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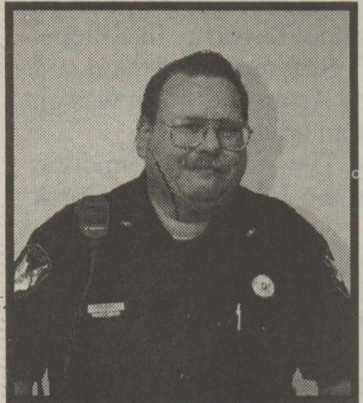
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Lady Broncos Are On Fire!



Photo by William Scherz

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By Ben D. Taylor

I have watched the Lady Broncos play several games this season and have found a little truth about walking down the path towards victory. These girls showed me that the road to victory may be paved on the backs of the defeated, but the true weight of victory is carried on the shoulders of teammates. The Lady Broncos Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams carry a rare combination of humility and hard work that has brought them through half of their district schedule with a combined record of 11 wins and 1 loss (the one loss coming to the Junior Varsity by the hands of Regan County).

The Varsity Lady Broncos have had a perfect run at district to the halfway point, something that head coach Larry Jennings attributes to teamwork. "The girls have worked hard and pulled together as a team". In district play, the Varsity Girls have outscored their opponents 306 to 191, an impressive display of domination when (as Coach Jennings commented), "there is no easy team on our schedule". He further added that, "This is a super group of athletes. Their attitude and work ethic make the season a real pleasure. Even though we have had to battle through injuries we are well on our way to achieving our goal of winning district". Senior Savannah Leonard looks to last

year as the key to their current success, "We put in a lot of hard work starting last year when the season ended. I am excited, but we still have a long way to go". Classmate Azeneth Vallanueva added that teamwork will carry them the rest of the way to district, "We have come together as a team. We go all out and play hard." All members of the team are focused on one goal as Jessica Snyder commented, "We are driven to bring home a district title to Sonora, while remaining undefeated".

Juniors Varsity Coach Wendy Robertson commented that, "dedication, commitment, and teamwork" are the cornerstones to the success of her team (a team that has outscored their district opponents 219 to 150). That ability to outscore opponents coupled with raw desire and hustle has brought the Junior Varsity team to a 5 and 1 record at the halfway point of district play. The road to victory for this team lies in Regan County (the only team to outscore the Lady Broncos this season), a game that the coach is looking forward to just as much as the players. "We are focusing towards defeating Regan County, and moving on through district play". According to Sophomore LeAndra Castaneda holding onto their standards of success starts with practice, "We need to practice good as a team and stay determined not

to loose". Kash McGee adds that, "We have a good coach and have heart. After I spoke with the coaches and players of these two teams I was left with a question. I wondered what makes

a team. Is it ability, hard work, sacrifice, or commitment? Looking over my notes I found my answer in something Sophomore Chelsey Lou Campbell said, "Nobody has been singled out as the

best. We have all taken the credit. We are a team."

Come out and support all High School Bronco Basketball athletes this Friday, January 23rd as they face Kermit in Sonora.

Sonora Middle School Students Witness History

Submitted

SMS students gathered in the cafeteria on Tuesday, January 20 to witness an American historical event: the inauguration of the first African American President of the United States. Students heard comments from reporters, enjoyed ceremonial musical performances and witnessed Barack Obama take the oath of office. Afterwards, students heard, for the first time, President Obama share his vision for America as President. Mr. Valdez, Principal, was taken aback by the American spirit the students displayed, "It made me proud to see students truly understand what they were watching, engage in Obama's



Photo By Erbey Valdez

speech and demonstrate emotion to his words. I believe it is so important to plug our kids into what is happening in our country and involve them early. That is the only way they will become citizens who vote

and have a voice in our country." Soon after the inauguration, students participated in classroom discussions with their teachers and shared their views about what they witnessed.

From Eaton Hill



Watercolor by Delyse Jaeger

One of the horned toads' most unique attributes is a defense mechanism - the ability to squirt tiny streams of blood from its eyes for a distance up to four or five feet.

By Delyse Jaeger

For months and months following the first article I wrote on horned toads, people shared their fond memories of the crazed little critters and lamented the lack of their presence today. All agreed that horned toads used to be everywhere. Sadly, the famous lizard, (neither a toad, nor a frog) has suffered continued decline in populations throughout its' range.

After capturing a prized image of a Texas Horned Lizard up on Eaton Hill, I too have had few encounters with the unique creature that first captured my imagination as a child while "frog-hunting" under the streetlights of Houston, Texas. The promise of a pirated horned toad was the ideal mother-load of those summer nights and a promise

unfulfilled it proved to be.

Two North American species are found in Texas: the Texas Horned Lizard and the Mountain Short-horned Lizard, with the former holding the illustrious title of Texas State Reptile. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department conducted a ten year research project ending in 2006, and making use of citizen-scientists to help define and monitor the actual population and distribution of our state reptile. The Texas Horned Lizard Watch, as the study was dubbed, also served to glean insight into possible causes for the regretful decline in numbers.

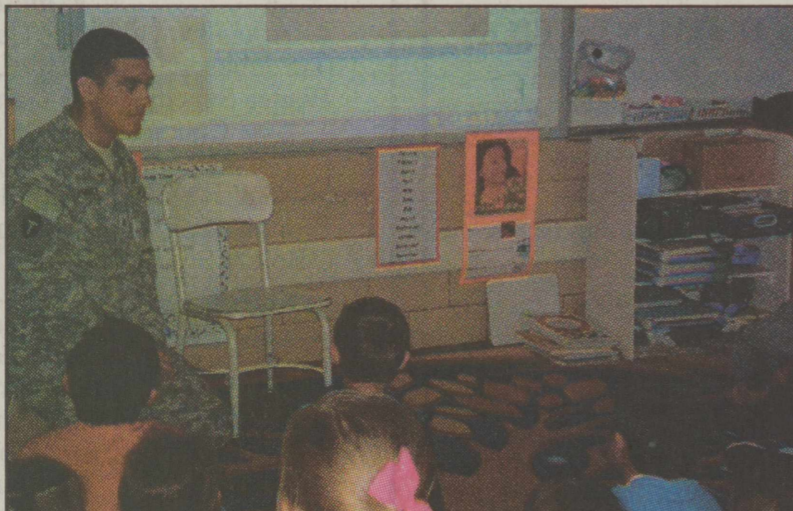
Several relationships were noted, however a clear-cut cause and effect was not identified in relation to popula-

tion decline. As suspected, the presence of imported red fire ants registered a negative effect, while the presence of harvester ants, the horned toads preferred food source, registered positively. One exceptional result of the attention given to the horned toad was an essay contest named "Hometown Horned Toads" in which students interviewed residents and recorded their experiences and observations. The contest ran from 2001 through 2006 and was inspired by the affectionate enthusiasm so many Texans share for one of the oddest and best-loved creatures to ever skeediddle over the rocks and sand of our great state.

It would be decades from my frog-hunting days before I'd encounter a "real live horned toad" in the wild, up on Eaton Hill, not far from a thriving harvester ant mound. What a gift, and one I hope our son and generations to come will have the opportunity to receive.

