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Vernon West Memorial Team Roping



Winning the Average and taking home the beautiful Coats Saddles were: Jack Atkinson and Kirby Hill, Pictured above with Ryon and Jesse West. Photo courtesy of Bonnie Lou Campbell

Submitted

The first annual Vernon West Memorial Team Roping was held in Sonora on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Sutton County Arena. In conjunction with the arena events, the Sonora All-Star Baseball Tournament and the West Texas Championship Cook off were being held across the fence. Lots of activity filled the county park and arena complex during this weekend.

Over four hundred teams threw loops on Friday to benefit local and area students, who received four thousand dollars in scholarship money to attend the colleges and universities of their choice. Our 2006 scholarship winners were: Jack Turney and Ty Love both of Sonora, Clint Hale of Ozona, and Chelci Rodriguez of Eldorado.

Round winners in the #12 USTRC roping were Zane Coats and Justin Frizzell with a time of 6.46, Ladd Hughes and Nick Coats were second with a 6.60, Hayes Worthington and Randy Edwards took third with a 6.80 and fourth place went to Nick Coats and Mike Harper with a 7.00. In the #9 roping three places were paid with Jarrett Holiday and Marc Simon taking first with a time of 7.24. Second place went to Ben Shafer and Shorty Hernandez with an 8.52, and third place went to Johnny Bounds and Hayes Worthington with a 9.77.

Average winners in the #12 were: 1st-Laramie Hall and Megan Lehme; 2nd - Alan Drennan and Nick Coats; 3rd - Mark Hadley and Justin Frizzell; 4th - Ryder Lee and Jake Knight; 5th- Ladd Hughes and Clay Hale, and 6th-Mark Hadley and Jake Knight.

Average winners in the #9 were: 1st- Marvin Lindy and Tate Weeks; 2nd - Kent Lynch and Rick Tomas; 3rd- Raul Sanchez and Gerardo Hernandez; and 4th - W.A. Kinder and Juan Hernandez.

Sixty-seven invitational ropers took to the arena on Saturday for this first annual event and the results of the invitational roping were as follows: the first Go brought in Kenny Wood and Dean Martin from Junction as first place ropers with a time of 7.93, and our own local team of Chase Wardlaw and William Renfro took second with an 8.83. Calcutta winners were Kenny Wood and Chase Wardlaw. In the second Go, Rusty and Shawn Adams from Big Lake took first with a time of 6.95, and the second slot went to Blake Belcher from San Angelo and Tanner Morrison from Midland with a 7.19. Calcutta winners were Ryon West and Tanner Morrison.

In the third Go we saw our Sonora men take first as Chase Wardlaw and William Renfro came out with a 7.66 for first, and the team of Jim Gates from Pearsall and Bill Howell from La

Pryor roped second with a time of 8.32. Calcutta winners were Chase Wardlaw and Jim Gates. In the Average four places were paid with Kent Lynch from Fort Worth and Jake Knight from Cisco taking fourth, Dwayne Hogg from Early and partner Shawn Vargas from Stephenville took third. Myles and Gary Coats from San Angelo placed second with a 43.99 in the average, and the win went to Kirby Hill and Jack Atkinson from Corsicana with a 41.52. Calcutta winners were Mark Hadley, Larry Coats, and Stacy Gattis. Two beautiful buckles made by Menard were won by Rusty and Shawn Adams for their fastest time of the day, and the two Coats saddles went home with Kirby Hill and Jack Atkinson.

Sterling Price and Kelly Kothman challenged Stacey Pennington and Cliff Davis in a five head winner-take-all team roping match with Sterling and Kelly staying on top this year with a time of 115.39 average on the five head. In the high school steer wrestling challenge, Sonora brothers Steven and Dustin Duhon matched Will Edwards and Kody Porterfield to win this event with a 64.39 average on 4 head, and in the college steer wrestling challenge our very own Laramie and Stetson Hall took on QB and Zack Cobb with the Cobb brothers won first with an average time of 73.40 on 4 head.



The duo of Rusty and Shawn Adams took home the buckles for the fastest time recorded of 6.95 seconds pictured here with Ryon and Jesse West. Photo courtesy of Bonnie Lou Campbell



A Tight Squeeze on S. Crockett Ave. and Highway 277 S. Photo by Juanita Gomez.

Giant Truck Delays Traffic

Submitted

A Valero tanker transport truck, making its way through Sonora during the height of the morning rush hour brought traffic to a standstill last Friday morning. TxDOT, along with AEP, assisted in keeping traffic lights and electrical transmission lines out of the way as the behemoth inched through Sonora.

All traffic was diverted through residential streets as the transport snaked its way from Highway 277 S. onto S. Crockett Ave.

The truck and trailer transport carrying the giant tank is 200 ft. long with 240 tires, and stood to a loaded height of 22 ft. and was 19 ft. in width. The tank, manufactured in Japan, came by ship to

Houston and then by truck to Del Rio. With a blistering top speed of 15 mph, the Houston to Del Rio leg of the trip took a month. Due to the truck's size, it came up 277 S, turning right on old 290E traveling to I-10, coming back to get off on 277 N. on its way for the 2 hour trip to Eldorado. The eventual destination of the transport is Amarillo.

Sonora Airport Loses \$67,350

By Ray Glasscock

First the good news.

Several years ago, when aviation gas was 80 cents a gallon and airplanes cost less than \$10,000, I flew all over the United States. I have landed at many municipal airports, and none of them are better than our airport. Our runway is wide, level, and long enough for general aviation aircraft. Every time I drive past it, I wish I could be doing touch and go landings. Construction has just begun on a deer proof fence. The airport has a published Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach so that pilots can use the airport in cloudy weather. Our airport is the one of the very few that has a restaurant, motel, and golf course within walking distance.

Now the bad news.

At the last Transportation Committee meeting, city manager Jim Polonis reported that the airport is losing money. In 2005, the airport lost \$67,350. This loss has to be paid out of local tax funds. On average, only 27 aircraft per week

stop at the airport. The busiest time of the year is during hunting season. The price of aviation fuel here is \$4.27 per gallon for 100LL and Jet "A" is \$3.44 per gallon. Jet "A" is used by small jet aircraft and by jet helicopters. Junction and Eldorado sell 100LL for \$3.99 and \$3.55 respectively.

There are several possible reasons for the lack of traffic. The price of aviation gas is certainly making general aviation flying less and less affordable. Until very recently, pilots would use interstate highways as their navigation aids. In the eastern part of the country, electronic aids called VORs provided highways in the sky for pilots to use. In West Texas, VORs are far apart. There is one in Junction, and the next one is in Fort Stockton. Most general aviation airplanes lose the signal just west of Sonora and would have to rely on I-10 for navigation. With the advent of GPS, even a low hour, inexperienced pilot can proceed direct for point A to point B without ever looking at the ground or a map. So, the price of aviation gas and GPS cause many pilots to never fly near the Sonora airport.

With the cutbacks in federal

spending, most of the Flight Service Centers have been closed. Pilots now rely on the internet for weather, Notice to Airmans (NOTAMS), and the filing of flight plans. Many airports provide free courtesy cars for pilots to use for travel to and from restaurants/lodging. Pilots also like for an airport to provide hangar space in case of severe weather.

Now the plan.

The Transportation Committee has formed a sub-committee to research ways to increase the utilization of the airport. Some of the initial ideas include providing high speed internet for flight planning, 24 hour self serve fuel, and courtesy cars. Local businesses need to be able to provide transportation for pilots and their passengers during their stops in Sonora. Once these features have been implemented, a comprehensive advertising campaign would be needed to get the word out. If closing the airport is the only option, then the airport could be sold to a developer and some of the airport land could be used to add another nine holes to the golf course.

2006 West Texas Championship Cook-Off

By Storie Sharp

The smell of Bar-B-Q filled the air in Sutton County last weekend as the 2006 West Texas Championship Cook-Off drew some of Texas' best cooks to the area. Teams from as far away as the gulf coast starting rolling into town as early as Wednesday evening, bringing with them their best recipes and a hunger to win. Thirty teams vied for the Championship, competing in Brisket, Chicken, Ribs, Goat, Chili, Steak and an open category that includes anything cooked on a pit.

The results were tallied at the end of the day Saturday, with the BCB Cookers, led by Russell Coleman of Clute, Texas, winning Overall Grand Champion. A first-time Sonora cooker, Coleman said that he had a great time and looks forward to returning next year to try holding on to his title. Reserve Champion honors went to the Sweet Meat cooking team out of San Angelo, led by Fred Lazarus. Lazarus is a veteran WTCC cooker, returning each year with a group of good-time buddies and top notch Bar-B-Q. The WTCC Association added a special Sutton County Champion and Reserve Champion awards to the event last year open to local cooking teams only. This year's hometown Championship went to the Garden Club, led by Wayne and Robert Webb. Michael Kissire and

the Dos Burros Cooking Team took home the Sutton County Reserve Champion title. Prize money was awarded to the top three in each event, and certificates or plaques went to the top ten.

The goat competition saw some of the best goat meat ever entered in the event, with an almost perfect score of 100 going to two-time event winner, Robert Bredemeyer,

of the "We Don't Cook Sheep" team. The steak judges agreed that the meat tasted was some of the best they had ever eaten. The open category had some real tasty treats, with everything from goat stuffed sweet potatoes, to bacon wrapped quail being grilled and entered.

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Bullet Beard and Tod Townsend of TB's Bar & Grill of Del Rio, participate in the Sonora Championship Cookoff

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Senior Center Activities

- Fri. June 9** - Blood pressure checks with Maggie from
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Mon. June 12 - Happy Birthday Carmen Galvan!!
Tue. June 13 - CEAP Energy Assistance at 11 a.m.
Call FMI 387-5657
Wed. June 14 - Flag Day, Fly the Flag!
Thu. June 15 - Crafts... anyone?

