

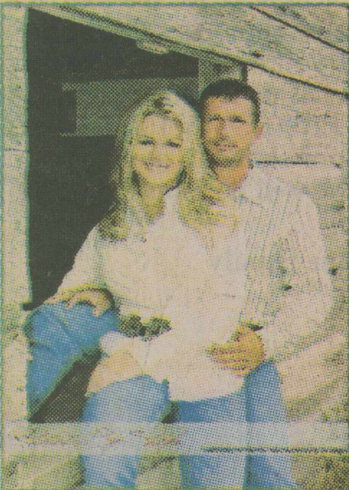
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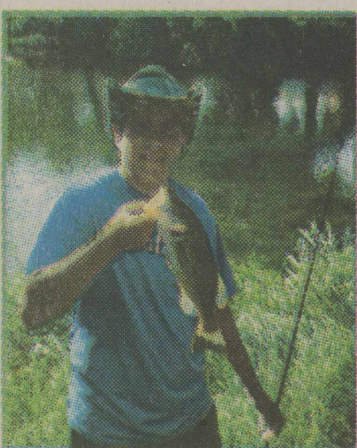
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The Grass Is Greener: Bronco Stadium Field Renovations Completed

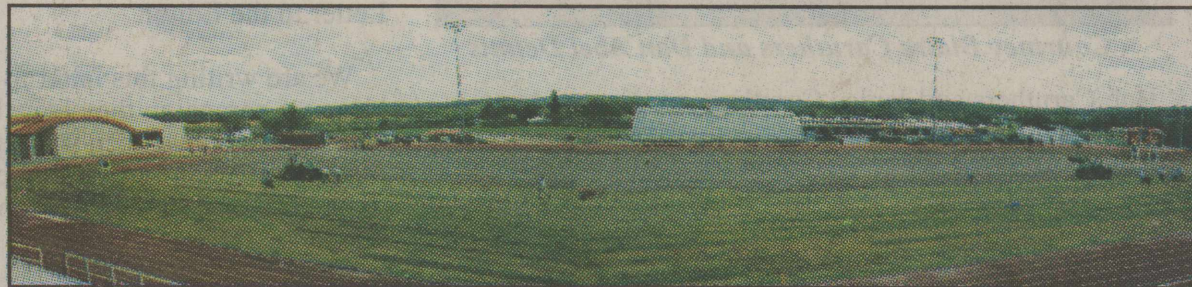
Phase 1

Photos By Ben D. Taylor



Texas MultiChem (contractor in charge of field renovations) first killed the grass on the existing field over a period of several weeks. The above picture shows the removal of that dead grass in preparation for phase 2.

Phase 2



After the old grass was removed, the field was levelled with a laser and sand was mixed into the soil. The grass was installed (above) in one day, and was transported to Bronco Stadium in rolls.

Phase 3



The completed field (above) is made up of a new kind of grass hybrid which stands up to more traffic, and actually increases its thickness the more it is mowed.



Broncos 7 on 7 Advance to State

Submitted

The Sonora Bronco 7-on-7 team traveled to Alpine last Saturday to compete in their first SQT of the year. The Broncos opened pool play against Andrews and turned the ball over four times and took an opening game loss by the score of 30-21. The Broncos then bounced back to defeat Crane 47-24. The third game against Pecos would decide if the Broncos would advance to the afternoon semi-finals. The Broncos prevailed and won 46-34. Andrews and Sonora advanced from Pool B and Fort Stockton and Iraan advanced from Pool A. Sonora being the runner up faced Iraan with the winner qualifying for the 2010 7-on-7 State Tourney. The Broncos fell behind 26-25 but came back to win 43-33. After Andrews destroyed Fort Stockton the Broncos would get a shot at a rematch. The Broncos were down at the half 22-20 and rallied to win the championship 36-28. This is the first time in Sonora Bronco Football history to win a State Qualifying Meet and the first trip to the state tourney in College Station. Coach Cades Pope and Coach Keith Hudson will lead the Broncos to Aggieland as they have all year. The Broncos travel to Brownwood this Saturday June 26th to play in a 16 team SQT tourney. Tuesday June 29th will be the last regular league games in San Angelo as the Broncos prepare for the 2010 State 7-on-7 Tourney in College Station July 8th and 9th. The Broncos are one of fifty-two teams to qualify after week four. The Broncos are in Division II and will play 1A-3A high schools from across the state. Special thanks to the parents for assisting the Broncos in 7-on-7. If you are interested in helping sponsor the trip to College Station, please contact Coach Pope or Coach Hudson!!!!

Sutton County Health Foundation Donates to Fire Department



Health Foundation President Glen Fisher presents Alta Alewine for a check as The Sutton County Health Foundation continues its contribution to our community with a donation to the Sutton County Volunteer Department. Also pictured are Melissa Teaff, Ben Pool, and John Paul Friess.