'Tis not the season to see a horned toad. They hibernate from around October until April or May. The Texas Horned Lizard is listed as a threatened species, and anyone who would like to contribute information on local sightings, or share a childhood story, is encouraged to contact the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary office at 387-2615. Hit the trails!

American Soldier Visits Sonora Kindergarten Class While On Leave



Spc. Ramirez visits with Sonora Kindergarten students about the war in Iraq.

Submitted

Some Kindergarten and First Grade classes had the privilege of a visit from Specialist Rudy Ramirez. While home on leave from Iraq, Spc. Ramirez came to visit Mrs. Wade's classroom where his daughter Harmony is a Kindergartener. Students saw pictures showing the everyday life of an Army soldier in Iraq. Spc. Ramirez told students about everything from the fourteen hour plane trip across the ocean, to weapons training, to the importance of women in the military. Students saw his helmet, special gloves, and MREs. The talk was interesting and informative. A big thank you and best of luck goes out to Spc. Ramirez.

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 Fri. Jan. 23- Happy Birthday *Lucy Ramos, Gil Favila*
 Mon. Jan. 26- Happy Birthday *Arturo Trevino, Rebecca Perez*
 Bingo
 Tues. Jan. 27- Exercise w/video!
 Wed. Jan. 28- Birthday Party for January babies @ noon.

Senior Center Menu
 Thur. Jan. 22- BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, rolls, pears w/pineapple, chocolate chip cookies and milk
 Fri. Jan. 23- Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, carrot cake and milk
 Mon. Jan. 26- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding w/fruit and milk
 Tues. Jan. 27- Smothered steak w/ gravy/onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, apple crisp and milk
 Wed. Jan. 28- Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, mexican corn, tossed salad, crackers, lemon pudding 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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Obituaries

Daphne Louise Jungk Wheatley



Daphne Louise Jungk Wheatley, 87, passed peacefully from this life on January 17, 2009 at the home of her daughter, Phyllis, in Chandler, Arizona.

She was born on October 17, 1921 to Zola and Fred Jungk at their family home in Sonora, Texas. After becoming a Registered Nurse Graduate from Scott & White in Temple, Texas, she served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during WWII, stationed in Hawaii. After WWII, she continued her education and became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and practiced in Houston, Orange, Beaumont and Vinton, LA until her retirement in 1975. She was a benevolent soul who often practiced pro bono to the underprivileged. She was a child during the Great Depression, a nurse during WWII, and traveled the United States and Canada before her marriage to Babe E. Wheatley in 1954. She lived most of her life in Orange, Texas and in 2003 moved to Chandler, Arizona. More than anything, she loved her family. She loved gardening and maintained beautiful flowers and fruits. She also loved to read and even after retirement, kept abreast of current medical practices in anesthesia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Babe E. Wheatley. Those left to celebrate her memory are her son, Jeff Wheatley, of Orange, her daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Greg Peveto, also of Orange, and her daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis Wheatley Fukuda and Mark Fukuda of Chandler, Arizona. She was blessed with and is also survived by her grandchildren, Brandon and Lisa Tarver, Chris and Amber Tarver, Kristina Wheatley, Jeffrey and Angela Wheatley, Crystal Clemmons, Phillip Clemmons, and Lacy Clemmons. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Grant and Sophie Tarver, brother and sister-in-law Pat and Dorothy Jungk of Sonora, Texas, sister, Mary Paris, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, sister-in-law Mattie Mae (Red) Wheatley, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora, Texas.

SAM MERCK ODOM JR.

Sam Merck Odom, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at the age of 61. Sammy's funeral was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at Kerbow's Funeral Home in Sonora.

Sam was born Oct. 10, 1947, in Sonora to Sam Merck Odom Sr. and Louise Biggs Odom. Sam joined the U.S. Army in 1968 and was deployed to Vietnam where he worked in a number of different areas during his two years of service. After being honorably discharged in 1970 at the rank of SP4, Sam returned to Sonora and worked with numerous people until he joined the City of Sonora as head mechanic. During his time in Sonora, Sammy also volunteered his time and services to the local fire department and EMS. Sam also achieved the level of apprentice in the Masonic Lodge and was a founding member of the local VFW Post.

After retiring from more than 20 years of service with the City of Sonora, Sam moved to Marble Falls and continued volunteering his time and talents. He helped to revitalize the VFW Post in Marble Falls. When he was not working at the, VFW Post, Sam spent his time ranching.

Sam is survived by his sons Sam Merck Odom III, of Palestine, Shawn Ryan and his wife Rita Odom of Kingsland, and Justin Matthew Odom of Marble Falls. Also grieving his loss are Sam's three grandchildren, Dennis and Dakota Collins, and Alexander Odom.

Jan King



Kimble County resident Jan King, 62, died in Kimble Hospital in Junction, Texas, on Sunday, January 18, 2009, succumbing to pancreatic cancer.

Janice Faye McClelland was born to John and Faye McClelland, now both deceased, on August 20, 1946 in San Angelo.

Jan grew up in Sonora; graduated from high school there in 1964 and from Southwest Texas State College in 1968. After graduation, she taught elementary school for 34 years, mostly in El Paso. She earned a Master's degree in education from the University of Texas-El Paso in 1980, and was named El Paso Independent School District's Teacher of the Year in 2003.

In spite of a profound hearing loss from age three, Jan lived her life fully and enthusiastically. In high school, she was a cheerleader, a member of the National Honor Society, played volleyball and was selected an All-School Favorite. In college, Jan was a proud member of the SWT Strutter dance team and was a member of Chi Omega sorority. As an adult, Jan was an inveterate traveller, always ready for an adventure.

In 1990, Jan married Dr. Joe King. They moved to Junction in 2005, enjoying the country life on the Johnson Fork Creek near Segovia.

Jan's retirement from teaching was Kimble County's good fortune, as she embraced her new hometown and welcomed new friendships. She helped out at The Junction Eagle, painted wall graphics that spruced up the Red Barn Theater and the Junction Golf Association club house. She was invited to membership in the Daedalian Study Club and was a driving force in last year's Box Supper Social fundraiser for Meals on Wheels.

Jan is survived by her husband; a son, J. Savage Glasscock and his wife, Brandy, and their children, Austin and Savannah, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; two stepsons, Jonathan King, and wife, Phoebe, of San Antonio and Jeremy King of Sacramento, California; a brother, John McClelland, and wife, Sharon, of Junction; and sister-in-law, Deby Dearman and husband, Kirk, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Prior to her death, Jan asked that any memorial donations in her name be gifted to the Sam Coffey Animal Shelter, the Junction Golf Association or Meals on Wheels.

