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Main Street Traffic Sonora Soap Box Derby



Last Saturday, August 2nd, marked the second annual Sonora Soap Box Derby. We are pleased to say that Sonora Main Street considers the derby to have been a great success. A good and a fun time was had by all that attended. Check-In began at 9:00 am., followed by the participants test runs. After all participants raced down Mulberry Street a total of three timed times, we presented awards. A First place trophy was awarded to Andrew Delgado with a race time of 17.28 seconds. Second place with a time of 17.41 seconds went to Jon

Delgado. Third place went to Corbin Crenwelge with a race time of 18.30 seconds. This year we also gave a trophy to the Most Original Design, which was awarded to Danica Jimenez.

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to give thanks to the people that help put it together. We'd first like to thank board members, Scott Jordan and James Hartman. We'd like to show appreciation to Meghan Collins (Amistad District Executive to the Boy Scouts of America) for all of her help in planning the derby. We'd like to

thank Robert Webb, Doug Freeman and Parker Lumber for all their help. We'd like to thank Mayor Wanda Shurley and all members of City Council for allowing us to block Mulberry Street. We owe a debt of gratitude to Chief of Police Bill Llewellyn, the Sonora Police Department, and Sonora's EMTs for being present just in case there were any accidents. Last but not least, we would like to thank all of our participants, their families, and all who came out to enjoy this event with us.



Little Mr. Sutton County Luke Snyder represented Sonora well this past weekend in the Eldorado Rodeo Parade!

NRCS Holds Local Working Group

Sonora, Texas, August 4, 2014—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas' Sutton County and the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their 2014 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting August 13, 2014, at 4:30pm.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Sutton County ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on re-

cent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Sutton County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Sutton County are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact the Sonora NRCS office at (325) 387-2730, ext. 3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

Finding a Use for Mesquite: It Can Drive Your Car



VERNON — As requirements grow for use of cellulosic bio-fuels to meet the energy needs of the nation, researchers look at potential feedstocks and any effects these alternative sources may have on greenhouse gas emissions. A recent Texas A&M AgriLife Research study will be published in the BioEnergy Research journal, outlining how mesquite, growing in abundance in some regions of the southwest, could fit into the overall picture. The paper is based on the study, Economic and Greenhouse Gas Efficiency of Hon-

ey Mesquite Relative to Other Energy Feedstocks for Bio-energy Uses in the Southern Great Plains.

The AgriLife Research team conducting the study included Dr. Seong Park, economist; Dr. Tong Wang, a post-doctoral researcher; and Dr. Jim Ansley, rangeland ecologist, all in Vernon. They were joined by Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Amarillo.

Bioenergy feedstocks have been promoted globally as potential means to offset greenhouse gas emissions by

replacing fossil fuels such as gas and coal, Park said. In the U.S., federal support has played a key role in the biofuel industry. Examples include the Renewable Fuel Standard, established with the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and later expanded.

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 stipulates the annual use of at least 16 billion gallons of cellulosic biofuels and a cap of 15 billion gallons of corn starch ethanol by 2022, Park said. In addition, biofuels are being examined from the standpoint of lifecycle greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Despite the initial promise of grain-based biofuels, such as corn, there have been a number of concerns that grain-based biofuel may generate even higher greenhouse gas emissions than fossil fuels, he said. Planting grain-based species could also accelerate the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer or other scarce water resources.

The AgriLife Research study evaluated the economic and greenhouse gas efficiencies of honey mesquite compared

to irrigated and dryland sweet sorghum and dryland switchgrass, Park said.

Despite its higher energy density per pound, mesquite production values on a per-land area basis are lower than other feedstocks observed in this comparison and therefore could not replace them entirely, he said. But, mesquite appears to be suitable as a complementary feedstock to contribute to total biomass demand.