The Tradition Continues 73rd Annual National Wool Judging Contest:

Submitted

The 73rd Sonora Wool & Mohair Show and 50th National 4-H Wool Judging contest as well as the 10th annual FFA National Wool Judging contest are completed. One hundred and twelve fleeces were entered for competition, marking an increase for the third straight year. Results are as follows.

The Grand Champion Wool fleece was a Delaine Aged Ram fleece belonging to Kady Zunker from Kendall County 4-H. It received a plaque from Gerry Ingham's Caverns Ranch and was pur-

chased by the Eddy Sawyer Ranch for \$275. The Reserve Champion fleece came from a Commercial Aged Ram entry by Sara Zunker also from Kendall County. It was purchased by Billy & Bobby Dictson and Eddy Sawyer Ranch for \$200.

The Grand Champion Mohair Fleece was a Doe Kid which belonged to Tyler Mejia from Kerr Co. 4-H. It received a rosette and plaque from Jimmy & Sharon Holman Ranch and was purchased by the Ross Ranch and John & Sara Wade Ranch for \$250. Meanwhile, the Reserve Champion mohair

fleece was a Buck Kid fleece entered by Jackie Nentwich from Kerr County. It was purchased by the Day's Inn and John & Sara Wade Ranch for \$200.

Kimble County 4-H'er, Tamra Kott, received the Joe & W.F. Berger Memorial trophy awarded to the premier wool exhibitor by the L. Bloodworth family. The Fred T. Earwood Memorial trophy goes to the premier mohair

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Falcon and Jennings Selected As Big Country FCA All Stars



Submitted

The Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes All Star week was held in Abilene on June 9-12. Jalen Falcon and Cash Jennings were selected to participate, Jalen as an FCA cheerleader for the South, and Cash on the FCA South football team. Both Sonora graduates travelled to Abilene on Wednesday to begin practices for the game on Saturday, staying with FCA host families during these three days. Jalen cheered at the FCA All Star girls' basketball game on Saturday and the football game that same evening. She actually got to be a "flyer" (cheerleader on the top of the formation) in the stunts performed by the all star cheerleaders. Cash played center on offense and also played defensive end during the game nearly forcing two sacks, one for an intentional grounding penalty.

None of this would have been possible without the sponsorship of First National Bank of Sonora, The Bank and Trust, JMC, Chacho and Dawn Cahill, Walsh Welding, and Devils River Auto Parts. Thank you for giving these athletes the opportunity of a lifetime.



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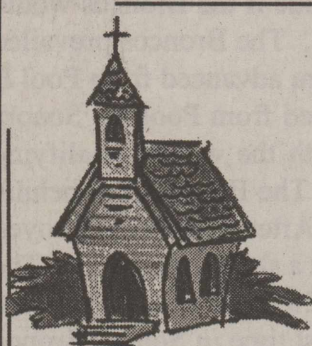
Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. June 24 - Happy Birthday *Katy Jenkins*
- Fri. June 25 - Birthday cake at noon
- Mon. June 28 - Bingo
- Tues. June 29 - Happy Birthday *Pedro Virgen*
- Wed. June 30 - Work on puzzle

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. June 24 - Catfish, spinach, tator tots, hush puppies, apple pie, milk
- Fri. June 25 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad, crackers, milk
- Mon. June 28 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, milk carrots, celery sticks, potato chips, bananas
- Tues. June 29 - Chopped Steak w/gravy, parsley potatoes, glazed carrots, cuke/tomato salad, pineapple cake, milk
- Wed. June 30 - Chicken & rice casserole, broccoli, rolls, peach halves, chocolate cake, 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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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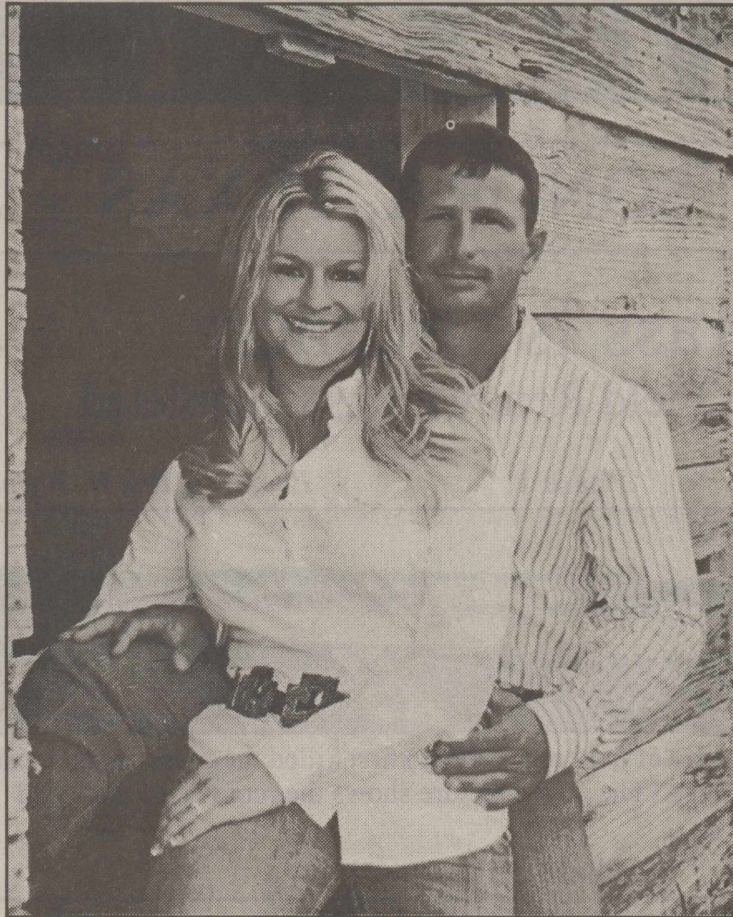
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Engagement Announcements