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January 24
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January 25
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January 26
 Pat Gillit, Cody Gann, Yvonne Lopez, Rhonda Blackman, Tommy Gomez, Rebecca M. Perez, Ashley Guerra, Arturo Trevino

January 27
 Sierra Samaniego, Katrina Sanchez, Michelle Cramer, Hunter Lawson, Timothy Young, Delilah Agüero, Adrienne San Miguel, Robert Zapata III,

January 28
 Amy N. Gutierrez, Greg Duke, Rachel Agüero

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Landscape of the Month

October 2008



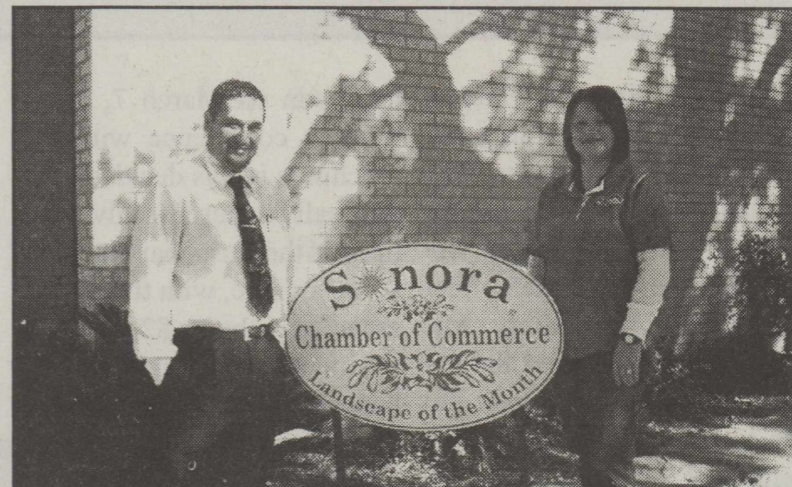
Concho Street Bridge received October 2008 Landscape of the month. Keep Sonora Beautiful worked hard to clean up and add landscaping to the bridge. Pictured: Susan Hall, Scott Nichols, Sam Kent, Donna Garrett, Becky Covington and Max Howarth.

November 2008



Days Inn Devils River received November 2008 Landscape of the month. Days Inn recently remodeled the walk way and added beautiful landscaping to the grounds. Thank you for all your hard work. Pictured: Lupe Buitron, Paula Sanchez, Ramona Garcia, Maria Guerra and Agustina Contreras.

December 2008



Sonora Middle School received December 2008 Landscape of the Month. Sonora Middle School has worked hard to keep their landscape well groomed. Thank you for keeping Sonora beautiful. Pictured: Principal Valdez and Felicia Vanwinckle.

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Kent and Buffie McAnally would like to announce the arrival of their 2nd daughter Jo Anna.

Jo Anna arrived Jan. 13, 2009 and weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long Jo Anna is welcomed by big sister JLee, Paternal grandparents Joe and Karen Fincher, Maternal grandparents Lee and Janie York and Maternal great grandmother Bernice Breckin.

F.Y.I.

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youth between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189.

Depot is now ready for rent!
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Survivors & Caregiver Registration: Sutton County Relay For Life will be on May 8 - 9, 2009. Come join us for the ACS Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors & Caregivers. If you wish to register as a Caregiver or Survivor for this event, please call Marisa Faz 325-387-2041 or Dani Dillard @ 512-633-0069.

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

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

2009 Sutton County Relay for Life - If you are interested in having a team or would like to walk at the Relay for Life, Please contact Mariah at mariah.castro@fnbsonora.com or 325-226-0680.

Sonora Girl Scout Troop #5264 will begin selling Girl Scout cookies on January 21, 2009. Contact any Girl Scout or call Rhonda Wilson at 325-226-0546 to order your cookies.

The Board of Directors of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 301 S. Crockett Avenue. Public hearings will be held at 9:30 a.m. to receive public comments on a draft 5-year management plan and a proposed domestic water well application. The public is invited to attend.

The Daddy Daughter Date Nite will be held on February 20, 2009 at the Sutton County Civic Center from 7-9 pm. Tickets will be \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. The theme for this event will be "Rock Star Diva". FMI contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.



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At that time Mr. Halbert was in New Mexico on a vacation and on his return was handed a subscription list by John Allison. This list carried names of eight men offering \$900 for the station. Mr. Halbert's name raised the total to \$1,000 and he took the list and began calling on his neighbors, asking them to "sweeten the pot." While he worked he was also hunting a possible location for the station.

Thinking that two or three sections of land would fill the requirements, Mr. Halbert located a one-section improved place owned by Jim Merck and Sonorans made up \$50 for a six-month option at \$10 an acre. Adjoining this country was the D. B. Cusenbary ranch, and negotiations were started to include two sections of this land in the deal.

Mr. Brown, who had circulated a list at Rocksprings, was invited to look over the site and the two men termed it ideal for the purpose. The country was covered with live oak, shinnery, catclaw, and sacahuista, a variety of native grasses, rolling hills, and had an elevation of about 2,400 feet.

Within a short time Mr. Halbert's list was raised to between \$3,000 and \$3,500. This Solicitation met refusals from only two ranchmen.

At a quarterly meeting of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association the president, J. B. Murrah of Del Rio, requested the Sonoran to remove the "strings" from his subscription list. The goat breeder put the matter up to the boys back at home who were responsible for the final figure on the funds and the Sutton County men stood pat on their choice of location.

An invitation was issued in February, 1916, to the governing board to inspect the proposed sited, one on the Sutton and Edwards counties line, the present location, and another on Devil's River. The board returned to Austin without having made a decision and later a wire requested Mr. Halbert to come to the capital. In company with Mr. Cusenbary, Mr. Halbert went

to Austin on March 7, 1916. After a conference with the ranchmen it was decided conditionally to purchase five sections of the Cusenbary ranch at \$6.50 an acre, with the station assuming about \$2,000 due the state. One condition was that the West Texans would

Halbert requested three days to raise the money and he, W. L. Aldwell, R. E. Taylor, John Allison, and J. T. Evans put up \$500. A wire was sent to Mr. Brown at Rocksprings, setting a meeting place between the two towns. The next day Mr. Halbert, Mr. Brown, and the

story of a mishap on a trip to Austin made by John S. Allison, R. E. Taylor, and himself. Mr. Taylor visited with a relative in San Saba enroute to Austin, and arriving a day later than his friends, had a room down the hall from them at the hotel. Each morn-

conversation that consigned all of Texas' goat men to a much warmer climate - all of this in a strange voice. Mr. Halbert hurriedly went to the desk and inquired about the occupant of the room. It was a Jewish traveling salesman - one Solomon, from El Paso.

explaining to the possible donors the purpose of the station and the money it could save them by study given the diseases that were taking toll of their livestock.