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. June 9** - Roast Beef with gravy, juice, mashed potatoes,
brussel sprouts, wheat rolls, brownies with nuts and
milk.
Mon. June 12 - Spaghetti and meat sauce with cheese, Italian green
beans, milk, green salad, french bread and cake.
Tue. June 13 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash,
wheat bread, lemon squares and milk.
Wed. June 14 - Lasagna, peas, coleslaw, French bread, pudding cup
and milk.
Thu. June 15 - Steak Fingers with gravy, mac & cheese, slice
tomatoes, biscuits, cake with icing and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50;
\$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



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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
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
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Obituaries

Heather Eryn Belk

Heather Eryn Belk, 14, daughter of Heath and Stacy Belk, passed into the loving hands of her Savior on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 following injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A candlelight memorial was held Friday evening at Paint Rock High School to celebrate her life.

Eryn was born June 16, 1991 in San Angelo. She just completed her freshman year at Paint Rock High School, where she was an honor student and served as school mascot for the Paint Rock Indians. Eryn was active in 4-H and FFA, having qualified for State 4-H Round-Up this summer. Her projects included showing goats, photography and foods. She held many offices within her club and was a mentor to the younger 4-H ers of Concho County.

Eryn will be remembered for that hug and sweet smile she gave freely to all.

She is survived by her parents and her beloved little sister, Harli, of Eola, her paternal grandparents, Allen and Elsie Belk of Norton, her maternal grandparents, Bobbie and Evelyn Conley of Paint Rock, great-grandparents Armer and Barbara Earwood of Sonora, Evelyn Conley of Ballinger, Rose (Mimi) Ridgeway, and a very special aunt and uncle, Kenny and Ann White of Ballinger. She is also survived by her aunts and uncles, Harley and Michelle Belk of Norton, Barbara and Keith Newland of Bryan, Kim and Paul Schwertner of Birome, Mack Henry of Paint Rock and Kathy Shotwell. Great-aunts and uncles Melinda Crain of Sonora, Edward and Carolyn Earwood of Sonora, Jimmy and Sherry Belk of Eldorado, Jane Alexander of San Angelo, Bill and Avis Taylor of Houston, Dugan and Paula O'Bryan of Paint Rock, Gail Conley of Ballinger, Charles Taylor and Tommie Taylor of Houston, Joan Montgomery of Baytown, Jan Markee of Katy, her godparents Kellie and Craig Franke and Ruby and Charles Wearden. Eryn will be remembered by the many cousins whom she so dearly loved and supported.

Pallbearers were Larry Book, John Hoermann, Steve Jansa, Ron Niehues, Joe Beach, and Glen Heard.

Honorary Pallbearers were Mark Baxter, Dusty Cook, Mason Collins, Sterling Hohensee, Sullivan Jost, Reagan Noland, Jeff Brisban, Travis Wanoreck, Nathaniel Rose, Darrell Rose, and Robert Behrens.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to Dr. Cargile, Dr. Hay, Dr. Flynn and Dr. Rose, and the staff at Shannon Hospital for their care of our beloved. Also, many thanks to the family and friends who have provided the vigilant watch and support, throughout this time of need. Also thanks to Greg Hallman and Cotton Chandler, and the Wall and San Angelo Fire Departments.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, a fund has been established at the First State Bank in Paint Rock.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 2:00 pm, at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger, with burial following at Eola Cemetery in Eola, with the Rev. Matt Miles of Big Spring officiating. Arrangements were by Lange Funeral Home.

Jackie Acuff

Jackie Acuff, 52, died Thursday, June 1, 2006 in a Big Spring Hospital. Services were Monday, June 5th at College Baptist Church with burial in Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Acuff of Big Spring, daughters Jacklynn Watson and Deanna Acuff, both of Big Spring, sons Jackie Wayne Acuff, Timothy Acuff and Richard Acuff, all of Big Spring, and brothers Dale Acuff and Johnny Acuff both of Sonora, and Ricky Acuff of Lubbock.

Gibbens Valedictorian for WHS

Submitted

Miss Krystal La'Shae Gibbens, 18, is the valedictorian for the Winters High School Class of 2006. She is the daughter of Dr. Gene and Laurie Gibbens of Sonora and Robbie and Dane Bishop of Winters. She is the granddaughter of Rosemary Cox of Marfa, Ernest and Joan Gibbens of Loganville, NV, Roscoe and LaNelle Morrison of Winters, and Kenneth and Patricia Thomas of San Angelo. Her sister, Kaitlyn Gibbens, is a student at Sonora Elementary. Krystal has attended Winters' schools kindergarten through 12th grade.

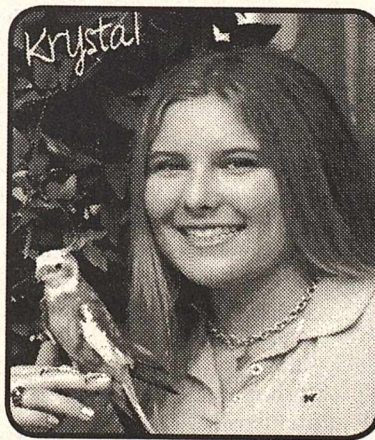
During her years at Winters, Krystal participated in basketball, tennis, power lifting, and cheer leading. She has been a member of the Blizzard band for the past eight years and was the feature twirler her senior year. She has been involved in UIL Ready Writing and Science contests all four years advancing to regional in both events.

Krystal has been a member of the Student Council serving as Vice President her senior year. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Western Texas College Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

During her senior year, Krystal was first runner-up in the Miss Snow Queen contest, nominated for Football Sweetheart, named Band Sweetheart, and voted Most Likely To Succeed. Her senior year, Krystal advanced with the band to Area Marching Contest for the first time in school history.

In her spare time, Krystal enjoys surfing the net, swimming, watching TV, fishing, and reading. She also enjoys time her family, friends, and pets.

Krystal plans to attend Angelo State University this fall to pursue a degree in biology and then perhaps pharmacy school.



Thank You Notes

Thank You

Words will not express the gratitude we have for all the individuals involved in helping with our roping this past weekend. We were amazed at the turnout for our event and hope to build on it in years to come.

Very special thanks to Curry & Bonnie Lou Campbell, Lee Bloodworth, Claire Jones, Tommy Love, Callaway Hall, Mickey Sharp, Daniel Hernandez, Dean Rutland, Greta Ramsdell and Jimmy Powers for their support and efforts in making things run smoothly. Without these individuals, this event would have been impossible.

Thanks to Tibba Edmonson, Ann Morriss, Julie Martin, Katie Kinder, Kim Lewis and Doug & Suzanne Huddleston for helping with the Cowboy Camp and kids events. Also to Jaydan West, Cado Kinder, Chance Campbell, Junior Picaso, Tanner James and Steven Barthelemy for help with the livestock.

Thanks to Storie Sharp for the preparation of our programs and Tooter Smith for help with the books. Emily Earwood, Meredith Earwood, Amanda Berry, Kelsey Watkins, Laura Martin and our Sutton County Days Queen Contestants including Allyse Edmonson, Chasady Garcia, and Alexi Ortiz for distributing our programs.

We also want to thank the Sutton County Sheriff's Department and Sonora Police for their presence and support during our event.

These individuals and so many more are to be commended for their hard work and undying support of our community. Thanks again to all these individuals and to all our sponsors from all over who made this possible and thank you, Sonora.

Sincerely,
Ryon & Jesse West

A BIG THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Luminaries Ceremony during our recent Relay for Life: Roberta and Dod James, Scott, Kristin and Levi Garrett, Landon Castro, Jody and Marybeth Luttrell, Tibba Edmondson, Paul and Greta Ramsdell Charlotte Castro, Lesa Gamez, Mark Rousselot, Bill Lamb, Diana Condra, Trevlin Strong, Linda Fisher and the Ladies of the First United Methodist Church, Tommy and Bud Whitehead, Delyse and Garrett Jaeger, Jared McGuffin, Stratton Rushing, The Boy Scouts, Faye and Don Deel, The P.A.L.S. group of Sonora High School, Malisah Moravitz, Estaben Gloria, Rosalba Gloria and her daughter Jamayara.

Without all of you, I would have never been able to make it such a success - from folding bags to selling luminaries, placing them on the track and lighting them and cleaning up. Thank you very much and, if I forgot to name anyone, please accept my apologies. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Until next year!!
Donna Garrett

Air race coming to Ozona

Submitted

Late June at the Ozona Municipal Airport is going to be more exciting this year than usual. As many as thirty-five airplanes, all piloted by women, will fly to Ozona between June 20 and 23rd. Large numbers on the aircraft tails will be the first clue they are competing in the 30th Annual Air Race Classic, the only all-woman transcontinental air race in the world.

Women racing airplanes is a tradition that began in 1929 with the All-Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), better known as the Powder Puff Derby. Another well known name - Amelia Earhart - flew that first race, which attracted 20 women contestants and lasted eight days. Fourteen pilots completed the route from Santa Monica, CA to Cleveland, OH.

Teams competing in the 2006 Air Race Classic (ARC) are required to finish in four days. They will start from Mesa, AZ the morning of June 20 and land at Menominee, MI before sundown on Friday, June 23. In between, each crew of two women will fly to Santa Teresa, NM; Ozona and Bryan, TX; Bastrop, LA; Ada, OK; Lawrence, KS; and Albert Lea, MN.

A small army of volunteers at every stop is prepared to record the time each plane crosses an imaginary line on the airport, fuel aircraft, offer refreshments or a ride to a local motel for an overnight stay. The Ozona Chamber of Commerce will be coordinating all Stop Chair and volunteer activities.

Race planes are limited to "stock" or minimally modified "stock" aircraft with not less than 145 hp or more than 750 hp. They have to be rated for maximum continuous operation. Each airplane is competing against its own assigned handicap, based on manufacturer's data and flight tests. The highest score, in knots per hour, above the plane handicap is the goal.

Who flies these races? Women from 17 to 90. College students, airline pilots, flight instructors, attorneys, models, singers, librarians, entrepreneurs, CEO's, and more. What is important is that each race team must have two qualified pilots. One of these women needs to have logged at least 500 hours as pilot in command, or have earned an instrument rating (qualified to navigate without reference to the ground). A passenger is allowed - a student pilot, another qualified pilot, or a non-current pilot - and changes the handicap slightly.