Caruthers and Dennis Plan October Wedding



Courtney Blaire Caruthers and Dan Abel Dennis

Bob Caruthers and Janice Caruthers are pleased to announce to engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Courtney Blaire Caruthers, to Dan Abel Dennis, son of Gerald Dennis of Winnie, TX and Rhonda Rougeau of Austin, TX.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Don Grider of Sonora, TX and Great-Grandmother Mrs. Blanche Grider of Abilene, TX. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cleo Rougeau of Vinton, LA.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Sonora High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Multidisciplinary Education. She is employed at The Bank & Trust in San Angelo, TX.

The prospective groom graduated from Vinton High School in Vinton, LA in 1996. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Concentration in Animal Science from McNeese State University, graduating in 2001. He is employed by the USDA in Del Rio, TX.

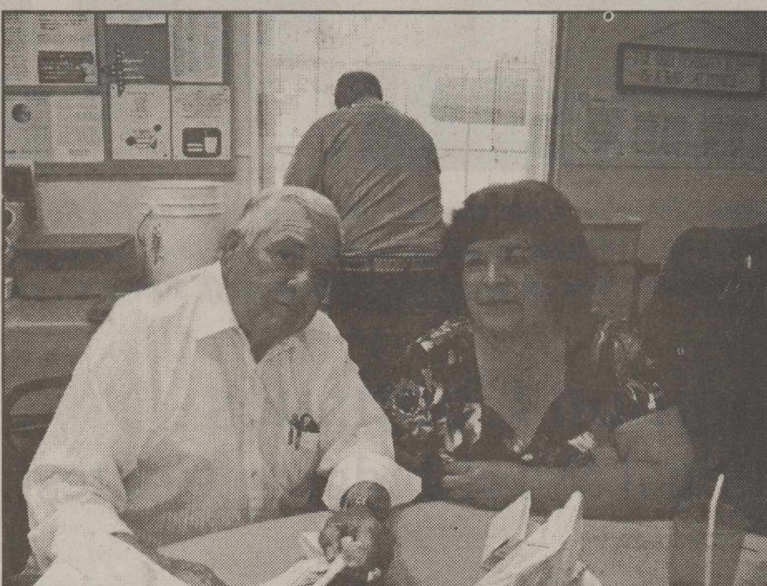
The couple plan to exchange outdoor wedding vows Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the home of the bride-elect.

*Love one another and you will be happy.
It's as simple and as difficult as that.*

~Michael Leunig

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Father's Day at the Sonora Senior Center



Oscar Galindo & his daughter, Neria Galindo

The Sonora Senior Center Staff honored "Senior" Fathers with a special meal of Brisket, Sausage with all the trimmings and Cake at noon! Cards and candy "Pops" & ice cream cup cakes were given to make them all so sweet! Door prizes were won by: Avon by Florie-Jim Stephen, Clay Cade, Hair Cut by T C Barber Shop-Pat Jungk, Card with \$-Milton Cavaness, Gift Set-Auto & Truck Parts (NAPA)-Oscar Galindo, Other prizes donated by staff were won by: Isael Perez, Victorino Martinez, Claudio Flores, Demetrio Castro & John R. Hill

Our Staff at the Center would like to say "Thanks" to everyone who helped with this party: Ronnie & Lynn Wipff (Wack Shack Catering) cooked the briskets & sausage for donations, Florie Gonzales-Avon, Guy & Cindy Colbath-gift set, Tive Chavez-hair cut and staff for cupcakes & other prizes