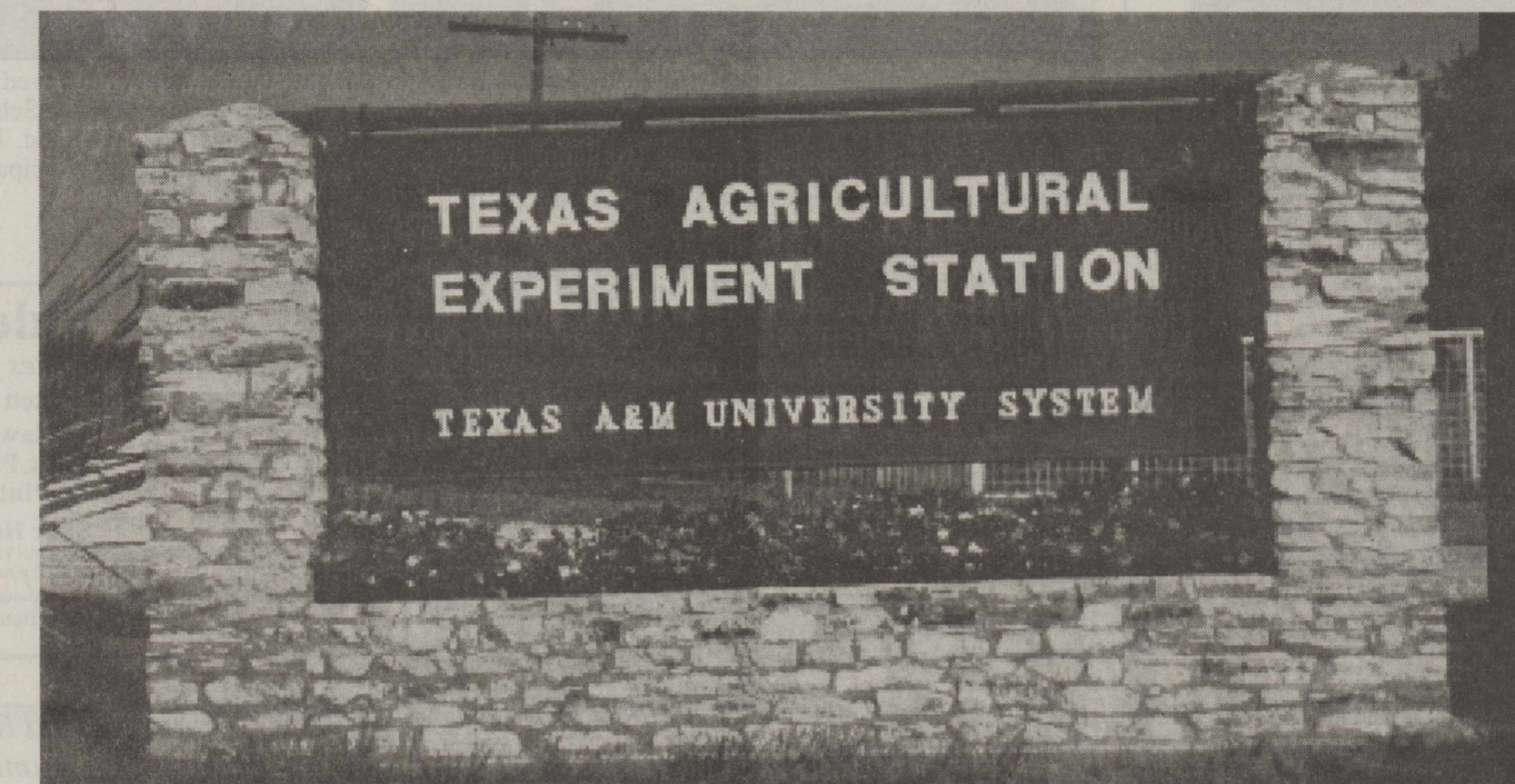
One donor, W.E. Glasscock, told the ranchman years later that he gave a hundred dollars at the beginning of the work and that he could have as easily given a thousand if he had been giving only a small percentage of what the station had saved him.

The general attitude of the ranchmen has always been, Mr. Halbert says, that the experiment station was created for them - and has been and is theirs for practical answers to their needs.

Mr. Halbert has a complete file of letters written by various West Texans and the college officials relative to the establishment of the station. It was from these letters and

from incidents recalled that he reconstructed the series of events leading to the founding of the station.

A yellowed copy of the Sonora New Era, dated June 10, 1916, provided a partial list of ranchmen and business firms contributing money to the cause and Mr. Halbert recalled several other donors. It has been impossible to obtain a list of donors from the Edwards county area.



supplement the \$10,000 station appropriation with \$8,000 cash. Mr. Halbert wired his Rocksprings co-worker and, before the wire was cold, had a reply to the effect that the money was coming. This left only the necessity of securing Mrs. Cusenbary's agreement to the trade and the approval of the abstract. Mrs. Cusenbary agreed and the abstract was sent in for the approval of the attorney-general and the governor.

While awaiting the signatures of the state officials Mr. Halbert made a trip to College Station. There he found that the infant station was numbered thirteen. This brought forth a strenuous objection. "It can't be done," the Sonoran told them, "you can't pin a number like thirteen on this goat station. It'll be Jonah from the start." The college skipped thirteen.

Final date for closing the transaction with the Cusenbarys was set for June 1, 1916. At that time no word had come from Austin and Mr. Cusenbary asked for a thousand dollars forfeit to put the date forward sixty days. Mr.

late J. D. Pepper met on the old Rocksprings road for a try at downing the latest difficulty in the way of the station. Mr. Brown wrote a check for the \$500 and Mr. Pepper signed a note with him for the amount. On Jun 22, 1916, the trade was closed at the First Nation Bank of Sonora during the first annual convention of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, making it a doubly momentous occasion.

It was discovered later that the delay in hearing from Austin on the abstract was caused when the attorney-general told the governing board that the land should be pattened before the state could make the purchase. Judge Rogan took the matter up with Gov. Jim Ferguson and was told to go ahead with the deal, that the Legislature would provide the funds. This, incidentally, Mr. Halbert claims, made him a "Ferguson man" for a while. He voted at the next election for Ferguson and has been sorry ever since, he says. The abstract finally got the approval of the attorney-general and the way was cleared.