"Our results suggest that mesquite lagged slightly behind switchgrass when the biomass and energy efficiency were considered," Wang said. "However, mesquite appeared superior to all the feedstocks in two categories — greenhouse gas offset efficiency and greenhouse gas use efficiency once land-use change effects were accounted for." She said the study results are "pretty robust as they still hold true in the worst scenario proposed for mesquite."

Park said mesquite has even greater potential if additional benefits such as increased grass production for livestock grazing and reduction in her-

bicide or mechanical removal costs for mesquite control are considered.

"The biggest negative is lower biomass production per acre per year for mesquite compared to other feedstocks," he said.

However, features such as no fertilizer, irrigation or weed control costs; the unlimited re-harvest potential every 10-12 years; the ability to harvest year round; and a dry moisture content all help costs and improve carbon efficiencies. Additional studies are needed to put mesquite's potential into perspective, Park said. Future research areas could focus on developing a landscape scale, GIS-based decision support system to determine optimum feedstock harvesting and processing logistics on rangelands.

Other potential studies he outlined could determine the rate of ecosystem restoration, hydrological impact, and ecological and economic sustainability of woody harvest, as well as compare these fuels on regional water use and water use efficiencies.



Wellness Ministry

Look at this little gem I found in Ruth: "And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some leftover." Hear that? She stopped when she was full. And she even had some leftover! How many of us actually pay attention to when our body has had enough and push our plates away? It's so easy to overeat. Many times we eat too fast and miss those signals that tell us to stop. Many of us come from a "clean your plate" mentality. And many of us just don't have the willpower to turn away those last delicious bites. Overeating overwhelms our digestive systems. We would feel so much better if we just stopped at the first signs of satisfaction. Make it your mission this week to recognize those signals. Slow down and chew your food well. Use a smaller plate for better portion control. Save the leftovers for a quick and easy meal the next day. And ask God for help: Lord, let us all channel a little Ruth this week and actually stop eating when we are full!

And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some leftover. Ruth 2:14

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010545001

APPLICATION. City of Sonora, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010545001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0023191) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 876,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 450 Private Road 3538, Sonora in Sutton County, Texas 76950. The discharge route is from the plant site to Dry Devils River; thence to Devils River. TCEQ received this application on June 11, 2014. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Sonora City Hall, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=30.551111&lng=-100.651944&zoom=13&type=r>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If

the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.


The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Sonora at the address stated above or by calling Ed Carasco at 325-387-2558.

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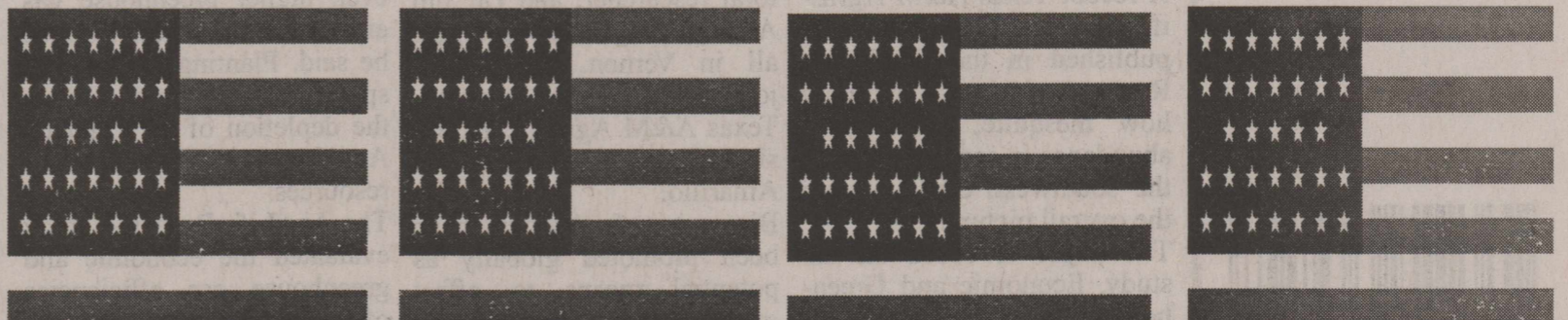
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Consider 4-H Livestock Projects

For 3rd -12th graders, now is a good time to be thinking about 4-H livestock projects. This part of summer is when exhibitors begin buying lambs and goats for the upcoming school year. Those who haven't showed livestock may wonder, "why show a 4-H lamb or goat project?"