Thanks,
Juanita Mesa-Director

Thank You Note

We would like to thank everyone for their donations and their help benefiting our dad, Ubaldo Luna Sr. We have been very blessed to live in such a supportive community. "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need." PROVERBS 17:17 Our words will never be enough to express how much we appreciate all of your prayers, help, encouragement, hugs, understanding, compassion, and even your warm smile showing us you care. "All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4. I want to give a BIG thank you to our mom, Linda Luna. The history between my parents is amazing and all a part of God's plan. They have raised 4 children and have had a huge loss in their lives - our big brother Ubaldo Luna Jr., and now another obstacle in life fighting lung cancer. The loss and heartache for the past year is unimaginable. Through all this our mom has stayed strong and I thank our God for that. "He is your God, the one who is worthy of your praise, the one who has done mighty miracles that you yourself have seen." DEUTERONOMY 10:21. Blessings to our family, and her friends for showing their support, when she has needed it the most! We will be forever grateful!

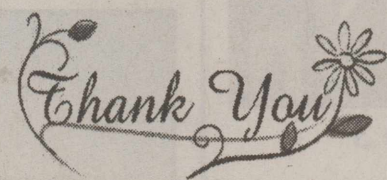
The Bantay and Luna Family

Letter to the Editor

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We are writing this letter to commend the city for the clean-up campaign they have been conducting this month. The workers have been so helpful and congenial about picking up, and the improved appearance around town is really noticeable. Nowhere but Sonora is the community spirit so alive.

Thank you city employees,
Jim & Rosemary Mathews



SCMC Nursing Home in Eldorado sends out a big THANK YOU.....

To Dr. Miller and his wonderful Staff.

You have shown the utmost compassion and kindness while

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May God Bless you for the love you have shown.

Happy Birthday!

June 24

Koda Armke, Hunter Hughes, DJ Luna, Miguell Villanueva III, Greg Fierro, Donny Yocham, Jr., Mickey Sanchez, Madison Webb

June 25

Elida Guerra, Susana Gonzalez, Hayley Mata, Keith Heiken

June 26

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

June 27

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

June 28

Chris Perez, Glenna Martin, Martin Cano, Alda Duran

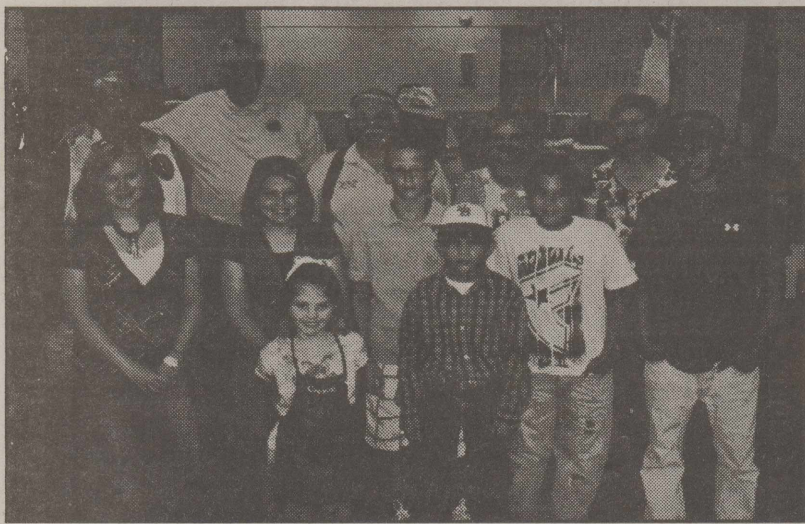
June 29

Pete Virgen, William Gutierrez

June 30

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

Lions Roar

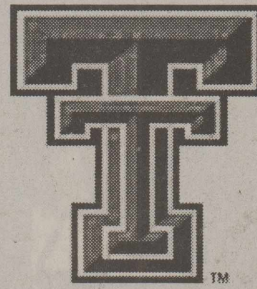


Your Lions are at the end of our fiscal year. We completed a very successful effort in support of Sonora's National Wool Show last week. Pictured above are the Lions and their able supporters from the youth of the community preparing to feed the 200 show participants. The brisket was to die for... prepared by the superb team of Lynn and Ronnie Wipff. Our thanks are offered to Pam Crenwelge, Dana Leamon, Principal Duncan and students of our Middle School for their partnership with the Lions this past year. This teamwork permitted the Lions to accomplish our expanded "service mission" in a more effective manner. We all benefited from the experiences. Thanks, Middle School volunteers! See ya'll next year (JULY).