Mr. Halbert tells an amus-

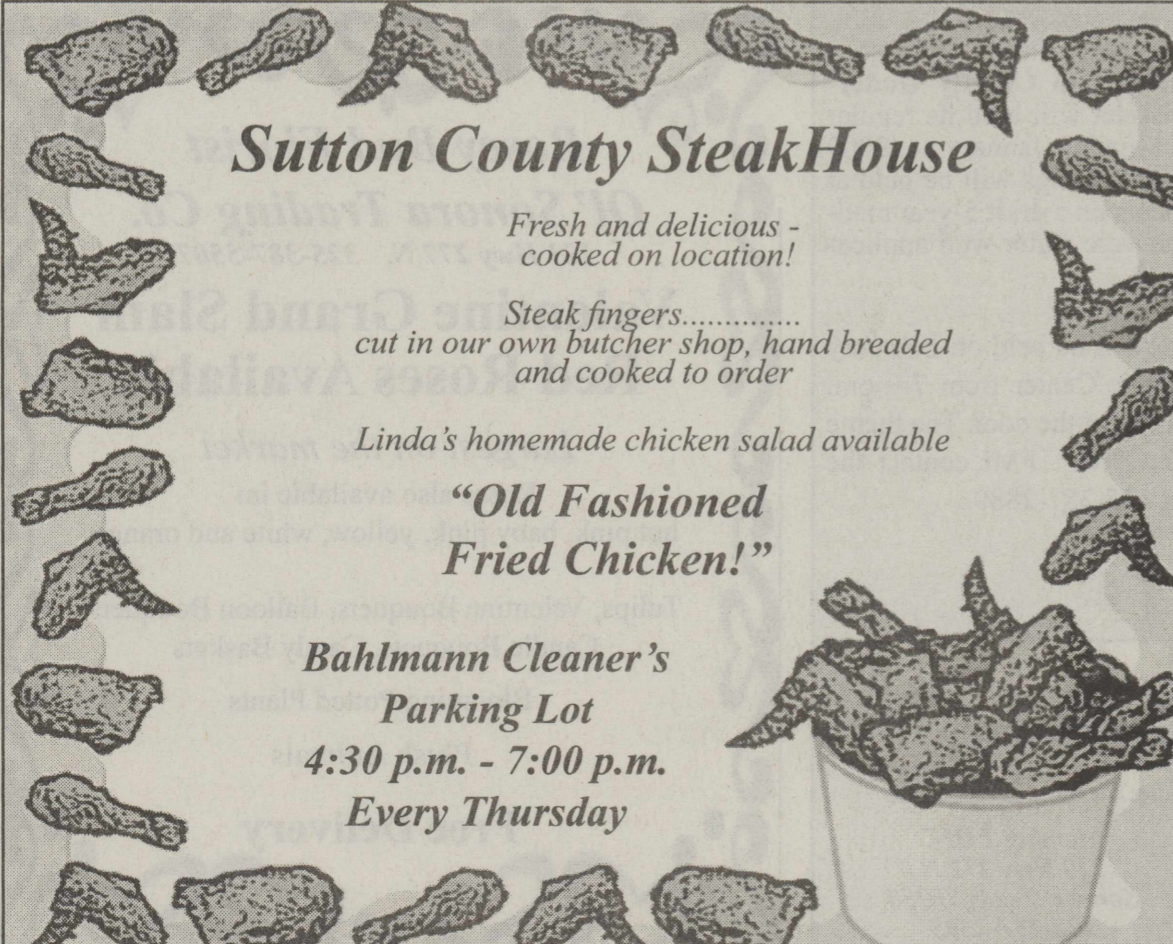
ing Mr. Halbert would pass by and rap on Mr. Taylor's door, saying, "Get up, Eli, and let's go feed the billies!" This happened each morning, becoming as much a part of the day as breakfast.

When it came time to go home Mr. Taylor left the other two men early in the evening, saying he had some calls to make. The next morning Mr. Halbert rapped on his door and said, "Get up, Eli, and let's go feed the billies!" Nothing happened and he went back a second time with the same plea. A bootjack or something else about that size and weight hit the door and the Sonoran was treated to a plain and fancy exhibition of

Mr. Halbert checked out next.

Following this visit to the capitol, Mr. Halbert returned home and assisted in the selection of stock for the experiment station. He worked with J.M. Jones in choosing registered Angoras and went to McKnight's with Dr. Youngblood to cut out the heifers later sent to the station.

Great credit is given by Mr. Halbert to the group of men that co-operated in the work of establishing the experiment station. Particular credit was given by him to V.A. Brown of Rocksprings, who worked hand in hand with him in raising necessary funds. The two men didn't ask for a dollar, Mr. Halbert declared, without



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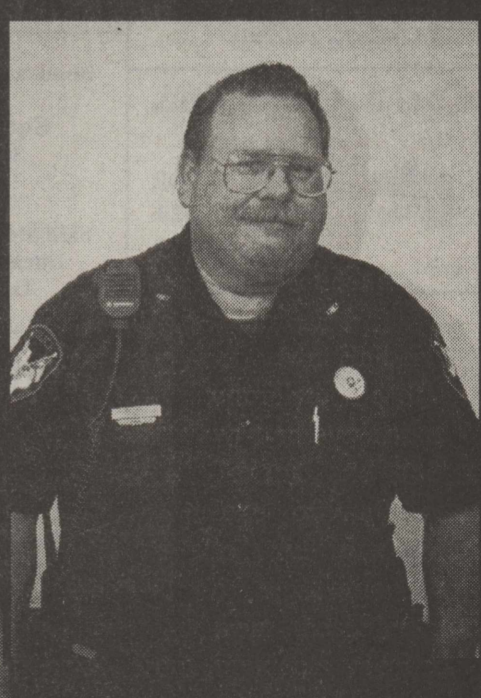
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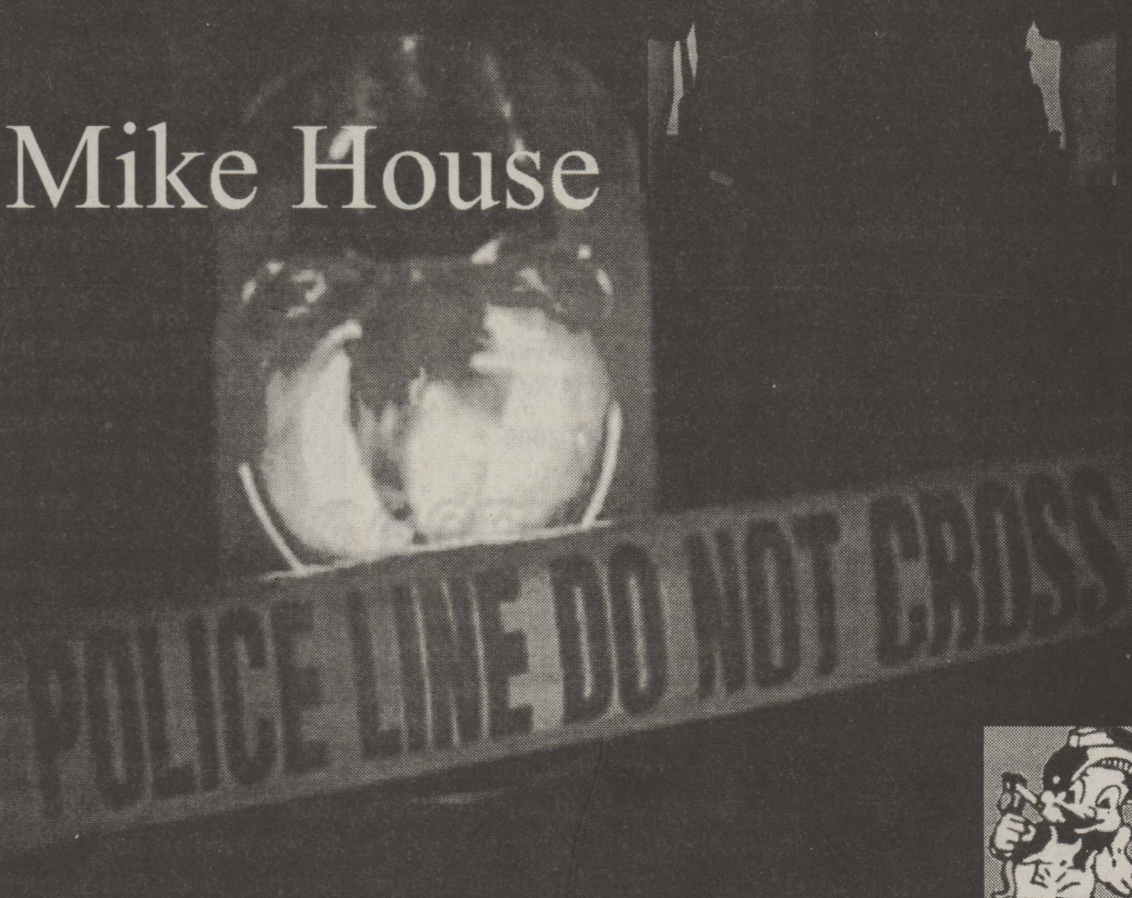
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Ethanol Production Will Have to Increase to Meet Government Mandates

AMARILLO – Ethanol plant construction has come to a halt, but the mandates by government are not declining, which could mean prices could jump again. Producers should prepare for round two, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

“Expanded ethanol production is probably a given; however, the pace is expected to slow due to capacity limits and policy,” said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist.