Where do these pilots come from? All over the country, and sometimes, outside. Most recently, flyers from Canada and New Zealand competed. This year, ten women call Arizona home, eight hail from Florida, seven are from Indiana, and six each live in Texas and California. Other states represented are Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington.

In 2003, ARC instituted a Collegiate Challenge Trophy to encourage college team participation. A Purdue-sponsored team had their names inscribed on the traveling trophy as the first winners. Ohio University won in 2004, Western Michigan University in 2005. Daniel Webster, Embury Riddle, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, Universities of North and South Dakota are among those who have sponsored race teams.

As always, tail winds are the hope of every competitor. This year's route takes the planes east, north and west, so pilots will evaluate even more carefully what time of day to fly and what altitudes to use. They have the freedom to choose when to fly, and how high, as long as they finish in four days, fly during daylight hours and stay clear of clouds.

Powder Puff Derby pilots knew weather was the biggest unknown. They used dead-reckoning and road maps to get from town to town. Twenty-first century pilots still know weather is their wild card, but GPS (global positioning satellite) navigation has taken the guesswork out of flying as straight a line as possible between two points. And they carry aviation charts depicting a multitude of information that was not available in 1929. There were thirty Powder Puff Derbies. The last one was flown in 1977 (there were interruptions when our country was at war). There is every indication this year's 30th Air Race Classic, with more than 68,000 statute miles and 1,156 teams in its history, will continue for as long as there are women who fly.



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Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

There are several family reunions in town this week; one of them is the Caldwell Family. The family asked me to write some things for this issue on their family and submitted a lot of material worked on by J. R. and Pam. I hope they and you all enjoy the following.

Charles Brookins Caldwell was born 18 March 1805 in Lebanon Co., TN and died 18 Oct. 1869 in Panola Co., TX. He married Eliza Patton in 1834 and after her death in 1847 married Anne Elizabeth Webb in 1850 at Shreveport, LA. The following children were the issue of these marriages: Casper Wister born 1836 in TN married Frances Mosley in 1857 and died in Pandalton, TX in 1919. Rebecca Ann, born 1838 in Alabama, married James M. Gamble in 1857 and died in Louisiana. Fisher Ames was born in 1840 in AL and died in 1867 in LA. Martha Henrietta was born in 1842 in AL and married Henry Clay Jordan and E. Lewis; she died in Calif. Mary Jane was born in 1842 in AL and died in 1847 in New Orleans, LA. Thomas Rush was born in 1846 in AL and died in 1847 in New Orleans, LA. Alembert Augustus was born in 1851 near Shreveport, LA and died in LA in 1851. Mary Elizabeth was born in 1852 in LA and died in 1853 in LA. Next is William Peyton Caldwell and the following is about him and his line.

William Peyton Caldwell was born in De Soto Parish, Louisiana on December 21, 1853. He was educated in New Orleans. He first came to West TX at the age of 18 with a party of buffalo hunters. During this trip, he was chased by a band of Comanches near Twin Mountains in Tom Green Co. When his horse stumbled, he ran to the river looking back just before he dove into the water to see the Indians take his horse with his saddle and rifle. He hid under a cutback of the river as the Indians stood just above believing him to have drowned. After he was sure they had all left, he walked to Fort Concho. He stayed in San Angelo awhile before heading back to Panola County.

Two years later, he started farming in Bosque Co. He became friends with a couple on the neighboring farm, Jess and Ellen Mayfield. In 1877 he met the 16 year old daughter of an early TX pioneer family, Sarah Melissa Robertson. They were married in the home of her parents on Dec. 17, 1877, with Jess and Ellen as attendants. Their first two children were born on this farm. They then moved to a farm in Bell Co. where four more children were born. When their oldest child came of school age, they moved to Meridian where Mr. Caldwell worked as a carpenter. Two children were born there.

In 1900, Mr. Caldwell was persuaded by his wife's uncle to go to San Angelo to build a hotel and a residence for him. He found San Angelo to be a fast-growing town with good schools and churches and moved his family there. He built many fine homes as well as two churches in San Angelo. His last four children were born there. In 1914 Mr. Caldwell was recommended as a finish carpenter to E. E. Sawyer of Sonora, whose home was under construction. He renewed his friendship with Jess Mayfield, who was now ranching in Sutton Co., and was asked to build a large home for the Mayfields on the site of what is now the Middle School. After being awarded a contract for the W. D. Wallace home, he decided to move his business and family to Sonora. At that time only 5 of his 12 children were still living.

His 19 yr. old son, Jim wanted to learn ranching, so went to work for W.J. Fields and the family moved to the Fields' lower ranch. Hazel and Leonard drove a horse and buggy or rode horseback to school. Ranch life was a big contrast to their lives in San Angelo. His son William E. moved to Sonora in 1916 as manager of West Texas Lumber Co. He also served as mayor and a school board member.

The Armistice of 1918 brought a wave of prosperity and building. W. P. built many of the larger homes of that era in Sonora. Among those were homes for George Stephenson, George Allison, W. C. Bryson, Theodore Savell, J. F. Grimland and two for W. A. Miers, one at the ranch and one in town. Many of these still stand as a symbol of his craftsmanship. His work was so highly thought of, that he was asked to do the finish work on the main staircase on the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. He was personally complimented on this work by President Theodore Roosevelt.

After he retired, he continued to do cabinet and fixture work in his shop that was located near the E. F. VanderStucken home. He died in 1934 at the age of 81. His wife, Sarah Melissa died in 1950 at the age of 89. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Methodist Church in Sonora. They are both buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

The descendants of W. P. and Sarah M. Caldwell: Frances Malinda was born in 1879, died 1880 and is buried in the Rock Church Cemetery at Hog Creek in Bosque Co. TX. William Emory born 1881, married Loula Easterly in San Angelo in 1906, lived in Sonora until the 1940's and died in 1959 at San Angelo. They had the following children: Loula Belle, who married a Dunn; William Emory Jr.; James Garland who married Thelma Rees in 1944 and died in 2002 and was buried in the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo; Eliza Elizabeth who



William Peyton Caldwell & Sarah Melissa Robertson Caldwell Family
Standing back row: James Robertson Caldwell, Edgar Charles Caldwell, William Emory Caldwell
Seated middle row: Sarah Melissa Robertson Caldwell, Mary Malissa Caldwell, William Peyton Caldwell holding Thomas Eldridge Caldwell
Front row: Homer Barnett Caldwell, Nancy Simpon Caldwell
Insert bottom right: Hazel Peyton Caldwell, Leonard Mays Caldwell

married a man named Flathers.

Anna Elizabeth was born in 1883 in Bell Co. and married Lewis Benjamin Rau in 1904. She died in 1911/12 (different dates on stones and death certificate) and is also buried in Fairmount. Elizabeth born in 1905, Katherine Melissa born in 1910 and Bernard Boone born 1907, died 1913 and buried at Fairmount Cemetery.

Nancy "Nannie" was born in 1886 in Bell Co. And died in 1905 in San Angelo and was buried at Fairmount Cemetery.

Mary Melissa "Mamie" was born in 1888 and married Louis Rau in 1912 to help care for her sisters' children. They later divorced and she married John Y. McCabe in 1923 and died in New York, NY in 1965. She was buried in the Gates of Heaven Cemetery in the Bronx.

James Robertson, born 1894, married Ella Cecile Farris in 1927 at Rocksprings. He died in 1971 at Menard and was buried in the Sutton Co. Burial Park. They had the following children:

Lydia Catherine who married Robert Andes; Hazel Peyton; Mary Jim who married Leo Snelson; James Robert who married Ingrid Frommann in 1961 and divorced then married JoAnne Mayne Nottingham in 1986; Eddie Lynn who died in 1935 and was buried in Sonora; Betty Sue who married Robert McGregor; Billy Gene who married Robert Joseph Whit-

tingslow in 1963; George W. Dolly born 1941 died 2004, buried in Sonora; Samuel Douglas who was married 3 times we are not positive on the order, but they were Cynthia Hoffman, Lynn F. Davis and Barbara Yvonne Nichols; and last but not least Jerry G.

Thomas Eldridge, son of William and Sarah, was born in 1899 and died in 1902 and was buried in Fairmount Cemetery. Hazel Peyton was born in 1903 and married Lewis B. Langford in 1920 and had a daughter Jimmie Gwynne. They were divorced and she married James W. McDaniel in 1923 and they had a daughter Doris. Hazel had a twin brother who was still-born, and was buried in Fairmount Cemetery.

Leonard Mays married Edna Ola Kelly in 1930 and they divorced and he married Katherine Blackstone in 1967. He died in 1999 and was buried in Falley Memorial Gardens, McAllen.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P. O. Box 885, 307 Oak St., Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.net You may call us or stop by for rentals, tours of museums etc. at 325-387-5084 on Tues and Thurs from 9-12:30 or Sat. from 8-12. WE NEED SOME HELP FOLKS!

A Tale of Three Lizards - Revisited

By Delyse Jaeger

With the dirt and rocks warming under the rays of the summer sun, cold blooded creatures emerge from their winter hideaways and begin their days of munching insects, mating, laying eggs and delighting observers with their peculiar appearances. One of Sonora's most common scaly residents is the Texas Spiny Lizard. Here is a little story of three such reptilian creatures.

Once upon a time in Sonora, a little west Texas town with a big heart, three spiny lizards set off to find a home and make their fortunes. The first lizard, let's call him Lunchy Lizard, happened upon a large live oak tree that appeared to be the perfect environment for lapping up crawly bugs, soaking up rays and attracting a lovely lady lizard. However, Lunchy Lizard's little lizard brain did not realize that the mighty oak had been fitted with a tree house and was the site of frequent pirate battles and sword fights. The little boy from whose imagination these dramas were played out was often accompanied by "Raptor" (as in Velociraptor) the fearless house cat. Lunchy Lizard also had not noticed the sun dried lizard carcasses strewn about, remnants of those who had passed this way before. The ultimate fate of Lunchy Lizard is not known. We can hope that he looked down from the tree, counted cats and decided to make his escape. Perhaps Lunchy enjoyed many more lunches himself, but sadly, the evidence is not in his favor. The moral of Lunchy Lizard: Protect our natural resources - spay and neuter your cat(s), or anyone's cat for that matter.