Early in June, I reported about FOOTBALL and the 7 on 7 Program. Coach Pope presented the program and the team's goals. The goal was to assemble Sonora's football players and compete against all comers, irrespective of school classification (5A thru 1A), to earn a birth in the State Championship at Texas A&M JULY 8-9. Coaches Pope and Hudson's job was to accomplish this mission without any support from the School District since any type support would violate UIL rules. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED !! Sonora qualified by defeating Andrews HS, a 3A school, and winning the Alpine Qualifying Tournament. Since no school support is possible FUND RAISING will be the only way our team can afford to participate in the tournament to be held at Texas A & M in College Station. Please join with your LIONS in support of this FUND RAISING effort. To provide support contact any Lion or either coach or Suzanne Badaeux (phone number 206-0779) with a donation.

The Lions Club's will elect new officers on June 29, 2010. Next week we will have LMH Hospital CEO Keith Butler and Peggy Hodges Angelo State Business Consultant. GO BRONCOS and SHOP SONORA !!

Texas Tech Graduate



Submitted

Luis and Bernice Samaniego are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Louis Samaniego III, from Texas Tech University. Louie graduated from Tech on May 13th with a bachelor of Human Science in hotel and restaurant management.

Louis is the grandson of Victoria and Ben Castilleja of Sonora and the late Luis and Olivia Samaniego.

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Crockett County Care Center is starting a new CNA school beginning July 12, 2010 for 2 weeks. Get paid while you go to school, get paid mileage and also have your school expense paid for! The sky is the limit. It only takes commitment on your part. Call 392-2671, ask for Santa, Vicki, Karen or Benny. Administrator will be interviewing selected applicants. Work steps, drug screen, criminal history check and reference checks. Education / work agreement to be signed. CCCC is an EOE. Deadline to submit application is July 7, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

F.Y.I.

Lighthouse Community Church- Antique Childrens Pictures, July 16-17, 2010, \$10.00 for an 8x10, FMI call Brooke Knight at 757-375-3241.

Summer Camps and Activities on Eaton Hill- The first two weeks of August have been set aside for Eaton Hill's summer camp sessions. Planning is underway and details will be published at a later date. Additionally, parents can contact the Eaton Hill office to schedule a one day camp which includes an art activity for up to six children. FMI contact the Eaton Hill office at 387-2615.

Volleyball Camp with ASU Head Volleyball Coach Chuck Waddington. Join ASU Head Volleyball Coach Chuck Waddington for an all skills volleyball camp right here in Sonora!! July 6th, 7th and 8th at Sonora High School Gym. Elementary/Middle School 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, High School 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information contact Greta Ramsdell at greta.ramsdell@sonoraids.net or by phone at 325/206-0142

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1st at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

Sutton County Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Auction/Banquet will be Saturday, September 18, 2010. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!

PARADE FOR LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION--If you would like to be in the parade for La Elliott School Reunion, on Sept. 11, 2010, please contact Ernesto Barrera at 512-961-9709-cell or 325-387-5480-home.

Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni. Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonoratx.net or by calling 325-206-0830. Everyone is encouraged to submit names. A committee is being put together to organize LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION and also to place a historical marker where the school stood. If you have any information or questions please contact us.

La Elliott School Commemorative Poetry Contest- Open for all Sonora Middle and High School Students. Adults are also welcome to participate. No Entry Fee. Poetry should be your own and can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Submit one poem of no more than 20 lines with a maximum of 150 words, in any form on the personal experiences of former L.W. Elliott School Alumni, provided that the poem content is not vulgar/offensive. **Deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010.** Please include your name and grade level. Winners will be announced September 16. Please submit poems to Delia Samaniego: the_twins@verizon.net or FMI Call 325-226-0666.

L.W. Elliott (La Elliott) School Reunion will be Sept. 10-11, 2010. Registration will start Sept. 10, with a ceremony on Sept. 11, the unveiling of the Historical Marker and a parade. Please plan to attend these two days for this Historical Event in Sonora, TX.

The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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Sonora Minor League All-Stars Win 1st place in Ozona Tournament



The Minor all stars played a total of 5 games to take 1st place vs the Ozona Lions. All of the boys played an outstanding 5 games. They all fielded well and hit the ball the best they had all season long. The boys ended their all star season with 2 1st place wins and 1 2nd place over all.

The Minor League All Star Parents would like to thank James Talamantez for cooking food for the boys to eat after their game. Thanks to all that brought drinks, snacks, and food for the boys during and after their very very hot baseball games. Also a special thanks to Tommy, Blayze, Brady, and John for coaching our boys.

American Red Cross:

Recognizes Sonora Athletes for their Contribution

Dear Sonora ISD Students Athletes,

In the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquakes in Haiti, the American Red Cross stands with our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners around the globe to transform your donation into relief and recovery. Our combined efforts represent the largest single country relief operation in Red Cross history. Thank you for being a part of this monumental response effort.