The president-elect and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture are both big supporters of renewable fuels, Amosson said. President-Elect Barack Obama has stated, “I have established a goal to have 60 billion gallons of our fuel come from sustainable, affordable biofuels in 2022...”

The reality right now is that nationwide 213 ethanol plants were in production or under construction in September 2007, with many more on the drawing table, he said.

Nine months later, some of the plants that were under construction have come into operation, but no new plants have started construction.

Bill Tierney, former Kansas State University grain marketing economist and former head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture wheat and feedgrains forecasting division in Washington, D.C., said the global “credit crisis” came at just the right time to stop the U.S. ethanol industry from seriously overbuilding capacity relative to the market share.

“In early August 2007, the industry was well on its way to overbuilding, much as the U.S. biodiesel industry already has,” Tierney said.

The credit crisis and declining ethanol margins dried up financing for 11 billion gallons of “probable” projects, he said.

“Ethanol production is and will continue to suffer from growing pains,” Amosson said.

Recent analysis shows that ethanol plants are losing money given the current prices of ethanol and distiller’s grains by-products, after taking into consideration the cost of the primary inputs natural gas and corn, Amosson said. However, he said, considering oil prices are expected to start going back up and “we may be falling below producing enough ethanol to meet the amount necessary to meet the renewable fuel standards, ethanol prices should rise.”

The energy bill signed into law in December 2007 requires 36 billion gallons of ethanol to be available for use by 2022, Amosson said. Twenty-one billion gallons is supposed to come from feedstocks other than corn.

The problem, he said, is that cellulosic ethanol production is not even expected to get off the ground until 2015 or after, and then it takes time to ramp up the industry.

“The renewable fuel standards will not hold up – it can’t,” Amosson said.

The renewable fuels standard mandate enacted under

the Clear Air Act applies to blenders but has never been enforced, he said. The Environmental Protection Agency is the enforcement arm.

According to the standards, 11.1 billion gallons of ethanol nationwide, or 10.21 percent of the national energy supply, must come from renewable fuel this year, Amosson said. The amount gradually steps up from there.

Penalties for blenders not meeting the mandates include having to return any profit from non-renewable fuels and a fine of \$25,000 per day, he said, so that may be enough incentive to keep them moving in that direction.

One bushel of corn will produce 2.8 gallons of ethanol and 17 pounds of dried distiller’s grains, Amosson said.

“I thought distiller’s grain prices would go down, but last year Europe had a disaster in their wheat,” he said. “While they wouldn’t import any of our GMO (genetically modified) corn, they still used our distiller’s grains for feed and that is why we didn’t see the decrease.”

Amosson said distiller’s grain prices could be expected to start falling, making them more attractive for livestock rations and that should increase their usage.

At the same time, the limit on corn-based ethanol and the growth in yields will eventually cap corn prices, he said.

Does a Cold Winter Mean Fewer Insects?

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

Seems like we’ve had our share of cold days this winter. So, does a cold winter mean fewer insects during the warm season? Maybe or maybe not. Insects have a variety of methods for surviving the coldness of winter. Many insects can gain shelter and nourishment through the winter in a variety of microhabitats. Among these niches are under the soil, inside the wood of logs and trees, and even in plant galls. Many large wasps seek shelter in the eaves and attics of houses or barns. Tree holes, leaf litter, under logs and rocks are common shelters for overwintering adult insects. Honey bees stay in hives during the winter, and form clusters when temperatures fall. They also are able to raise the temperature by vibrating wing muscles. Here are other strategies:

Migration is one strategy for escaping the killing temperatures. The Monarch Butterfly is the foremost example of this maneuver, but other insects migrate into northern areas from the southern states in the Spring.

Overwintering as Larvae. Many insects successfully



pass the winter as immature larvae. The protection of heavy covers of leaf litter or similar shelters protect the woolly bear caterpillar, while other insects replace the water in their bodies with glycerol, a type of antifreeze! Some grubs simply burrow deeper into the soil to escape the cold.

Overwintering as Nymphs. Not many insects are active in the winter, but the nymphs of dragonflies, mayflies and stoneflies live in water. They feed actively and grow all winter to emerge as adults in early spring.

Overwintering as Eggs. Lesser numbers of insects lay eggs which survive the winter. The most prominent insects in this category are Praying Mantids, and the destructive Corn Rootworms also engage in this strategy.

Overwintering as Pupae. Some insects overwinter in the pupal stage, then emerge as adults in the spring. Moths in the Silkworm Family, Saturniidae, may be found attached to food plant branches as pupae in the winter.

Hibernation as Adults. Many insects hibernate as adults. Lady bird beetles are a well-known example. Insects that are inactive during the winter months undergo a state in which their growth, development, and activities are suspended temporarily, with a metabolic rate that is high enough to keep them alive. This dormant condition is termed diapause.

In spite of winter’s cold, insects are able to cause problems in the spring. That is because we usually don’t have cold enough weather to dramatically impact insect populations. However, cold weather is important because it limits insect development and stresses the insect population.

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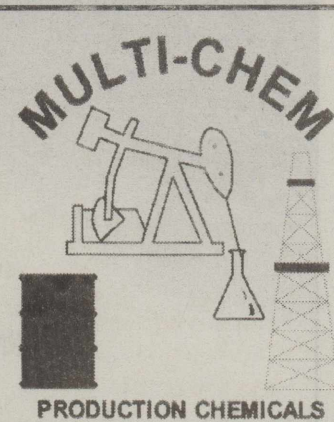
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Don't Forget Your Toothbrush

By Dr. Don Newberry

Reader alert: Be advised that this is a "Mother Hubbard" treatise. These random thoughts offered periodically are comparable to preachers' "Mother Hubbard" sermons.

They, in turn, are like "Mother Hubbard" dresses-the ones that "cover everything but touch nothing."

Let the far-afeld ramblings begin....

Parents and grandparents agree that children's "terrible two's" now greatly exceed 12 months.

This is a "guesstimate" at best. Maybe it's just a pipedream moms have, that their "chillun" will somehow become magically obedient and more pleasant when they hit the three-year mark on life's yellow brick road.

To which I say, "Dream on." There are, however, flickers of hope in the late three's or early four's, when the youngsters "want to help."...

Our grandson Jonah, nearing the four-and-a-half year milestone, is racking up good conduct stars, suddenly wanting to "help out."

He thought he'd spotted a way to help when he and his mom left the optometrist's office.

As they walked toward the car, he blurted, "Wait, Mom, you forgot to get your new toothbrush!"...

In homes across the land, folks are putting away the last holiday turkey in as many "make-do" recipes as Forrest Gump had for shrimp dishes.