The second spiny lizard, we'll call her Lucky Lucy Lizard, was spotted basking in the heat of a ca-

liche road. Relying on her survival mechanism she froze, which allowed for a couple of close up photos that obviously flattered Lucky. Dazzled by the camera flash and momentarily lulled into a false sense of lizard celebrity, Lucky Lucy nearly did not notice the two six year old boys climbing out of the open truck window. Just in the nick of time, reality crashed through her billboard daydreams and she dashed from the road so quickly it was as if she'd disappeared into thin air. Only the rustling sound of her escape proved otherwise. The moral of Lucky Lucy Lizard: Don't be frozen by fear or blinded by flattery.

Finally we come to Lyle, the Legendary Lizard of Eaton Hill. Lyle was a friendly and clever Texas spiny lizard. Dragging his lizard belly over the rocks one warm summer day, he looked up and saw the words "Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary". Lyle knew his search was over and his journey had come to an end. Lyle was home. Entering

the sanctuary, Lyle marveled at the diverse vegetation, wildflowers, cactus and rocks. With plenty of bugs to munch, trees to climb and rocks to bask on and hide amongst, Lyle could scarcely believe his good fortune. He settled down in an area close to a foot trail where he could watch the comings and goings of the odd looking creatures that moved along the path. One day Mr. Wong, a rufus-crowned sparrow, joined Lyle on his branch. Having not a prejudiced scale on his back, Lyle struck up an uncommon friendship with the little mustache-donning bird. In an incredible act of generosity, the unlikely pair posed for a photograph. Lyle hung around for a couple of solo shots before retreating to the shady cover of mesquite and underbrush. The photographs have become calling cards for Eaton Hill and have appeared in numerous promotional materials. No doubt, Sonora's Legendary Lyle the Texas Spiny Lizard of Eaton Hill will be remembered for generations to come. Though

Spiny lizards have a life span of only three to four years, Lyle's offspring will scurry among the rocks and flowers of Eaton Hill until, well until the sheep come home, I guess. Look for Lyle next time you hike the trails of Eaton Hill, you can bet, he'll be looking for you. Moral of Lyle the Legendary Lizard: Friendships can come in surprising packages and enrich our lives in unexpected ways.



Lucky Lucy

Caldwell Family Reunion Announcement

A reunion of the William P. and Sarah Melissa Caldwell Family is being held at the Sutton County Steakhouse on Saturday, June 10, 2006. Everyone who would like to visit with the surviving grandchildren, including Elizabeth Caldwell Flathers, Jimmie Gwynne Lankford Jacoby, Katherine Caldwell Andes, Hazel, J.R., Sam and Jerry Caldwell, Mary Jim Caldwell Snelson, Betty Sue Caldwell McGregor, Billy Gene Caldwell Whittingslow and other descendants, is invited to stop by the Sutton County Steakhouse between 4:00 and 7:00 pm.

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Sonora Clean-Up 2006

Submitted

It's time to get revved up again for this year's Great Sonora Clean-Up! The Annual Clean-Up Campaign is a great opportunity to dispose of bulky wastes and discards not routinely collected by weekly collection services. This year the City of Sonora is asking citizens to place greater emphasis on junk vehicles, tires, and metal.

The Clean-Up Campaign will be held June 21 through June 24, Wednesday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Residential customers may deliver material to the Trash Collection Site (old landfill site) located at the end of South 1st Street. Do not dump any trash on the ground.

Fees will be waived for three (3) trips to the trash collection site for customers who pay a monthly trash collection bill to the City of Sonora. A current utility bill must be presented.

Customers, who make more than three (3) trips or do not pay a monthly trash collection fee, will be charged \$5.00 for the first 100 pounds and then a nickel a pound for each pound over 100 pounds.

Industrial Containers will be available for customers to dispose of their household trash, yard waste and debris.

Containers will be available for metal, such as appliances. Refrigerators must have the Freon removed.

Car batteries and tires will be accepted free of charge.

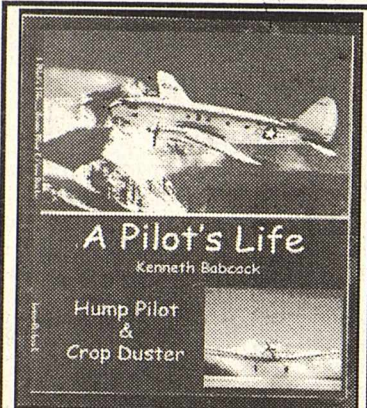
Crown Recycling Company will pick-up and pay cash for unwanted, junk vehicles. Call 1-800-259-5887 to arrange vehicle pick-up.

Items that will not be accepted: Oil Filters, Petroleum products and by-products, explosive materials, medical waste, and liquid waste.

Trash adversely affects our community. It impacts our environment, economy and quality of life and ruins the natural beauty of our great city. It is vitally important to all that every citizen pitches in to keep Sonora trash-free. If you have any questions about the clean-up, please call City Hall at 387-2558.

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, June 8: Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office
 Monday, June 12: Keep Sonora Beautiful Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office
 Tuesday—Thursday, June 13-15: Sonora Wool & Mohair Show, Civic Center
 Thursday, June 29: Sutton County Transportation Committee, 4:00 p.m., The Bank & Trust



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Welcome Home!

Army/Air Force Home Town News Release

Air Force Senior Airman Charles N. Lozano has returned to the U.S. after being deployed to an overseas forward-operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Lozano is a security forces journeyman regularly assigned to the 569th Security Police Flight, Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern, Germany. He is the son of Toni Wright and stepson of Mario Avila of S. Fourth, Sonora, Texas. His wife, Brittany, is the daughter of Bill and Valerie O'Brien of W. Pershing, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Lozano is a 2001 graduate of Sonora High School.

Hughes Receives George C. Marshall Award

Army/Air Force Home Town News Release

Army Cadet Beau B. Hughes received the George C. Marshall Award during an awards ceremony at the Marshall Center in Lexington, Va. The award is named in the honor and legacy of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II as the Army Chief of Staff and in the post-war era served as secretary of state and secretary of defense.

The award is presented annually to the most outstanding senior Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) cadets in military science studies and leadership values in each battalion at host universities or colleges. Top cadets participate in focus groups and round table discussions on the theme of the national security of the U.S. and the Army's security role in the international arena; and receive formal speeches from the highest echelons of the U.S. Army's leadership ranks.

Beau is a student at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of Brad and Chandra Hughes. Beau graduated in 2002 from Sonora High School.

Beau will graduate this August and go onto active duty in October. He will spend a year and half in training before being assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His training will include jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

First Lieutenant Breg Hughes, Beau's older brother, is currently serving in Iraq as a platoon leader in a mechanized infantry unit.

Chamber Roundup

By Greta Ramsdell, Director

Sonora Chamber of Commerce

What a busy week-end Sonora had with the West Texas Championship Cook-Off and the Vernon West Memorial Team Roping filling up the Sutton County Park Complex (not to mention lots of baseball players). The city was full of visitors and all appeared to be having a great time and enjoying the many amenities Sonora has to offer.

Speaking of amenities, the Sonora Golf Club has been providing a beautiful backdrop for a fabulous, lifetime sport for the past 33 years. Situated near Interstate 10 and Highway 277 North, the course features 3,119 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. The course has nine holes, and a review from GolfTexas.com states, "Unlike other small town courses in this region, the Sonora Golf Club has extremely large greens (only one that is elevated) that make it much easier to rack up Greens in Regulation (G.I.R.) stats. The course is generally flat, but its location on the edge of the Hill Country provides some hilly terrain. Water comes into play on only three holes, and there are plenty of trees that can cause problems if your game is off."

The concept of a golf course was initiated by Son Allison and one day outside the Chamber of Commerce office, Buzzy Stokes signed up Lawrence Finklea as the first member of the club. Carl Cahill was also instrumental in much of the work and maintenance of the course. The course underwent many modifications including moving greens when Interstate 10 was built. The clubhouse was originally a church which was moved in and enlarged to become the current facility. The course is managed by an eleven-member board of directors and day-to-day operations are handled by Gayle Smart. The club promotes junior golf by sponsoring clinics and assisting the booster club in golf-related activities. The Ladies Auxiliary is made up of 19 members who support the activities of the club by raising money and working at various events. Funds have been utilized for scholarships for high school golf team members and golf cart path paving will hopefully be completed sometime in the near future.

The Club hosts twelve golf tournaments each year, beginning in April and running through September. The remaining tournaments are as follows:

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| June 10th & 11th | 2 Man Select Shot/Low Ball |
| July 8th | One Person Scramble |
| July 22nd | 4 Lady Select Shot |
| August 5th & 6th | 4 Man Select Shot |
| August 19th | S.L. G.A. Adult-Child Tournament |
| September 16th & 17th | S.L.G.A. Couples Select Shot |
| September 23rd & 24th | Club Championship |
| September 30th & Oct. 1st | Rye Cup |

The golf course is a huge asset to Sonora and Sutton County and also attracts visitors from all around the state. Regular and junior memberships are available and bags, carts and storage sheds are provided for rental. The driving range is open to the public and buckets may be purchased at the clubhouse. Summer hours are 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. so stop by 1612 Golf Course Road or call 325/387-3680 for more information about golfing.