Well, the main objective is the same as any other 4-H project: acquire leadership skills and sense of duty; induce qualities such as commitment, determination, and patience; practice sportsmanship; and basically develop youth into responsible adults. However, record-keeping, time management and communication skills can also be acquired through participation. Furthermore, the lamb or goat project can help educate kids and parents in the subjects of nutrition, health, marketing, economics, genetics and numerous other topics.

4-H market lambs/goats make an ideal animal project. Some strong advantages include: low initial cost, it can be a short term project (3 to 5 months), it is usually very safe for young children and little equipment is needed. Moreover, these activities promote family involvement.

It is also important to be aware of the large numbers of opportunities the 4-H sheep/goat project presents. In addition to showing at jackpots, county or major shows, 4-H'ers can participate in record book competitions,

public speaking, educational demonstrations, wool judging, and can develop breeding projects. The 4-H sheep/goat project, because of this flexibility, has much to offer.

Don't know much about animal husbandry? Not to worry...youth will receive help along the way. The County Extension Agent will help you find and select your lamb or goat and makes project visits to evaluate progress and make suggestions. Project leaders also provide management tips and information. Additionally, clinics are held regularly to provide help and information on feeding, training, grooming, showmanship, etc.

Lambs and goats can be purchased between June and late September. Validation takes place sometime in October. This means that animals are identified to prove ownership, and no more will be accepted to show after the validation date. So, if you'd like involvement in an activity that's fun, challenging, and provides learning experiences...here's your chance!

Of course, 4-H has much more to offer. Possibilities include photography, poetry, comedy, drama, dance, outdoor education, clothing & textiles, shooting sports, horticulture, entomology, and MUCH more! Want more details? Contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information.

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Gov. Perry Launches PSA to Assist Texas Veterans with VA Health Care

Gov. Rick Perry has launched a public service announcement (PSA) to raise awareness of state resources available to help Texas veterans navigate the Veterans Administration (VA) health care system. Texas has increased staffing for the Texas Veterans Hotline in response to failures by the VA system to adequately care for our nation's veterans.

"Texas has a long and proud tradition of taking care of those who protect and defend our freedom," Gov. Perry said. "As Texans and Americans, it is our responsibility to step up where others have fallen short and to make sure our veter-

ans know we are grateful for their service and will honor the commitments our nation has made to them. It's my sincere hope the confirmation of Robert McDonald as VA Secretary begins the process of fixing this broken agency and the broken promises to our veterans."

In addition to increasing staff for the Texas Veterans Hotline, on June 12, 2014, Gov. Perry asked Texas hospitals and medical clinics to open their doors to Texas veterans who have faced bureaucratic challenges in accessing health care through the VA. More than 300 hospitals and clin-

ics have responded across the state, but cannot begin treating VA patients until the VA gives them authorization and ensures timely reimbursement of the cost of care provided.

The Texas Cable Association and Texas Association of Broadcasters will air the PSA on their respective member networks and on-line throughout the state. The PSA directs veterans to call the Texas Veterans Hotline at 1-800-252-8387 (VETS) for assistance with accessing VA health care benefits.

To view the PSA, please visit here.

Annual AgriLife Sheep and Goat Field Day set for Sept. 4 at San Angelo

SAN ANGELO – "Today's Ranching Perspectives" will be the theme for this year's 41st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day set Sept. 4 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

The center is north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 8:30 a.m. The field day is set to end with the noon meal, but there is an optional Texas Department of Agriculture program following at 1 p.m. that will offer three continuing education units, one each in the categories of laws and regulations, integrated pest management and general. "This year's field day is dedicated to two of our longtime center coworkers who are retiring the end of August, Dr. Frank Craddock and Scott Durham," said Dr. John Walker, Texas A&M AgriLife Research resident director at the center. "Both these men are well known and recognized across the state in their respective roles.