Your contribution of \$2,500 on 6/7/10 to the Hill Country Chapter has put aid directly into the hands of more than 1.3 million people affected by these earthquakes. Your support translates into critical relief supplies like blankets, hygiene kits and mosquito nets. Since the earthquake struck, your gift has empowered the Red Cross to distribute more than 60 million liters of safe drinking water, treat tens of thousands of people in Red Cross field hospitals and mobile clinics, and provide critical financial assistance that will help families meet their immediate needs and restart their businesses. In the coming days, the Red Cross will begin constructing stronger, transitional shelters to protect those left homeless from the upcoming hurricane season.

American Red Cross volunteers have joined more than 900 Red Cross and Red Crescent workers from around the world in a coordinated effort to meet both the immediate and long-term challenges that stand between chaos and recovery for the people of Haiti. For victims of this unprecedented disaster, our work is the hope for tomorrow. This is a result of generous gifts from donors like you.

The American Red Cross stands ready to provide further assistance and will remain in Haiti until the job is done. We are grateful to have your support that brings hope and comfort to those affected by these devastating earthquakes. As the response evolves, please visit www.redcross.org or call 830-257-4677 to learn more about your gift at work.

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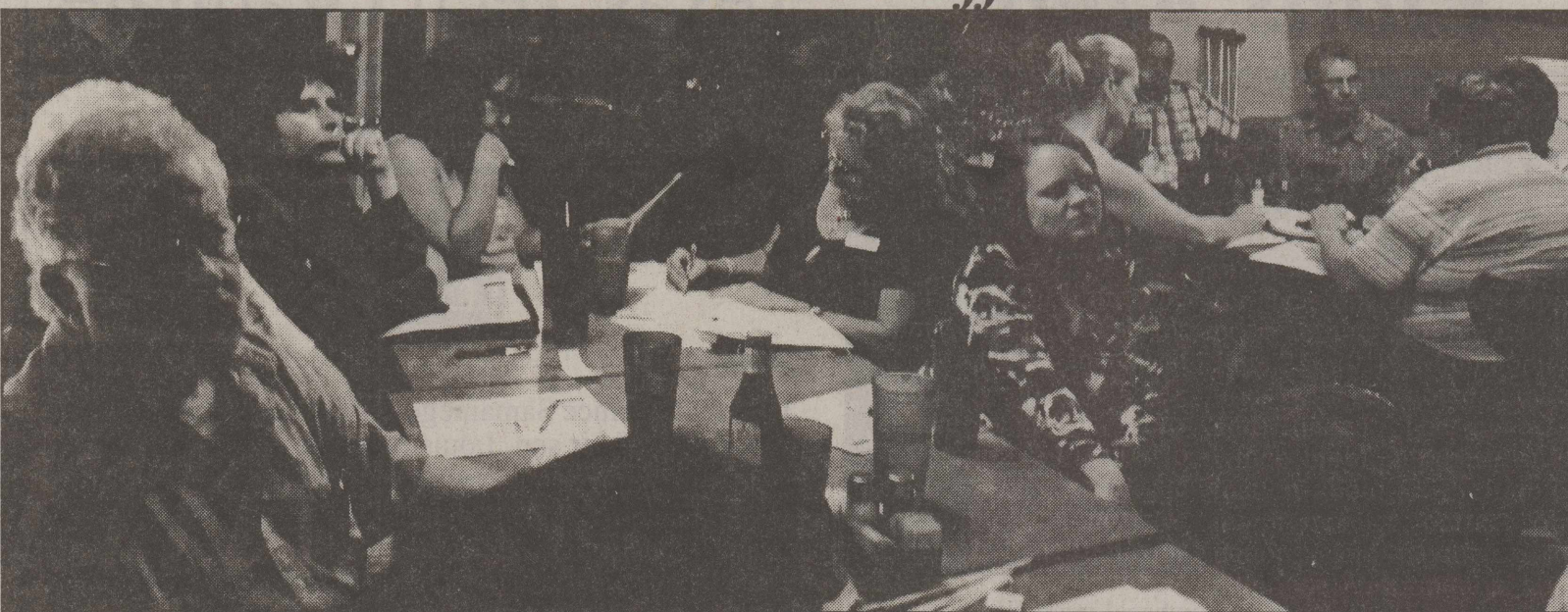
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Audience members listen to a presentation on Sales Tax at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Submitted by Ann Kay

We had a wonderful workshop at the Sutton County Steakhouse last week with the Texas Historical Commission's Robert Johnson, Economic Development Specialist, Russell Gallahan, from Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Sarah Hall, and Isabel Gallahan from the Texas General Land Office. Commissioner Jerry Patterson sent beautiful maps for the City of Sonora and Sutton County. The workshop covered the usage of Hotel/Motel Tax funds, Sale Tax A, Sale Tax B and the new Sale Tax B program.