Happy Birthday

June 8
 Jim Stephen

June 9
 Tigger Garza, Jacob B. Perez, Alex Lang

June 10
 Alvaro DeHoyas, Gunter Pennington, Fernando Gonzalez, Sr., Jessica Collins

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 Brady Johnson, JoAnn Hernandez, John W. Brown, Jr., Kathy Pacheco, Jordan Nicole Paredes, Hunter Webb, Chuck Christian

June 12
 Charlie Watkins, Kaden Kinder, Joseph Castro, Claudia Gomez, Socorro Avila, Sachary Smart

June 13
 Evan Gulley, Marie Allen, Lisa Sanchez, Lilia Cervantez, Candy Davis, Frances Tackel

June 14
 Carolyn Earwood, Rebecca Stokes, Frances Lozano, Mason Martinez, Sidney Dermody, Jimmy Levairo, Bobby Jackson

Sonora High School Scholarship Recipients

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| \$750 A.E. Prugal Memorial Scholarship | EM Hobbs - \$1000 |
| Mandy Brister | Chantel Arispe
Swade Draper
Kristina Hernandez
Kayla McBride
Dee McGee
Kathy Pacheco
Embre Smith
Lauren Smith
Roland Solis |
| \$250 - Chance Armke Scholarship | EM Hobbs - \$2000 Scholarship |
| Mandy Brister and Embre Smith | Uriel Sentena |
| \$150 - Association of Texas Professional Educators | \$1300 Bryan and Velma Hunt Scholarship from the San Angelo Area Foundation |
| Chantel Arispe
Hilton Bloodworth
Cameron Cox
Ty Love
Nash Traylor | Mandy Brister |
| \$250 Scholarship in memory of Terry L. Beebe | \$2000 Early Graduate Scholarship from the Texas Higher Ed. Coordinating Board. This is given to a person successfully completing the recommended or advanced high school program in 36 consecutive months or less |
| Kayla McBride
Kathy Pacheco
Cullen Parker
Trent Reiner
Kaleena Samaniego
Jack Turney | Amanda Castilleja |
| \$1000 Scholarship - Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 | Freshman University Scholarship from Hardin Simmons University - \$1500/year & State tuition equalization grant \$2400 |
| Hilton Bloodworth
Mandy Brister
Lauren Smith
Ty Love
Jack Turney | Cameron Cox |
| United Methodist Church Scholarship | Presidents Achievement Scholarship from University of Texas \$1000 |
| Hilton Bloodworth
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| Garza/Sentena Memorial Scholarship | The Dr. Robert and Jean Ann Le-Grand Scholarship from Angelo State University \$1000 |
| Desiree Alvarado
Dee McGee
Roland Solis
Kaleena Samaniego | Kristina Hernandez |
| Glinda Castro Memorial Scholarship - \$450 Team R.A.Z.P.A Scholarship - \$500 | Academic Scholarship from Lubbock Christian University \$2000/year |
| Dee McGee
Roland Solis | Hillary Lawson |
| \$500- The Knights of Columbus Scholarship | \$1000 Band Scholarship from Cisco Junior College |
| Dee McGee | Mikee Lozano |
| Jack Neill/David Law Scholarship - renewable Scholarship | Kayla McBride- Will receive a golf Scholarship from the University of Texas in San Antonio. |
| Ty Love | Embre Smith-Valedictorian Scholarship from the State of Texas- covers tuition for first 2 semesters. Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship which is awarded by the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board, and may be awarded for a total period of up to 4 consecutive years. Funding for the 2006-2007 school year is \$1500. |
| The Sonora Golf Club - \$1500 Scholarship | The Dr. Robert and Jean Ann Le-Grand Scholarship from Angelo State University \$1000 |
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| From the Sutton County Days Association - Hillary Lawson will receive a \$1000 Scholarship for representing Sonora as the current Miss Sutton County. Mandy, Alisha and Maggie will all receive a \$500 Scholarship for being a runners-up for Miss Sutton County | Texas Big Game Awards Wildlife Conservation Scholarship - \$500 \$1000 Award of Excellence Asthma Scholarship |
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THE MONEY FACTORY IS A FUN PLACE TO VISIT

By Tumbleweed Smith



The Western Currency Center in Fort Worth produces more than half of the nation's paper money. It can turn out about 6 billion bills a year in several denominations. "We make ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties and fifties," says Charlene Williams, manager of the Texas branch of the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing (website moneyfactory.gov). More than 800 people work there "When someone comes to work here, it becomes a big part of his or her life. Some jobs stay in the same family for generations." Some positions at the plant require years of training. "We have picture engravers and portrait engravers who go through an apprentice program for seven or ten years depending on which type of engraver they are."

Only two cities in the US have plants that print our currency. The other one is Washington D.C. The facility has been in Fort Worth for fifteen years. A plane crash in the nation's capital made some people at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing a little nervous. "In 1982 there was an Air Florida flight that crashed into the 14th Street Bridge. Had that plane been only inches closer to the bureau, that would have caused a major economic devastation. There had already been talks about building another plant outside of the Washington area. That plane crash speeded up efforts to get one built." When word got out that the bureau was looking for a place to build a new facility, 80 cities indicated they were interested in getting it. The list was narrowed down to eleven cities, then three: Las Vegas, Denver and Fort Worth. It's the civic pride that got this plant to Fort Worth. The people here were very committed to getting it here. It's a brand new, multi-million dollar facility that sits on a hundred acres of land. People of Fort Worth wanted this place here. They donated a hundred acres of property and a 240,000 square foot shell building. In return, we would bring jobs to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The first 100 jobs that were offered here brought in 14,000 applications."

The facility offers free 45 minute guided tours. Sometimes the guides are people who actually work with producing the money. "It's a great way to see how our money is made. We have two floors of educational interactive exhibits and displays. There's a fifteen-minute film that talks about the overall production of the bills. And there's a gift shop for people to buy souvenirs. We consider our output here a product. We want it to be the best. If an employee starts thinking of it as money, then it might be time for that person to find another job."

Tee Time by Kel Thomas

Tip of the Week: Course Management

Nothing kills a good round of golf faster than penalty strokes. The first step is not to get suckered into playing a lower percentage shot (for you), especially off the first tee. If you let it, the first tee shot can dictate your whole round. The best players in the world play cautiously much of the time. Why don't we? We all would like to smash 300+ yard drives, but how often do we really need a drive of that distance in a recreational round of golf? A better question might be: How often CAN we hit a 300+ yard drive down the middle of the fairway?

Play to your strengths, not your weaknesses. Leave the egos in the bag, or better yet at home. If you need to hit a 5-wood or a hybrid off the tee, go ahead. You may be a little behind in distance, but chances are you'll be hitting from the fairway much more often.

Golf Course of the Week:

The Rawls Course in Lubbock TX. 3720 4th St. (806) 742-GOLF

Home of the Texas Tech golf teams, the three year-old Rawls Course is a great course for any level golfer. From the tips, the par 72 Rawls Course plays to 7207 yards, but three more sets of tees bring the yardages down to 6645 yds, 6200 yds, and finally 5373 yards from the most forward tee locations.

Water hazards come into play on only three of the eighteen holes and a good set of long par 4 holes measuring 448, 462, 463, 476, and a whopping 499 yards from the back tees, but playing downwind most of the time, will test anyone's long game. Strategically placed fairway bunkers call for good course management, but for the most part, the fairways are generous with wide landing areas. Believe it or not, the course is not as flat as you might expect given its location. Modest elevation changes and rolling fairways, make for the occasional uneven lies.

Remember where you are...Lubbock, and that means wind. Prevailing winds this time of year are South/Southwest. Also, watch out for those afternoon thunderstorms and lightning.

If you find yourself in Lubbock, and have 4 1/2 hours free, check out The Rawls Course.

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Sonora Minor League Takes Championship

Submitted

The Sonora Minor League All-Star team (ages 7, 8 and 9) participated in the Sonora City League All-Star tournament this past weekend. They won the Championship Game against Ozona by a score of 14-4. On their way to the Championship the Sonora All-Stars defeated Menard and Eldorado.

All Tournament team honors went to Kade Creek of Eldorado, Nelson Black, Sid Anderson, Ethan Patlan, Andres Acevedo, and Hunter Hughes all of Sonora. The Tournament Golden Glove went to Hunter Hughes, and the Tournament MVP went to Andres Acevedo. Come and watch these fine young men play in the Eldorado tournament June 8, 9, and 10th!!!!

In other divisions, the Sonora 10 yr. old All-Star team placed third in the tournament behind the San Angelo Mariners and the team from Ozona, placing Will Dutton, Chance Campbell and Scott Gonzales on the All Tournament team. The Major League All-Star team (ages 11 and 12) finished in 2nd place, behind a team from Wall. All Tournament honors went to John Lopez IV, Aaron Hinsley, Jared Hinsley, Cadesman Pope and Clayton Parks.

**Congratulations
to
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Minor League All Tournament Team

Left to right: Kade Creek of Eldorado, Andres Acevedo, Hunter Hughes, Nelson Black, Sid Anderson and Ethan Patlan, all of Sonora

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8:11 AM - Deputy at Correction Center, Lake Charles, La., need to speak to deputy. Deputy notified.
9:44 AM - Det. Martin, Pearl River County S.O. request to speak with deputy. Deputy notified.

2:19 PM - Answering Service called requesting help with putting subject in wheel chair. S.O. and P.D. notified.
3:27 PM - Attorney in San Angelo called to speak with inmate. Jail notified.
3:50 PM - U.S. Probation Office, San Angelo, called reference inmate. Jail notified.
4:01 PM - Travis County District Attorney's Office called reference inmate. Jail notified.

4:58 PM - Subject reported man laying on roadway just W. of 433 MM on IH-10. Deputy notified.
10:34 PM - Subject called on 911 requesting ambulance on Wardlaw Street. EMS notified.

tions, called confirming date they will be here to pick up inmate. Jail notified.
11:25 PM - Subject called on 911 reported accident at 381 MM of IH-10. DPS notified.

together at ball field EMS notified.
6:31 PM - Subject called reference cows out about 18 miles out on R.R. 864. Ranch notified.

to pick up kids, parents in jail. Deputy notified.
7:29 PM - Subject called reference keys locked in vehicle. Deputy notified.
7:51 PM - Subject called reference cow out on R.R. 864 about 20 miles out of Ft. McKavett. Ranch notified.

June 2, 2006

1:52 AM - Subject called requested wrecker, car broke down. Wrecker notified.
7:12 AM - Subject called reference locking keys in vehicle. Officer notified.
8:20 AM - Subject called reference traffic jam at Crockett and 277-S. Units notified.
5:04 PM - Bondsman in office to speak with inmate. Jail notified.
6:25 PM - CPS, San Angelo, here

June 3, 2006

1:18 AM - Subject called on 911 reference group of subject arguing at arena. Deputy notified.