"Dr. Craddock is Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Service's state sheep and goat specialist and Mr. Durham is the AgriLife Extension administrator for the 23-county West Central District headquartered here. Frank's 29-year AgriLife Extension tenure was spent in Uvalde and San Angelo, while Scott's 35-year career began as a county agent in Lee, Bandera and Comal counties before moving into district-level administrative posts in Vernon and Overton before coming to San Angelo."

Walker said the annual event gives the AgriLife staff at the center a chance to showcase their work, address issues facing the ranching industry, enjoy lunch together and see old friends.

"This year's theme, 'Today's Ranching Perspectives,' is meant to be very positive as is the current ranching climate," Walker said. "We've had some good regional grass-growing rains, livestock markets are extremely strong and weather forecasters predict a fall of moderate temperatures and possibly more moisture, so this field day should prove

to be very upbeat and optimistic to go right along with that theme."

Topics will include Rambouillet/Dorper sheep breed comparisons, Texas Rambouillet wool compared with Australian Merino F1 crossbred wool in active-wear apparel and supplemental disaster programs of interest to ranchers in the 2014 farm bill. "One of our guest speakers, Dr. Roel Lopez, director and professor, Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, Texas Water Resources Institute at College Station, is set to speak on Texas water issues and what's on the horizon for that critical topic," Walker said. "Marvin Ensor, AgriLife Extension regional program leader here, and I will offer center updates from our respective agencies and then, just prior to lunch, the formal program will end with updates from the various sheep and goat industry groups in the area."

The entire program, including the sponsored lunch, is free and open to the public.

Game Warden Field Notes

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

- **Smoke Signals** A game warden patrolling the Lakeside subdivision noticed a car parked at the end of a street. When he approached the vehicle, he saw the passenger smoking something. The driver sped off and turned onto another street without using his blinker. A traffic stop was made and as the warden approached the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana could be smelled. During the vehicle search, the warden found a backpack with a scale, zip lock bags, individually wrapped bags of marijuana and two larger bags of unprocessed marijuana. The individual was placed under arrest and taken to the Webb County jail.

- **"Owls" Well That Ends Well** Two Starr County game wardens attending career day at a local high school got a chance to make one student wiser, at least when it comes to game laws. While speaking to a student, the wardens learned that he had an owl in captivity. After a few more questions, the wardens were able to locate where the owl was being kept. The owl was recovered and released.

- **Blood-shot Eyes Were a Clue** Two game wardens were patrolling Lake Brownwood with a Brownwood Lake patrol officer when they stopped a pontoon boat for a routine water safety check. The operator had blood-shot eyes and slurred speech. One of the wardens took the driver ashore for further testing, including field sobriety tests, and arrested him for boating while intoxicated. The man consented to a blood draw and was transported to the Brown County Jail.

- **Safety First** A Shackelford County game warden and a Stephens County game warden received a call about three teenage boys missing at Hubbard Creek Lake. The boys had left before dark in a canoe and had not returned. The wardens found the boys stranded on an island in the middle of the lake. They said the wind was too strong for them to paddle back across. They were returned to their parents at the boat ramp.

- **With a Little Help From My Friends** A Tarrant

County game warden was checking bank fishermen at Benbrook Lake, when she noticed a man walking carrying an ice chest full of fish quickly to his truck. After contacting the subject, the warden found two ice chests full of white bass. The man said he was told by his friend that the limit was 75 white bass per day. The man insisted that he was under his limit. A total of 56 white bass were in the man's possession. The warden seized 31 white bass, issued citations, and gave the man a copy of the Outdoor Annual. Cases pending.