Robert spoke about rural communities and how they can receive grants for repairing downtown sidewalks and windows of Sonora City Hall as well as the exterior. He also discussed historical preservation rules and codes on becoming a Certified Local Government.

How does small town retail impact our economic de-

velopment? Small businesses employ 50.1% of the private workforce, conduct 40.9% of private sales in the U.S., and provide approximately 75% of all retail merchandise transactions in the U.S. Small businesses ensure our shopping dollar is retained in our community.

Russell Gallahan spoke about how Sales Tax A & B fund may be given to increase jobs and businesses in our community. Sonora collects Sales Tax B and the funds are managed by a committee chosen by the City of Sonora Council. For cities under 20,000 population, like Sonora may use these funds as retail business incentives, sports, athletic facilities (like the rodeo grounds), affordable housing, entertainment, tourist, and convention facilities. public open spaces, and open space improvements.

Gallahan also spoke on

the usages of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds (HOT) and how the City Council has the authority to enforce collection and usages of HOT. EAt least 1/7 very expenditure of local hotel occupancy tax must enhance and promote tourism and the convention of the hotel industry. At least 1/7 of the HOT is used for conducting solicitations and promotional programs. HOT is also used for promotion of the arts, historical restoration and preservation projects. For cities that have a population less than one million, HOT may also be used for sporting events in which the majority of participants are tourists. If you want more information, visit the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office and I will give you a copy of the powerpoint distributed at the workshop.

We had many guests from neighboring towns and 32 in total attendance. I would like

to thank Scott Jordan from the Texas Pecos Trail, who helped promote the workshop in other communities. Sonora Economic Development Corp., Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Several City Councilmen, and Sutton County Historical Society were all represented at the workshop. Their attendance is appreciated.

The FH Sonora Main Street Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 5, 2010. The Office will be closed June 23-July 2 for vacation. If you should need anything during this time please contact the Friends of Historic Main Street Board of Directors: Gloria Lopez, Cecilia Sanchez, Dee Martinez, Pat Rainier, Charline Terry, and Tami Adkins. The next F.H. Sonora Main Street will be July 15, 2010, at 6 P.M.

AgriLife Extension offers July 12 grazing management Workshop in Rocksprings

ROCKSPRINGS - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Edwards County will conduct a grazing management workshop from 8 a.m. until noon July 12 in the courtroom of the Edwards County Annex Building in Rocksprings. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered (two general, one laws and regulations).

"This program is meant to serve as an update for rangeland livestock producers," said Sam Silvers, AgriLife Extension agent in Edwards County. "We'll address range management topics, but our speakers will also spend some time on animal issues."

Topics and speakers will include:
- Sheep and Goat Issues on the Horizon, Jess Yeaman, AgriLife Extension-assistant sheep and goat specialist, San Angelo.
- Tips, Techniques and Common Practices to Healthy Rangeland, Dr. Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension

range specialist, Uvalde.
- Animal Health and Nutrition Requirements and New Issues, Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde.

A catered lunch will follow the program. Individual pre-registration by July 6 is \$10 and \$15 thereafter and at the door. The fee includes lunch.

NRCS Issues Final Rule for Conservation Stewardship Program, Extends Deadline

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 15, 2010 - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has published the final regulations governing the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, CSP is a voluntary program that offers payments to producers who exercise good land stewardship and want to improve their conservation performance.

NRCS has also extended the enrollment period for an additional two weeks, now closing June 25, 2010.

CSP is available to all producers regardless of operation size, crops produced, or geographic location. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland, non-industrial private forestland, and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe. Under the final rule, the program retains the broad features outlined in the interim final rule, including:

- CSP pays participants for conservation performance - the higher the performance, the higher the payment.
- Producers get credit both for conservation measures they have already implemented and for new measures they agree to add.
- CSP is offered in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Pacific and Caribbean area through continuous sign-up, with an-

Five surgeons were talking about the best patients...

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Second surgeon says, "Nah - librarians are the best. Everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

Third surgeon responds, "Try electricians, man! Everything inside them is color coded!"

Fourth surgeon intercedes, "I prefer lawyers. They're heartless, spineless, gutless, and their heads and butts are interchangeable."

To which the fifth surgeon, who has been quietly listening to the conversation, says, "I like engineers. They always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end."

Surgeon Talk...

"bundles." Participants who implement such comprehensive bundles get higher rankings and higher payments.

• Resource-conserving crop rotation. In response to extensive public comment, the definition of "resource-conserving crop rotation" is revised to require the use of grass and/or legumes.