Most people are "turkeyed-out."

Likewise, most of us have had a full complement of TV clips showing charitable meals being served, often to hundreds of hungry, disadvantaged, homeless, elderly and/or lonely. Usually, of course, turkey was the main course....

For the past 25 years, they've hosted Thanksgiving luncheons in Brownwood. My friend Bill Fishback has been in charge for the past 16 years, and he says this "do unto others" project helps him and his cohorts embrace the holiday spirit.

More than 100 volunteers, including food service personnel at Howard Payne University where the meal is served, look forward to the event. They typically serve, or deliver, upwards of 2,000 meals annually.

Sometimes, Bill and his gang encounter unexpected situations....

Last year, delivery folks came upon an unlikely scenario.

As they approached one home, they saw a note on the front door. "If we're not at home, leave our meals in the pick-up truck in the

driveway, and flip the lock." No one answered the door, so that's what they did....

At a recent clean-up session, a pair of false teeth was found, wrapped in a napkin.

"They'll be claimed," Fishback said as he pocketed the chompers.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, a woman returned to see if they had been found, laughing that she'd need them for upcoming meals....

Thus a segue is provided for one of my favorite stories.

An older man penned a letter to Ann Landers.

He wrote: "Dear Ann: I have a jealous wife. Every evening after dinner, I go out for a walk. Afraid that I'm going out to meet other women, she hides my dentures. What should I do?" He signed it, "Gumming in Alabama."...

The columnist offered a grand suggestion.

"Dear Gumming:" she wrote.

"Be thankful that you've got the kind of wife that you do, she's trying to keep you from biting off more than you can chew."...

Let the bugles blow for Tony Dungy, the first African-American head coach in the National Football League, and the first one to win a Super Bowl.

I was saddened to learn of his retirement. He's as "good as it gets." Now, he's leaving the Indianapolis Colts to spend time with several humanitarian projects beyond football.

Quiet Strength, his best-selling book, now has a million copies in print. It's a marvelous book filled with important life lessons. Even readers whose interest in football is

nominal love it.

A powerful Christian, he credits many others who uplifted him along the way. One was his high school coach, Dave Driscoll, who provided many admonitions, including: "Talent is God-given, be thankful; Praise is man-given, be humble. Conceit is self-given, be careful."...

I'm always amused by classified ads that request "serious calls only."

One in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune caught my eye the other day. Under the "FOR SALE" column, "steak cows" were offered.

"Steak cows?" Not sure I'd ever heard of such, I called friends at the paper. They explained that the ad was taken over the phone, and the corrected version made more sense--"steak house" rather than "steak cows."...

A Lesson In Employee Relations

Fred Gibbs was in his early 60's, retired and had started a second career in catering. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 2, 3, 5 minutes late. However, he was a good worker, really clever, so the owner was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, one day he called Fred into the office for a talk.

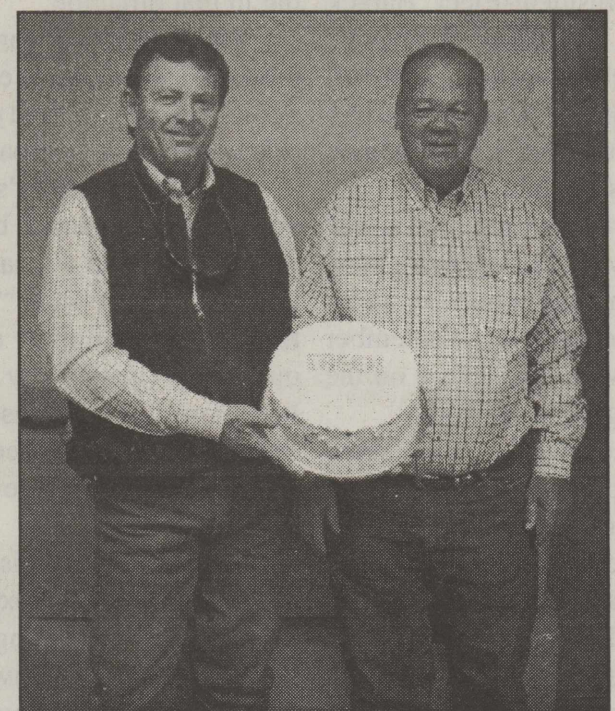
Fred, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a top class job, but you're being late so often is quite a worry.'

'Yes, I realize that, sir, and I am working on it.' replied Fred.

'I'm pleased to hear that, you are a team player. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Royal Navy. What did they say if you came in late there?'

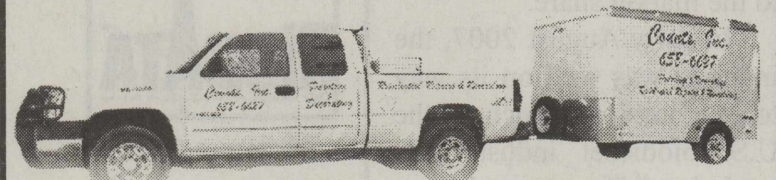
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Highmount Exploration & Production Texas LLC, 14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Oklahoma City, OK. 73134, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil & gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn & Ellenburger zones of the Pflugler lease, well #104 SWD. The proposed injection well is located 26 miles SE of Sonora, Texas in the Sawyer (Canyon) Field in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6000'-8200'(Strawn & Ellenburger zones).

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

ORDINANCE NO. 599

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, "UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS" IN SAID SYSTEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ALLOWANCE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SONORA; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITY RESERVE AT RETIREMENT OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

Passed and approved this the 18th day of November, 2008.
Approved: Thomas A. Adkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Attest: Patti Prather, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 601

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO HAVE TERMINATED PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO DEPOSIT THE SUMS SO WITHDRAWN, PLUS ANNUAL WITHDRAWAL CHARGES, AND ALLOWING AND UNDERTAKING THE COST OF ALLOWING ANY SUCH EMPLOYEE CREDIT IN SUCH SYSTEM FOR ALL SERVICE TO WHICH SUCH EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN ENTITLED AT DATE OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL, WITH LIKE EFFECT AS IF ALL SUCH SERVICE HAD BEEN PERFORMED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS CITY.

Passed and approved this the 18th day of November, 2008.
Approved: Thomas A. Adkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Attest: Patti Prather, City Secretary

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 0070-02-083 for SEAL COAT in TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on February 10, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 28750
State Office

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

ORDINANCE NO. 600

AN ORDINANCE ELECTING FOR THE CITY TO MAKE CURRENT SERVICE AND PRIOR SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY'S ACCOUNT IN THE MUNICIPAL ACCUMULATION FUND OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AT THE ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED RATE OF TOTAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION.

Passed and approved this the 18th day of November, 2008.
Approved: Thomas A. Adkins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Attest: Patti Prather, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 602

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 597 DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 TO INCREASE EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 IN THE SUM OF FORTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$44,100.00) AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY FROM THE CITY TREASURY, PUBLICATION, CONFLICT, VALIDITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Passed and approved this the 18th day of November, 2008.
Approved by: Thomas A. Adkins, Mayor Pro-Tem

Approved as to form and legality: Elizabeth W. Wallace, City Attorney
Attest: Patti Prather, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 603

AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO BE ENTITLED "CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM"; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS.