- **In the Heat of the Night** A Shelby County game warden patrolling Toledo Bend boat ramps and camping areas checking night fisherman, noticed a campfire along the shoreline near a boat ramp. As he approached the fire, he heard cast nets hitting the water. After watching the two subjects fish for a while, he made contact. The warden found an ice chest containing bass, crappie, and catfish. Multiple citations were issued for undersized largemouth bass, and fishing using illegal means and methods. Cases and restitution pending.

- **Wild Blue Yonder** Four Tarrant County game wardens and a K9 warden assisted local agencies by patrolling the perimeters of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth during the Air Power Expo that featured the Blue Angels. In addition to patrolling for water safety, the wardens made sure boaters maintained a safe distance from the airfield and end of the runway.

- **Fifteen and Seven Equals Ticket and Jail** A Montgomery County game warden performed a water safety check on a 15-foot boat with seven adult passengers on Lake Conroe. The boat was found to only have three lifejackets, displayed invalid registration, and had no fire extinguisher. Following field sobriety tests, the driver was also arrested for boating while intoxicated. Charges are pending.

- **Fishing For Trouble** Two Zapata County game wardens and a Jim Hogg County game warden patrolling Falcon Lake stopped

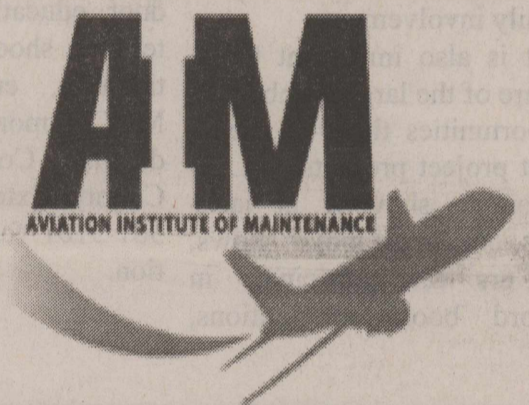
a vessel for a water safety check. During the inspection, the game wardens discovered a largemouth bass in an ice chest with its head removed. When the wardens asked the fishermen what they did with the head, they replied, "We were using it as gar bait." A citation and a warning were issued. Cases pending.

- **Caught Red-Handed** A Starr County game warden and a state trooper made a traffic stop and noticed the passenger had fresh blood on his hands. The man said they had just cleaned a deer, but the driver said it was a lamb. One thing they agreed on was that they were going to buy ice and put the meat in a cooler. After the stop, the trooper and warden followed the vehicle back to the residence of one of the men and saw the men packing meat in an ice chest. After a few questions, the two admitted to having just cleaned a whitetail deer. Criminal charges were filed.

- **Pointing Fingers** A Travis County game warden was observing Lake Austin bank fishermen on the opposite shore, when two men walked by his patrol vehicle carrying three large black bass and fishing poles. When the warden approached the men, they said they did not have a fishing license. When asked who the fish belonged to, they denied ownership. When asked whose fish they were, they pointed at each other and then pointed to a friend who was sleeping in the pickup truck. Citations were issued to the men in possession of the bass.

- **Pest Control** A Henderson County game warden was given information about a deer that had been shot. The warden drove to the suspect's location and questioned him about the deer. After speaking to the man for a while, he admitted to shooting a doe and hauling it off because it was in his garden. The warden briefed him on the laws of shooting deer and alternative ways to keep deer out of his garden. Cases are pending for shooting a doe during closed season and waste of game.

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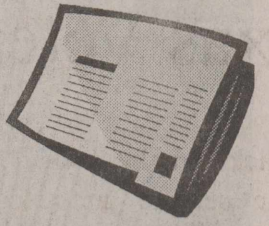
at the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area

Tours begin at the Rocksprings Visitors Center
 New e-mail: devilssinkhole@swtexas.net
 Reservations are needed.

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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228 E. Main St.