June 4, 2006

11:07 AM - Subject turned in cell phone found to S.O. Returned to owner.

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State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Governor's plan would fund border action, surveillance

By Ed Sterling
AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on June 1 announced a plan he said would fill gaps in federal efforts to protect the Texas-Mexico border. Perry will ask the Texas Legislature to fund his plan, which includes:

- The spending of \$20 million in available state funds to sustain and expand Operation Rio Grande, a border security strategy now in effect through the current fiscal biennium;
- Authorization of another \$100 million in the next legislative session to sustain Operation Rio Grande until the federal government "fulfills its responsibility of securing the border"; and
- Use \$5 million, with the help of private landowners, to begin placing cameras along "criminal hotspots and common routes used to enter this country."

Guv, others cheer tax reform bill

The Governor's office and members of the Texas Legislature are touting House Bill 1 as the biggest tax cut in Texas history. The legislation was signed by Perry on May 23. Texans will save \$15.7 billion on property taxes over the next three years, enough to lower tax rates by 33 percent, Perry said. That means a 33 percent reduction on school district's maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate, not the combined tax rate of all local governmental entities. HB 1 also raises pay for schoolteachers by \$2,000 across the board and restores \$500 of their \$1,000 health insurance supplement taken away by the Legislature in 2003. And, HB 1 creates a bonus program for classroom teachers. The program draws from a \$260 million fund from which teachers identified as "excellent" may be paid a bonus of up to \$10,000. Students must pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests in order to advance in grade and graduate. Critics of the bonus program argue that it will reward teachers for "teaching to the test" and that teaching to the test makes test results phony. Supporters say that as long as TAKS is the yardstick for educational success, teachers should be rewarded when their students score high or show substantial improvement.

Incumbent leads in early poll

A SurveyUSA poll sponsored by an Austin and a San Antonio TV station shows Rick Perry ahead of his challengers with six months to go until election day. Released May 22, the poll shows Perry with 41 percent. Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn with 20 percent, Democrat Chris Bell with 18 percent and Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman with 16 percent. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 points, which to some observers means Bell, Strayhorn and Friedman are in a dead heat. Friedman and Strayhorn are running as independents. The Secretary of State's office is in the process of verifying signatures on their petitions to be included on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Free tickets for elected officials

To certain people, the UT System generously doles out free tickets to University of Texas Longhorns football games. In a widely published report, it was written that elected officials, state legislators in particular, received about 1,000 free tickets and about the same number of reduced-price tickets over the last five seasons. Season tickets are selling for \$365. Single-game tickets range from \$50 to \$85. UT regents get free tickets for life.

Security compromises hit Texans

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. announced May 30 that an employee of one of its contractors lost a piece of equipment containing the names and Social Security numbers of 1.3 million borrowers. The loss occurred on May 24. Also in late May, Attorney General Greg Abbott of Texas asked veterans to take precautionary measures because of a theft of electronic data from an employee with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A missing computer hard drive contains name, Social Security number and date of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans discharged from military service since 1975. On June 2, the Austin American-Statesman reported that Texas Department of Health and Human Services said applicants for state benefits had been sending by mistake, faxes containing their confidential information to a wrong number that turned out to be a warehouse in Seattle.

A 'Phoney' Tax Bill

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Last month, we thought we got some great news from the U.S. Treasury. A federal "luxury" tax created to fund the Spanish-American War more than a century ago was being abolished, and most of us will get refunds for the past three years of payments. The more I looked at how this occurred however, the less enthusiastic I got. It's a welcome development, but it's also yet another example of how poorly we do things in Washington.

The federal excise tax on long-distance telephone service was first established in 1898 as a one-cent levy on long-distance phone calls that rang up charges of more than 15 cents. The tax was designed to target the wealthy, those who could afford telephone service.

The long-distance excise tax has increased and has been revised over the years. But as often happens, the federal government failed to keep up with advances made in telecommunications, making the tax antiquated and more suitable for the horse and buggy age rather than the Internet age. Multiple lawsuits were filed.

Last month, after five appellate courts ruled against the government, the U.S. Treasury finally announced it would terminate the tax on July 31, 2006. It also ordered the Internal Revenue Service to provide refunds, including interest, for excise taxes paid since March 2003.

Since 1982, we've all paid a three percent tax on long distance calls. If you spend \$50 a month, that could mean a \$1.50 per month refund for the past three years (or \$54).

Texans may ask for a refund of these taxes on their 2006 federal income tax returns. Taxpayers have been assured the refund process will be simple and actual receipts for taxes paid won't be required for a refund. Taxpayers will be reimbursed an estimated \$13 billion.

If you believe in truth in packaging, we should rejoice when an obsolete tax is killed. Of course, it should have been done by Congress, and not under pressure from a court order. But how did we get to this point?

The long distance excise tax originated at the start of the Spanish American War, shortly before Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his volunteer Rough Riders pulled out of training camp at San Antonio, bound for eventual glory at San Juan Hill in Cuba.

The American government was having trouble paying for our military action. A Washington bureaucrat devised the long-distance phone tax as a new revenue stream to finance the war effort.

"We drew a great many recruits from Texas," wrote Roosevelt later, "and from nowhere did we get a higher average, for many of them had served in that famous body of frontier fighters, the Texas Rangers."

"Of course, these rangers needed no teaching. They were trained to obey and to take responsibility. They were splendid shots, horsemen, and trailers. They were accustomed to living in the open, to enduring great fatigue and hardship, and to encountering all kinds of danger."

After the four-month war on Spain, Congress continued to reauthorize the tax over the years. There was always a good reason—to help make ends meet for added expenses during World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and Vietnam. And many years in between.

Texans believe in meeting their responsibilities...or doing more. Texans are always the first to extend a hand, do their part, or help resolve a problem. Like those Texan Rangers-turned-Rough Riders of 100 years ago, we step forward when a need arises.

Today, the federal government is spending far more than what it collects. We have not done an adequate job in Washington in keeping down federal spending, which continues to outpace inflation. Ironically, this obsolete Spanish-American war excise tax is being put to rest at a time when we once again have an actual need to mobilize our collective resources. The war on terrorism is vital to our security; it will require diligence and effort for years to come.

All of us are willing to pay our share to keep America strong and preserve our liberties. But it should be done forthrightly, with full disclosure and consent of the governed—not through a hidden fee based on a wartime emergency that has long since come and gone.

As Thomas Jefferson so aptly put it: "We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." Now that a "cease fire" has been declared on a 108-year-old war tax, we should turn our attention to balancing our books and meeting our current obligations. Now is the time to hang up the telephone tax once and for all.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column.

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Oil & Agribusiness

More than \$2 million was 'recklessly misapplied' in Wool Grower's scheme

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher, Ozona Stockman

The former manager of Ozona Wool Grower's Central Storage Co. and the current bookkeeper allegedly "intentionally, knowingly and recklessly misapplied approximately \$2,072,326.56," over the past five years, in unauthorized wool and mohair proceeds, according to an affidavit filed in the Crockett County Justice of Peace office by Texas Ranger Brooks Long.

Donnie Laughlin, 59, was arrested on May 29 on a charge of misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000.

Laughlin remains in jail. His bond is set at \$500,000.

Tonya Stalcup, 38, turned herself into the Crockett County Sheriff's Office on May 31 for the same charge as Laughlin. She remains in jail and her bond is set at \$250,000.

The affidavit stated that through the examination of bank statements and checks that Laughlin and Stalcup were engaged in a scheme where each "funneled large amounts of proceeds via unauthor-

ized salary advances and cash withdrawals" from the regular checking account.

Laughlin, who was terminated on April 8 as manager of Wool Grower's, confessed his role in the unauthorized transfer of sale proceeds from the sale of mohair from the wool and mohair account to the regular checking account, and wrote checks from the regular checking account to cover routine business expenses, the affidavit said.

Laughlin then sold the mohair without the consent of the producer's, obtained payment for the mohair via legitimate buyer's via wire and check transfers, which were legally deposited into the wool and mohair account, the affidavit stated.

According to the affidavit, some producers were paid for the sale, but a large majority of the producers were not paid as the proceeds from the sales were then improperly transferred into the regular checking account and used for regular business expenses without the board of directors consent or authorization.

Laughlin also confessed about

the unauthorized transfers from the wool and mohair account into the regular checking account and the fact that all mohair was sold and no producer funds remained, the affidavit stated.

Stalcup stated in a written statement that she had obtained more than \$40,000 in advances to cover a gastric bypass surgery and that this "loan" was approved by Laughlin, the affidavit stated.

Stalcup also stated that Laughlin would receive multiple payroll checks during the week, and that, on some occasions, Laughlin would receive a daily paycheck during the week, the affidavit stated.

The affidavit stated that Stalcup obtained cash from the Sanderson Wool Commission bank account, which is also owned by Wool Grower's, and the bulk of the bank deposits from the Sanderson account were then transferred to the regular checking account and used by Laughlin and Stalcup for unauthorized salary expenses and routine business expenses.

Since Laughlin was the manager, he had authority to obtain and store a producer's wool or mohair, and would then act on behalf of the producer in selling the goods and paying the producer.

However, based on the bank statements, Laughlin sold the vast majority of mohair and wool, which was then paid for by electronic wire transfers and co-mingled with the regular accounts receivable and cash sales in the regular checking account, the affidavit stated.

The co-mingled funds were then funneled to Laughlin and Stalcup in a salary advance scheme, the affidavit stated.

According to the affidavit, examination of bank statements and checks revealed that Laughlin and Stalcup received approximately \$605,935.92 in total salary and unauthorized salary advances from September 2001-April 2006.

The affidavit also stated that numerous mohair and wool producers who placed their product at Wool Grower's during the past 10 years have been contacted and now know their product has been sold and they have yet to be paid for their product, even though Laughlin sold their product without their knowledge.

Wool Grower's filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this month.