Passed and approved this the 16th day of December, 2008.
Approved by: Thomas A. Adkins, Mayor Pro-Tem

Approved as to form and legality: Elizabeth W. Wallace, City Attorney
Attest: Patti Prather, City Secretary

Bronco Basketball Rolls On!!

Varsity Boys vs Ozona

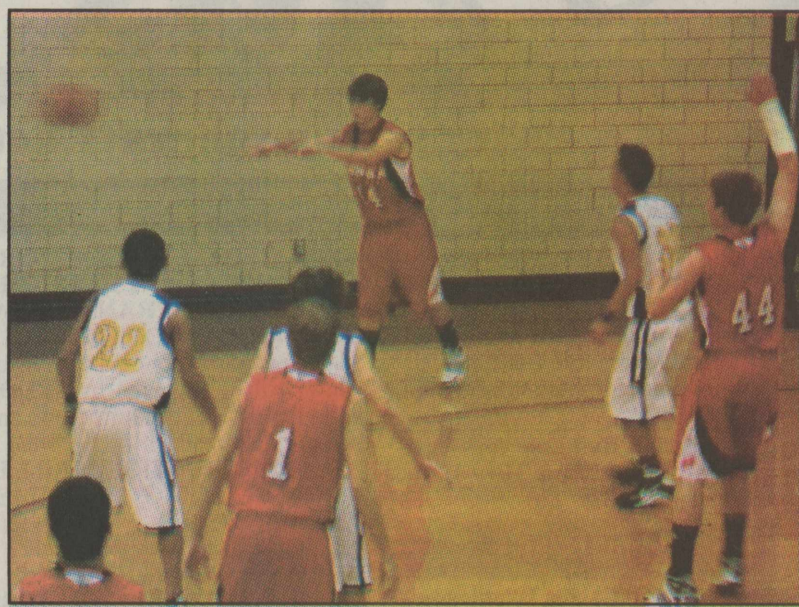


Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

#14 Colyer Dermody, #44 Tyler Creek, and #1 Tyler Edmondson.

Varsity Girls vs Ozona



Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

#34 Amy Hernandez, #12 Savannah Leonard, #4 Morgan Smith, and #5 Azeneth Villanueva.

JV Girls vs Ozona



Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

#20 Chelsey Lou Campbell, #54 Leandra Castaneda, #10 Karina Trevino and #44 Kash McGee.

8th Grade Lady Colts District Tournament Champs

Submitted

The 8th grade Lady Colts Basketball team has won five straight while winning the district tournament in Crane. After waking up to catch the bus at 5:00 a.m. to travel to Crane, the Lady Colts made the long Saturday pay off with their District championship title.

The Colts started the morning off by defeating Kermit 31-22 to advance to the Championship after a first round bye. Avery Nolen led all scorers with 13. Jaron Falcon had 10. Jacinda Sanchez had 4. Adriana Faz and Abby Creek each had 2. Team defense was the key as the Lady Colts held Kermit to 8 first half points.

The Championship Game saw Sonora matched up versus close rival Ozona. Team defense was the key as the Lady Colts turned it up a notch in the 2nd half to pull away for the title 30-18. Avery Nolen led all scorers with 10. Emilce Hernandez had 8. Paige Sykes and Jacinda Sanchez had 5. Jaron Falcon had 2. The Lady Colts came together when it counted to finish off the Lady Lions in the 4th with good passing and teamwork.

Monday night saw the same two teams matched up in Ozona for a regular district game. The home team was fired up with revenge on their minds from Saturday. Ozona tied and led in the game several times early. The Lady Colts were stricken with fouls, sloppy play, and turnovers. Their Team Defense eventually came through and several players stepped up big in the fourth quarter. The Lady Colts came out with a hard fought 28-25 victory. Jacinda Sanchez had 9. Emilce Hernandez had 7. Jaron Falcon had 5. Avery Nolen had 3. Adriana Faz and Abby Creek both had 2. Next Monday the Lady Colts finally return home to continue their rivalry with Ozona.

8th Grade Boys Come Out on Top

By Coach Brooks

For those who haven't made the trip to the middle school gyms this year, you are really missing out on some great basketball. This past Monday the 8th grade boys once again defeated the Ozona lions 43-38. This was the 4th time this year that the two teams have met, with one more final meeting to be held in Ozona on the 26th of January. The Colts have taken 3 of the 4 contests only losing by 1 point in their lone loss to the Lions.

The game started off with a bang when Sam Powers tipped the ball to John Lopez. Lopez then made a great pass without even taking a step to a streaking Damon Evans to the basket to put the Colts up 2-0. The Colts would then get 3 more quick baskets on a press that gave them a 6-0 lead, jumping on the Lions early! The Colts would continue to pressure the Lions on defense and end the first quarter 8-8. The Colts would never trail in the contest. The Lions made it close at times but the strong defense and press by the Colts would not let the Lions breathe. The Colts would go into half time with a 21-14 lead. In the first half Sam Powers allotted for 12 points alone. With strong play from Blake Esparza and Darien Lopez the Colts were able to feed the big men down low and get the easy 2 and 3 foot shots.

The second half the Lions came out strong and the roles were reversed. However, Alex Mejia and Michael Sanchez would put a stop to the Lions big men rebounding the ball, and would again take control of the game. The Lions play a zone defense against the speedy Colts until the stall game came into effect. The Colts forced the Lions out of their favorite defense and it played into the Colts hands. The fill in efforts of Lino Villanueva, Phillip Onofre, Kevin Buitron, Jesus Vasquez, and Jansen McBride were key, in the second half to the Colts victory. They were able to control the ball and make key baskets in the 3rd quarter that kept the Lions caged. The Colts won the game 43-38. It was a total team effort with eight different players contributing on the score board. The Colts were 50% from the charity stripe for the first time all season. Fouls plagued the Colts (28 of them actually), but they were able to fight through the mistakes to maintain their lead. With no one fouling out, the Colts prove to be a physical team who won't back down from anyone.

The Colts will return to action on January 26, in Ozona. Then on February 2nd will travel again to Reagan County to face the always difficult Owls. The Colts will then finish the season on February 9th at home against Crane. The next 3 games should prove to be a challenge for the future Broncos. So come out and support our young men as they improve and fight for a district championship.

Name	Points
Darien Lopez	1
Jesus Vasquez	1
John Lopez	8
Jansen McBride	6
Blake Esparza	1
Damon Evans	4
Sam Powers	20
Lino Villanueva	2

7th Grade Girls Win District Tournament



Photo by Louise Dermody

You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits, that is real joy.

-- Arthur Ashe

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2009 Polar Bear Classic



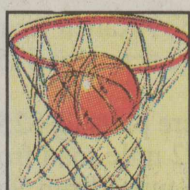
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Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
1/23	*Kermit	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/27	*Reagan County	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/30	*Alpine	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
2/3	*Ozona	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
2/6	*Presidio	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

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Boys Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
1/23	*Kermit	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/27	*Reagan County	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/30	*Alpine	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
2/3	*Ozona	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
2/6	*Presidio	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
2/10	Open			
2/13	*Kermit	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
2/17	*Crane	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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