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Employment

Help Wanted: Dependable full time service technician needed in Sonora area. Must be 18 years of age, have a current Texas driver's license and a clean driving record. FMI call 387-3154 or come by 311 W. College for an application

Employment

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Building Custodian. Applicant must be dependable, be able to work well with others, self motivated and be able to work flexi bile hours. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho or by downloading an application at www.sonoraisd.net. EOE

Employment

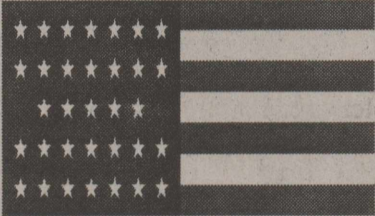
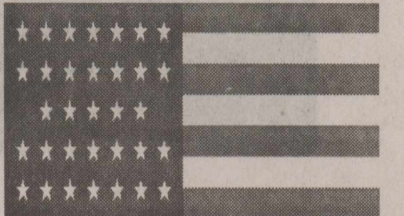
CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER is currently seeking a Full-Time or Part-Time Maintenance Person **SUMMER HELP ALSO NEEDED!** Qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent GED, be able to read, write and follow directions. Insurance, vacation, and other county benefits available. Candidate chosen will undergo drug screen, physical and work-steps. Crockett County Care Center is an EOE. If interested, call Eddie Martin at (325) 226-4808 for details.

For Rent

For Rent
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3 bedroom / 1 bath
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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

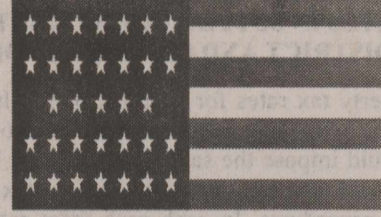
The Sonora Independent School District is accepting proposals for Property and Casualty Insurance for the period of 09-01-2014 through 08-31-2015. Proposal packages may be picked up at the Sonora ISD Administration Building located at 807 South Concho Street, Sonora, Texas 76950, starting on June 26, 2014. The RFP is due back to the District prior to 3:00 PM on August 06, 2014, late proposals will not be accepted and no faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted. The contact person is Diane Jacoby, Business Manager Sonora ISD and she may be contacted at the address shown herein.

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3BR/2BH, CH/CA,
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NO SMOKING, NO PETS
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For Rent

For Rent..
Efficiency Apartment
For 1 quiet person or couple
References Required
All bills paid \$400/month
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Sutton County Road & Bridge is hereby requesting sealed bids on the following R&B Materials:

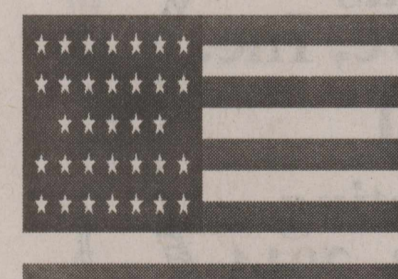
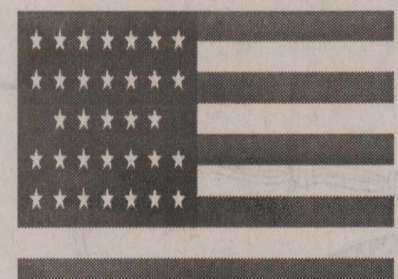
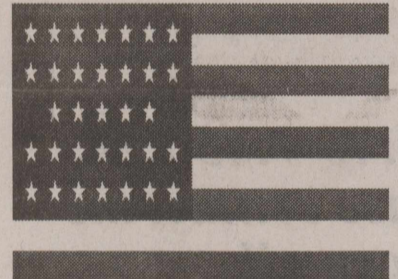
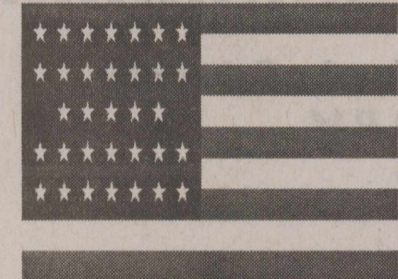
R&B MATERIALS:

- 1) Approximately 24,000 Gallons of AC-5 Asphalt
- 2) 2000 Tons of (PB4) #4 Precoated Gravel
- 3) 6000 Gallons of MC 30

Materials to be delivered to Sutton County Road & Bridge yard at 410 East Pecan in Sonora, Texas.

