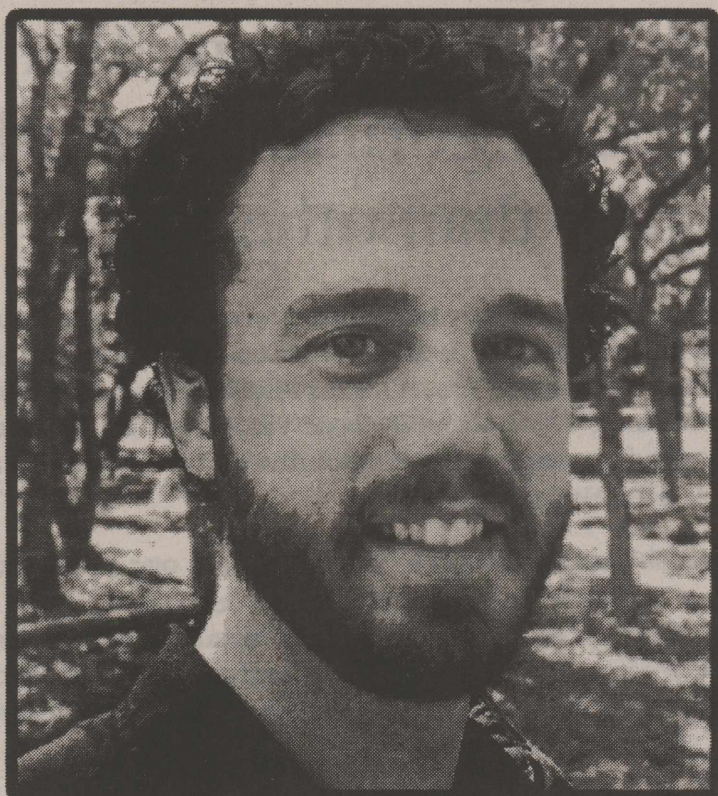
Historically, July is the month when the most vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas. Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Hide, Take, Lock": hide belongings, take keys, and lock vehicle doors. The Texas

Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout the 2011 "Watch Your Car Month," which is being recognized statewide in July.

In 2010, reported vehicle thefts in Texas totaled 68,220. In approximately half of those cases, vehicles were unlocked, and in over one-third of the incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was an unwitting accomplice in the theft and, in some cases, an accomplice in additional crimes. And last year, 261,166 vehicles were burglarized in Texas. Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement studies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are burglarized and stolen are: residences/homes (42.1%), public parking lots/garages (32.5%), and roadways/highways/alleyways (11.2%). This proves no area is safe from vehicle crime activity.

"We cannot stress enough that drivers must take an active role in preventing auto theft and burglary," said Michelle Lanham, program manager for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) task force. "By leaving vehicles unlocked and unattended with keys in the ignition and property in full view, drivers might as well be giving thieves open invitations to steal their property. Individuals who step away from their running vehicles for only a minute to pay for gas, buy a soda, drop off a child at day care, or engage in other perceived "quick" activities are providing the opportunities thieves look for everyday.

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Zelch graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Doctorate in physical therapy and also did his undergraduate work there in rehabilitation science. He holds certificates in pathokinesiology and conceptual foundations of medicine and has experience in and enjoys working in the areas of spine rehabilitation, manual therapy, orthopedics, sports medicine and evidence based practice.

"We are very fortunate to have Tim here providing PT services. While working as an intern at Pittsburgh's medical center he gained a great deal of experience in a variety of areas. He treated both preoperative and postoperative spine patients and also conducted a large number of orthopedic evaluations and treatments," says Sharon Dietz, Hospital Administrator. Zelch was the only student in his graduating class of physical therapists to participate in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Spine internship full time.

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ladies rode to San Angelo just for fun, knowing the service was ending. The last commercial run was on April 6, 1977, after which the depot was closed, with the track being taken up in 1978, thus ending Sonora's 48 year relationship with the railroad. In an effort to re-connect Sonora with its history with the railroad, the Sutton County Historical Society have combined efforts with model train enthusiast and Sonora resident Chris Roque to build a feature exhibit at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum.

Chris' relationship with trains does not span as long as Sonora's history with them, but give it a few years

and he might just get there. "I have been into trains since before my birth. When my grandfather found out my mom was pregnant with me he went out and bought me a Lionel Train set for my birthday. It's funny but my earliest memory was when I was on vacation with my grandparents in Colorado, I think I must have been around 18 months old. Ever since then I have had a love for trains, especially the Colorado and Southern line".