Chapter 11 under the federal bankruptcy code means that a company is able to work out a plan in hope of trying to pay people back, as well as working out a plan to keep operating, said attorney Greg Gossett, of Gossett, Harrison, Reese, Millican and Stipanovich in San Angelo.

According to documents in the company's bankruptcy file, the 20 largest unsecured claims includes \$222,117.02 owed to several feed, tire, wool supply companies and the IRS.

The bankruptcy file also lists more than 200 potential creditors are scheduled in the case. Most of them represent producers who are believed to hold claims based on the fact that they stored wool and mohair and were not paid any proceeds of the sale of their goods at Wool Grower's.

The San Angelo law firm sent out a letter to the potential creditors requesting schedules of the wool and mohair claimed by the person and a copy of the receipt.

The intention of the board of directors is to keep both the Sanderson and the Ozona wool houses open, and to maintain them as a viable operation, said Byrnie Bass, the Lubbock attorney handling the bankruptcy case.

Cook-Off Results cont from pg. 1

Cook-off favorites, Ashes on Fire, were back again, placing in four of the six events, and taking home the People's Choice and Best Pit awards. Showmanship, or Best Camp, prizes went to Sonora's "Bad Habits" bunch, made up of the Adkins girls and their "sisters" in crime. Cookers, judges, visitors and the committee agreed that it was one of the best times yet for the annual event, with some great bar-b-q, and good times to be had by all!

Individual winners in each event were:

Steak: 1. Garden Club/Wayne Webb, Sonora; 2. Dos Burros/Michael Kissire, Sonora; 3. TB's Bar & Grill #2/Todd Townsend, Del Rio; 4. We Don't Cook Sheep/Robert Bredemeyer/Sweetwater

Open: Three Primos/Kent Kearney, Sonora; Rafter H/Sy Mitchell, Eastland; Dawg Grangers/Buddy Cavaness, Marathon; 4. Garden Club/Wayne Webb, Sonora; 5. Grillin' & Chillin'/Dennis Reed, San Angelo; 6. Ashes on Fire/Leo Cavaness, Rankin; 7. Dos Burros/Kissire, Sonora; 8. No Luck Cookers #2/James Timmons, Crane; 9. Rough Country/Cord Bowman, Ballinger; 10. Circle J Cookers/Glenn Jansky, Hallettsville

Chicken: 1. Martini Chili/Dena Martinez, San Angelo; 2. Bad Habits/Sue Adkins, Sonora; 3. Dos Burros/Kissire; 4. Pineywood Cookers/Jimmy Bolton, Cleveland; 5. BCB Cookers/Russell Coleman, Clute; 6. No Luck Cookers #2/Timmons; 7. We Don't Cook Sheep/Bredemeyer; 8. Dawg Grangers/Cavaness; Grillin' & Chillin'/Reed; TB's Bar & Grill #2/Townsend

Chili: 1. Ashes on Fire/Cavaness; 2. J Bar F Ranchette/Jim & Fran Miller, San Angelo; Dawg Grangers/Cavaness; No Luck Cookers #1/Pat Timmons, Crane; 5/ Sweetner than Sweet Meats/Sherril Lloyd, San Angelo; No Luck Cookers #2/Timmons; Rafter L Cooking/Weldon Lloyd/Robert Lee; 8. Sweet Meet/Lazarus' San Angelo; 9. n/a 10. One Eyed Chihuahua Chili/Donna Watkins, Robert Lee

Brisket: 1. Garden Club/Webb, Sonora; 2. Pineywood Cookers/Bolton; 3. Sweet Meat/Lazarus; 4. Sweet Meat III/Rory Randolph, San Angelo; 5. BCB Cookers/


Coleman; 6. Rafter L Cooking/Lloyd; 7. TB's Bar & Grill #1/Bullet Beard, Del Rio; 8. Circle J Cookers/ Jansky; 9. We Don't Cook Sheep/Bredemeyer; 10. TB's Bar & Grill #2/Townsend

Ribs: 1. Sweet Meat/Lazarus; 2. We Don't Cook Sheep/Bredemeyer; 3. BCB Cookers/Coleman; 4. Grillin' & Chillin'/Reed; 5. J Bar F Ranch/Miller; 6. TB's Bar & Grill #1/Beard; 7. No Luck Cookers #2/Timmons; 8. Dawg Grangers/Cavaness; 9. Sweet Meat III/Randolph; 10. Bad Habits/Adkins

Goat: 1. We Don't Cook Sheep/Bredemeyer; 2. Ashes on Fire/Cavaness; 3. No Luck Cookers #1/Timmons; 4. No Luck Cookers #2/Timmons; 5. J Bar F Ranch/Miller; Rafter L Cooking/Lloyd; 7. Sweet Meat/Lazarus; 8. Sweet Meats III/Randolph; 9. Pineywood Cookers/Bolton; 10. Rafter H/Mitchell

Sonora's favorite drummer, Jeremy Yeager returned to rock the house with his hometown friends, joining Rex Robard and the Barefoot Cowboy Band on the stage Saturday night to end a great day.

The Cook-off association would like to thank all of our sponsors, cookers, judges and the great crew that helped make the event possible! We look forward to doing it again next year!



Rig Report

as of 06/02/06

Sutton

1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9700' Duke Wilson -21 1/2- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 06/05/06 Assigned

2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9450' May M Ray #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 05/10/06 24 Drlg Ahead

New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9450' Duke Wilson -185- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 06/06/06 Assigned

4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9350' Duke Wilson #173-16 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 05/28/06 6 Drlg Ahead

New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9200' Hudspeth -1017- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 06/06/06 Assigned

6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Mayer -20a- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 05/28/06 6 Drlg Ahead

New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8460' Edwin S Mayer Jr -D- #8-7 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 06/06/06 Assigned

8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8460' Edwin S Mayer Jr -D- #8-10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 05/30/06 4 Drlg Ahead

9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8050' Simmons Ranch #79 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 05/28/06 6 Drlg Ahead

10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7950' Shurley Rr -4d- #2d Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 05/31/06 3 Drlg Ahead

New 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7750' Ida Cauthorn -135- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 161 06/07/06 Assigned

12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7400' Van Shoubrouck -Swd- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 107 05/30/06 4 Drlg Ahead

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New 19 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6325' Galbreath -65- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 06/09/06 Assigned

New 20 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6250' Steen #95 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 06/06/06 Assigned

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1 J. Cleo Thompson/Dal 9500' Hemphill #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 42 05/22/06 12

New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Hill-Mayer -Rr- #1-4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 06/08/06

3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8750' Jeffers -18a- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 05/28/06

4 Pogo Producing Co 6900' West Unit #13 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 05/25/06 9 Drlg Ahead 4718'

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New 1 Newfield 11000' Earwood Ranch -A- #13 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 05/29/06 5 Drlg Ahead

2 Chi Operating, Inc. 10500' Diamondback -19- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 04/30/06 34 Drlg Ahead

3 Newfield 10000' Wittenburg #3601 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 05/23/06 11 Drlg Ahead

New 4 Rio-Tex, Inc. 6000' Whitworth #501 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 102 05/28/06 6 Drlg Ahead

5 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 26 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/14/06 20 Drlg Ahead

2 Bp America Prod/Mid 12200' Banner Estate #34 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/22/06 42 Drlg Ahead

New 3 Encana O & G/Dallas 12200' Culbertson -17- #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 06/06/06 Assigned

4 Encana O & G/Dallas 12100' Acu -48- #7 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 04/10/06 54 Drlg Ahead

New 5 Rio-Tex, Inc. 9000' University #3104 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 109 06/01/06 2 Drlg Ahead

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Livestock Water Needs

Submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

Hot, dry weather is known for its impact on crops and rangeland. But its impact on livestock is equally dramatic. Hot, dry weather increases the water needs of livestock but often decreases water supplies. Without even discussing water quality, it is important to know how much water animals require.

Water requirements are influenced by several factors, including rate of gain, pregnancy, lactation, activity, type of diet, feed intake, and environmental temperature. Here are some general water estimates for various conditions and animals at 88 degrees F.: Nursing cows drink about 16.5 gallons while bred, dry cows and heifers require around 14 gallons. Bulls, however, can drink up to 18 gallons. Sheep and goat requirements range from 1 to 4 gallons.

Water requirements may increase to double the normal intake for animals during hot weather. An 1100 lb horse in a mild environment will require 6-8 gallons of water for maintenance, but that same animal with moderate work and a warm environment may need 12-18 gallons. As another example, a lactating mare requires 10-15 gallons of water.

With shortage of water, it is important to recognize dehydration. Signs of dehydration are tightening of the skin, loss of weight, and drying of mucous membranes and eyes. In cattle, the eyes will appear sunken and dull. One way to check for dehydration in the horse is by skin folds. Pull the skin and hold a moment. Release and count the seconds until the fold disappears. On a dehydrated horse, the skin will stand for several seconds.

Clean, fresh water is important. If animals do not meet their water needs, they may refuse to eat, and experience lowered production. There are also associated illnesses. Reduced water intake can lead to problems such as urinary calculi (waterbelly). Decreased water consumption reduces water flow through the bladder and kidneys and allows kidney stones to form.

So, with hot weather and drought upon us, remember that animal production is maintained by keeping their water supplies clean and fresh. Also, keep in mind that what we've discussed are average figures. Water needs vary greatly with air temperature, relative humidity, animal size and percent moisture of the diet. For additional related information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

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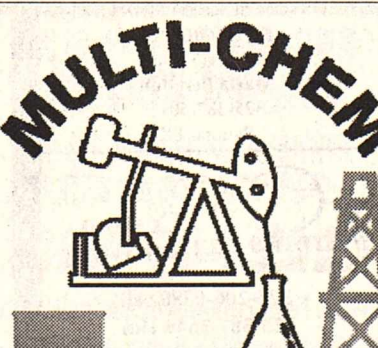
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11:00 AM: Sutton Co. Jail Inmate escape. Deputies and Officers responded.
8:20 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
9:10 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.