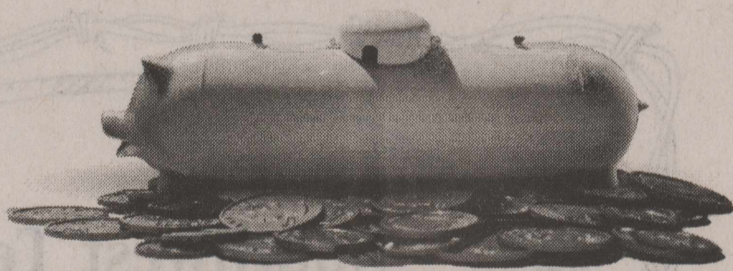
Sealed bids will be opened on June 23, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the special meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. Sealed Bids must be delivered or mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Superintendent, Standley Clay Anderson, (325)226-3388 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, (325)387-5380.

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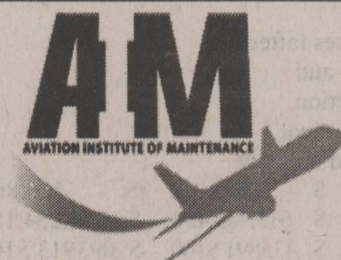


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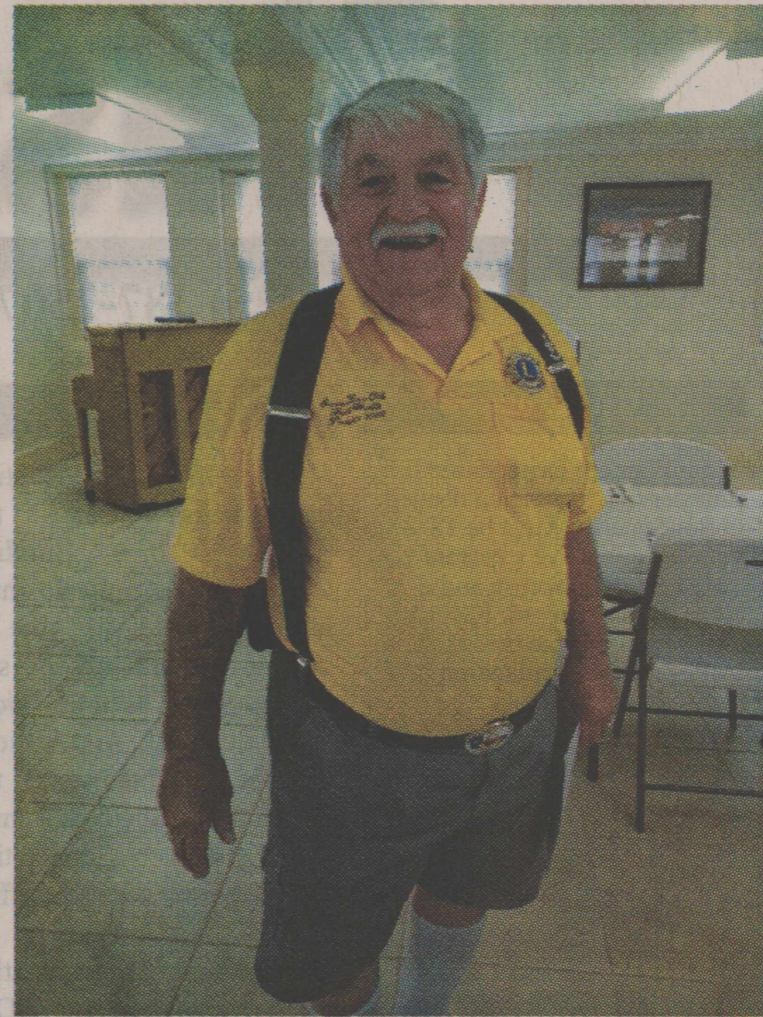
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The Sonora Veterinary Clinic has rescue animals that need a good home. They're two mix precious puppies just waiting for you. The hot summer months are especially hard for these strays. Please have a heart and ADOPT A PET.