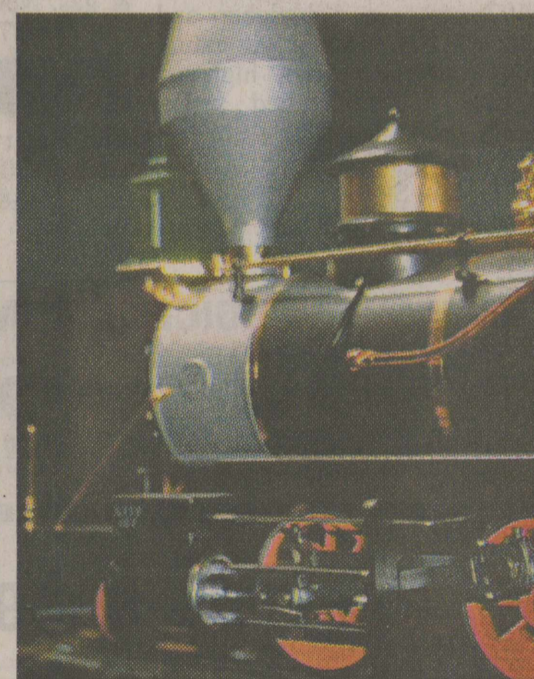
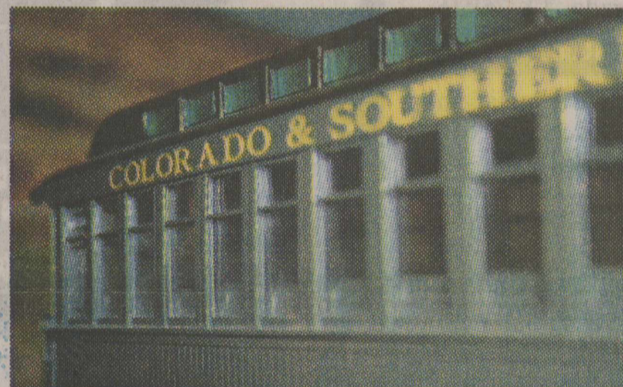
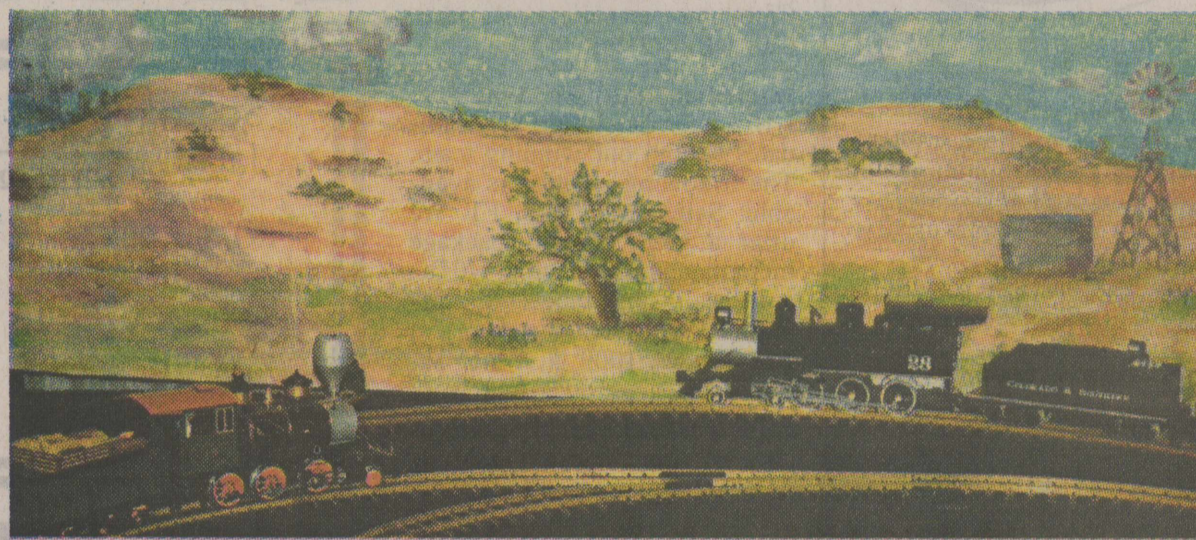
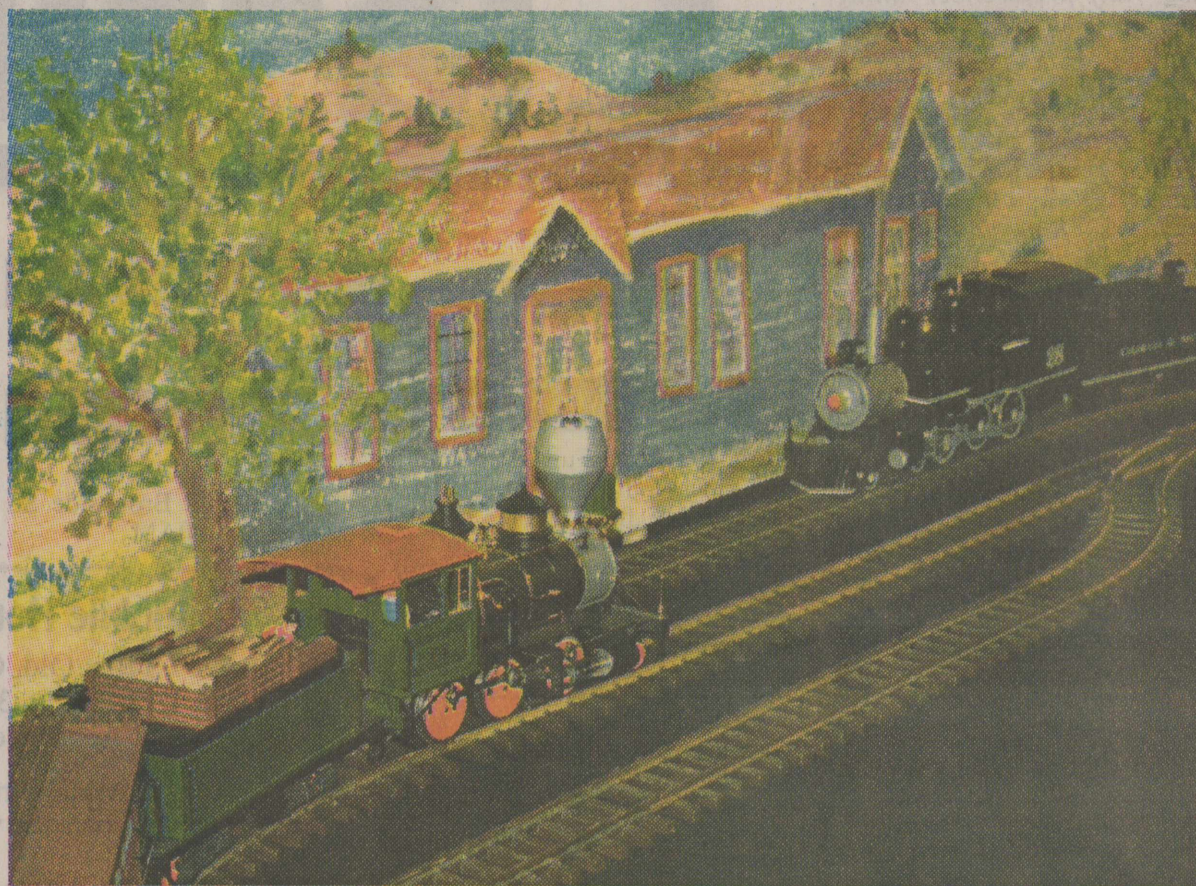
By his estimation Chris well over 200 model train cars (14 of which are locomotives), and all range in size. "What we have set up at the museum is a G scale model