May 30, 2006

12:40 AM: Report of an unknown person trying to enter a hotel room. Officer responded.
11:00 AM: Caller advised to cancel security for dance. Officers and Deputy notified.
2:00 PM: Caller reported vandalism on vehicle. Officer responded.

2:20 PM: Ambulance escort.
2:50 PM: Subject requested to speak to an officer at the Police Department. Officer notified.
3:25 PM: Wide load escort.
3:58 PM: Caller reported an injured buzzard in back yard. Officer notified.

4:32 PM: Caller requested house watch. Officers notified.
5:40 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
8:45 PM: Report of an unlicensed driver. Officer responded.

10:25 PM: Burglary Alarm. Officer responded.
10:40 PM: Ambulance escort.
May 31, 2006

8:32 AM: Caller requested animal

control to pick up kittens at residence. Officer responded.
9:30 AM: Caller reported dead animal on street. Officer notified.
9:44 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

9:53 AM: Caller requested DPS phone number.
11:10 AM: Caller requested house watch. Officers notified.
11:15 AM: Caller reported water leak at neighbor's residence. Officer responded.

11:22 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
2:13 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.

5:35 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
9:05 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
9:35 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver driving by their residence. Officer responded.

9:50 PM: Caller reported a subject went by residence yelling and harassing her. Officer responded.
June 1, 2006

9:30 AM: Caller reported dog in street. Officer notified.
9:55 AM: Wide load escort.
10:21 AM: Caller advised possible dead animal outside residence. Officer notified.
10:54 AM: Caller advised dog missing. Officer notified.

1:50 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
2:00 PM: Wide load escort.
2:21 PM: Caller reported lost keys. Officers notified.

5:15 PM: Report of 4 wheelers in street. Officer responded.
6:35 PM: Ambulance escort.
9:00 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

9:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
June 2, 2006

8:15 AM: Report of a wide load blocking traffic. Officer responded.
8:49 AM: Caller reported a snake found in County Park. Parks & Wildlife responded.
9:21 AM: Report of a dead deer on highway. Officer responded.

9:45 AM: Wide load escort.
11:15 AM: Caller reported smell of dead animal coming from draw. Officer responded.
4:05 PM: Caller reported a possum in back yard. Officer responded.

4:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
4:38 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.
8:25 PM: Report of a gas drive off. Officer responded.
11:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

June 3, 2006

1:25 AM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
1:40 AM: Report of a fight. Deputies and Officer responded.
7:35 AM: Report of a dog on street. Officer responded.
9:35 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.

1:55 PM: Report of a dog on street. Officer responded.
5:30 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.
6:31 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

10:35 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
10:45 PM: Report of family disturbance. Officer responded.

June 4, 2006

12:00 AM: Report of a fight. Deputies and Officer responded.
12:55 AM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.
3:30 AM: Sight of a small fire. Officer responded.

3:55 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
7:55 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
1:40 PM: Report of lost wallet. Officer responded.
11:40 PM: Report of a light on at a business. Officer responded.

The Thyroid Gland

By Kelly L Thorp, MS
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Diseases of the thyroid gland are very common, affecting millions of Americans. In fact, 27 million Americans have overactive or underactive thyroid glands but more than half remain undiagnosed. Of those that are diagnosed, 80 percent are women. The incidence of underactive thyroid increases with age; by age 60, as many as 17 percent of women and 09 percent of men have an underactive thyroid.

The thyroid gland is one of the endocrine glands, which make hormones to regulate body function. It is a small, butterfly-shaped gland found just below the Adam's apple. The thyroid gland manufactures thyroid hormone, which influences essentially every organ, tissue and cell in the body. In short, if the thyroid does not work properly, neither do you. If left untreated, thyroid disease may cause elevated cholesterol levels and subsequent heart disease, infertility, muscle weakness, osteoporosis and, in extreme cases, coma or death, among other things.

The most common diseases are an over- or under-active gland. These conditions are called hyperthyroidism (overactive) and hypothyroidism (underactive). The thyroid's activity level is related to the amount of thyroid hormone it produces. Sometimes the thyroid gland can become enlarged from either hyper- or hypothyroidism. An enlarged thyroid gland is often called a "goiter." Additionally, patients may develop lumps or masses in their thyroid glands, which may appear gradually or very rapidly. A health care professional should evaluate all lumps or masses associated with the thyroid gland.

The following symptoms are commonly associated with hyper- and hypothyroidism:

Common Symptoms of Hyperthyroidism

- Heat intolerance
- Sweating
- Weight loss
- Altered appetite
- Frequent bowel movements
- Changes in vision
- Fatigue and muscle weakness
- Sleep disturbances
- Tremors

Common Symptoms of Hypothyroidism

- Fatigue
- Forgetfulness
- Depression
- Dry, course hair
- Mood swings
- Weight gain
- Hoarse voice
- Dry, course skin
- Constipation

While thyroid disorders are fairly easy to diagnose, often signs and symptoms of a thyroid disorder are overlooked because they resemble so many other conditions. Remind your health provider to check your thyroid on your next office visit.

The diagnosis of a thyroid abnormality is made, in part, by taking a medical history and a physical examination. Specifically, your health provider will examine your neck and ask you to lift up your chin to make your thyroid gland more prominent. You may be asked to swallow during the examination, which helps to feel the thyroid and any mass that may be in it. Other tests your health provider may order include, but are not limited to

- an ultrasound examination of your neck and thyroid
- blood tests to determine the level of thyroid hormone in the blood
- a radioactive thyroid scan

If a lump in your thyroid is diagnosed, your health provider may recommend a fine needle aspiration biopsy. This is a safe, relatively painless procedure. This test gives the health provider more information on the nature of the lump in your thyroid gland and specifically will help to differentiate a benign from a malignant thyroid mass.

Abnormalities of thyroid function (hyper- or hypothyroidism) are usually treated with prescription medications. If there is insufficient production of thyroid hormone, you may be directed by your health provider to take a pill to supplement your thyroid hormone production. Hyperthyroidism is treated mostly by medical means, but occasionally it may require the surgical removal of the thyroid gland or inactivation of the gland using radioactive iodine.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also find additional information from the American Thyroid Association: <http://www.thyroid.org>. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health.



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Family Fun Day

By The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

Let's face it, we are a fun loving group of people. This is why the drudgery of housework bogs us down. All work and no play makes Franny a Frazzled FlyBaby.

For SHEs, we need to see a light at the end of the tunnel. It is so hard for us to get enthusiastic when all we can see is work. This is why, I want you to regularly schedule breaks, give your self rewards and only spend just a few minutes on a job. Baby Steps.

When you walk into a room that is totally trashed, your eyes see the whole great big mess. That is when we want to throw in the towel, because we can't see us ever getting all of this done. Our perfectionism smacks us right in the face and we give up, since we can't possibly do it all. This is why we have to make it fun with small jobs and you can do these without feeling overwhelmed and martyred. We can do anything for 5 Minutes, if we know that at the end of those 5 Minutes we can stop! I'll bet no one ever told you that before. You have heard this hundreds of times and you have probably said it a hundred times yourself. "Don't come out of your room, until it is clean!" We don't have to clean this way any longer!

Breaking a job into small pieces is the beauty FLYing. With this attitude adjustment, we can eat an elephant we want to. I don't expect you to slave over your home all day and all night. Now listen closely. It is not ever going to be finished. You could work until you are dead and in the grave and there would still be things that needed your attention. So it is O.K. to stop and just breathe on a regular basis. I want you to do what has to be done on your routines as fast as you possible can.

This is the carrot and the stick approach to cleaning. If we will work in double time, aerobic housecleaning if you will, then you will be able to sit down with a cup of tea and your computer or a book for 10-15 minutes. If you have to, set a timer and work for 15 minutes and rest for 15 minutes. You will find your rhythm and what works best for you. My timer is my favorite tool. It reminds me to change jobs as well as helping me to remember that my laundry is washing or when it is time to drink my water. It also gives me freedom to just sit and relax.

This is going to be a beautiful week; plan something wonderful with your family every weekend. This will not happen, if you have housework, laundry, or any other jobs hanging over your head. So today or tonight, get your family involved and do your weekly home "blessing" hour so you don't have to clean all day on Saturday. You can find something fun to do if you will talk about it as a family, and set it as your family fun time for the weekend. There are many things to do: A hike, a movie, or enjoy a local festival.

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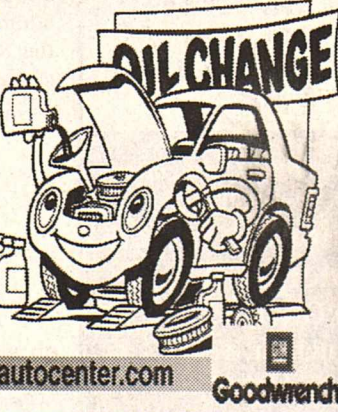
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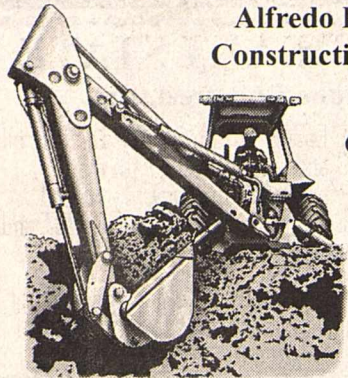
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1966 40th Class Reunion will be held in Las Vegas this July. If interested, contact Ray Glasscock at 387-9333 for details.

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The summer playdays will be held at the Sutton County Arena on June 6, 20, 27, and July 11 and 18. Entries will be taken from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Each playday will start at 6:00 p.m. Age divisions will be novice (9-12 years), junior (13-15 years), and senior (16-18 years) as of June 6. Boys and girls will ride together in each age division unless the number of entries warrants splitting them. Events are barrels, poles, and goat tying. There is a one time fee of \$35 per participant. Current coggins will be required on all horses. Please have your coggins results in hand when you enter. For more information, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

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United Blood Services will hold a Blood Drive Wed. June 14th from 11 am to 3 pm at the Dept. of State Health Services, 1005 Eaton St. in Sonora. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-756-0024, or log on to www.bloodhero.com using sponsor code sonorahf.

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