Our Downtown Lions Club meeting began at 12:00 noon with our dedicated leader, New President FRANK WAMBLE. Bring a friend join us each Tuesday at the Methodist Church for a delightful meal and informative

exciting program educating members and guests on many aspects of our community we as citizens may not be aware of. Our community benefits greatly with the dedicated service Lions Club provides. I en-

courage each and all to join us in lending a hand helping our community strive and prosper.

Our featured program this week, ARACELI PEREZ, from Human Services located across from the Sonora Bank, 103 E. Main St. educated our group on public health, and abuse services promoting optimal health for individuals in need. The Department of State Health Services effectively works to keep Texans living and working in safe and healthy communities. Joining the Good Samaritan summer program [DSHS] provided anti bullying techniques/skills encouraging children to HAVE A VOICE. They will also team up with our EMS with certified car seat technicians

Please join us next week introducing our new Lions Club Queen, DARBY RAMSDALE, promising a delightful hour of fellowship and great opportunities to be a Lion for our community.

2014 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SUTTON COUNTY, SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SONORA

This notice concerns 2014 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
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,736,285	\$ 587,381	\$ 1,063,429	\$ 731,035
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,736,285	\$ 587,381	\$ 1,063,429	\$ 731,305
Last year's tax base	\$ 628,985,770	\$ 627,055,294	\$ 656,518,415	\$ 117,696,357
Last year's total tax rate	\$.426880/\$100	\$.091996/\$100	\$.161980/\$100	\$.570000/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,685,014	\$ 576,865	\$ 1,063,428	\$ 670,869
+This year's adjusted tax base (After subtracting value of new Property)	\$ 615,982,458	\$ 614,254,182	\$ 645,081,282	\$ 136,409,244
=This year's effective tax rate	\$.435891/\$100	\$.093913/\$100	\$.164851/\$100	\$.491806/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.529804/\$100			
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)				
This year's rollback tax rate:				
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)	\$ 2,685,014	\$ 576,865	\$ 1,818,365	\$ 1,013,447
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 615,982,458	\$ 614,254,182	\$ 645,081,282	\$ 136,409,244
=This year's effective operating Rate	\$.435891/\$100	\$.093913/\$100	\$.281881/\$100	\$.742945/\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum Operating rate	\$.470762/\$100	\$.101426/\$100	\$.304431/\$100	\$.802380/\$100
-This year's debt rate	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.470762/\$100	\$.101426/\$100	\$.304431/\$100	\$.802380/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.572188/\$100			
- Sales tax adjustment rate				\$.372542/\$100
=Rollback tax rate				\$.429838/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If SUTTON COUNTY adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.435891 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$550,821.

If SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.164851 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$10,117.

If CITY OF SONORA adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.491806 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$77.

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	\$ 2,033,278
	FM&FC	\$ 89,869
Hospital District	General Maintenance	\$ 350,000
City of Sonora	Restricted Fund	\$ 1,689,946
	Unrestricted Fund	\$ 540,942

STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE FOR SUTTON COUNTY

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$8,193 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2013, 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 30, 2014

The Sonora Academy of Arts August Zumba Schedule:
Tuesday Adult Zumba-5:30 P.M.
Thursday Kids Zumba
4:30-5:30 P.M.

Sonora Academy of Arts Registration will be held on:

Thursday August 14th from 6:45-7:45 P.M.
If you have any questions please contact me
at 325-387-4796 or via email
elizabethchavez7@gmail.com

Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
69TH Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Schleicher County Courthouse Lawn
Eldorado, Texas

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

In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the Schleicher County Civic Center on Highway 277 South