train. They call it G scale because in Germany these trains are very popular for landscaping, especially in gardens, the G is for Garten. I plan on switching out the cars once or so every few weeks while this display is up."

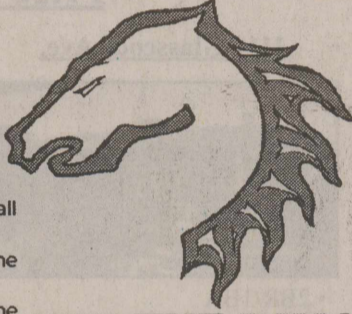
There is something about trains that speaks to everybody no matter the age; if you don't believe me try not to smile the next time you hear a train blow its horn at a railroad crossing. It's refreshing in a world of instant communication that trains are still serving their ultimate purpose of connecting us to each other. The Historical Society is using Chris' trains to connect us all to our past, and Chris has used his trains to connect with the two most important men in his life.

"My dad was an athlete and I was not. Except for law enforcement we really didn't bond much unless it came to railroads. He respected my hobby and even was the president of my Rail Road club. Over the years I have come to find that this is more than just a hobby. It connects me with two of the most important men in my life. My dad and my grandfather."

Local Artists Delyse Jaeger and Lorie Powers contributed their ability in constructing and painting the custom Sonora backdrop behind the trains.



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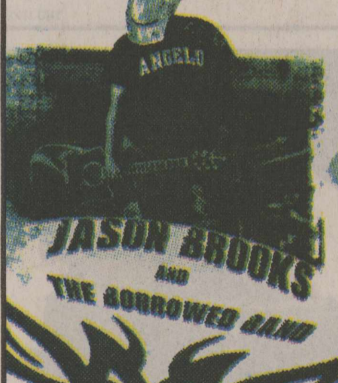
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