Potential applicants are encouraged to use the CSP self-screening checklist to determine whether CSP is suitable for their operation and apply prior to the closing date of June 25, 2010, when applications will be scored, ranked, and funded. The checklist, which highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations, and payments, and additional information about CSP, may be obtained from the national CSP Web site (www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

USDA published the esp interim final rule on July 29, 2009. NRCS received 1,534 comments and reviewed and considered each one. Responses to the comments are incorporated in the final rule, which can be viewed at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdV2010-12699.pdf>

nounced cut-off dates for ranking and funding applications.
Helping People Help the Land An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. The program's new features include the following:

- Higher payment rate for additional conservation performance. USDA is implementing a split payment structure, with one payment rate for existing conservation activities and a higher payment rate for new activities.
- Higher payment limit. The total contract limitation for joint operations is increased from \$200,000 to \$400,000, with annual payment limits increased from \$40,000 to \$80,000 to fairly compensate joint operations that produce environmental benefit levels needed to earn the payments.
- New minimum payment to directly encourage participation by small-scale, historically under served producers, the rule establishes a minimum payment of \$1,000.
- Pastured cropland. "Pastured cropland" is added as a new designation with a higher payment than "pastureland" because of the greater income foregone by producers who maintain a grassbased livestock production system on land suitable for cropping.
- Enhancements. Some conservation enhancements work better when implemented as a system and under the new rule are offered as enhancement

Oil & Agribusiness

TAHC and TAMU College of Vet. Medicine Team Up: Form a Statewide Veterinary Emergency Team

AUSTIN - In cooperation with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC,) the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, has recently developed a mobile Veterinary Emergency Team (V.E.T.) to respond to disasters that affect animals statewide.

The new team is deployable under the state animal response plan in a disaster situation where there is need for additional veterinary assessment, triage and care. Currently the team is made up of 13 members and consists of A&M faculty, resident veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary students who have completed a disaster medicine elective. The team is fully self-sufficient with their own lodging, food, generators and supplies for responders. Their equipment includes two large climate-controlled tents, one multi-purpose trailer and one clinic trailer with limited surgical capability. The team also has obtained trucks to haul trailers and equipment, as well as an ambulatory medicine truck. Team members are divided into strike teams that can be targeted at either large or small animal issues.

"As the lead agency responsible for dealing with animals affected by disasters, the Texas Animal Health Commission has done an outstanding job of developing one of the premiere animal issues in disasters plans in the country. TAHC personnel have brought together an impressive array of governmental and non-governmental agencies all focused on preserving

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An American, traveling on a train in Europe, met a Cuban tobacco grower, a Russian vodka distiller and a lawyer.

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After dinner, the Russian passed out bottles of vodka. After taking just one swig, he threw the bottle out the window, explaining that vodka was of no consequence since, in Russia, it was so plentiful.

The American businessman sat in quiet contemplation for several minutes then arose and threw the lawyer out the window.

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John Greenleaf Whittier

the health and welfare of animals. The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences is proud to be part of this effort. Under the leadership of the TAHC the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences will field a team capable of assisting in assessment and providing triage capabilities," said Dr. Wesley Bissett, TAMU's lead faculty member in this effort.

"Our two organizations have put together an impressive array of equipment and personnel that will have the ability to limit and prevent animal suffering as disasters occur. In addition, the TAHC has provided us the opportunity to increase our efforts in teaching emergency response in the veterinary medical curriculum. Ultimately this will lead to increased numbers of veterinarians committed to and trained in emergency response. The end result will be strengthening the foundation of local governmental emergency response efforts. Texas is a "can do" state and the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences appreciates the opportunity to play a role in making sure that we can enhance the efforts of local and state governmental entities during times of disaster."

The Texas A&M V.E.T.'s first field exercise was held in College Station April 23-25. While they are still finalizing the acquisition of necessary supplies, the team is fully operational and mission-ready in time for the 2010 hurricane season.

Under the animal response plan, this team will deploy with TAHC field personnel in a large-scale disaster and will work under the same incident command structure.

The Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

EPA Targets Texas Environmental Success Record

June 2, 2010 | Deer Park, Texas Texas is a national leader in reducing emissions and known pollutants, and advancing renewable energy sources all while remaining a leader in the nation's energy production. We have successfully balanced the need for environmental improvements with fostering economic growth, new investment, and job creation. Texas continues to advance new, clean energy technology by using market incentives and stable regulation, not costly mandates and taxes.

The Obama administration has taken yet another step in its campaign to harm our economy and impose federal control over Texas. With their efforts to take control of a per-

mitting process that the Clean Air Act allows to be delegated to the states, the EPA is on the verge of killing thousands of Texas jobs and derailling a program that has effectively cleaned Texas' air. An increasingly activist EPA is ignoring the progress Texas has made to clean its air over the last decade, and should instead look to our state's successful approach to issues concerning energy and the environment.

Texas is our nation's energy capital, producing and refining a large portion of the energy products that our nation depends on:

The air Texans breathe today is cleaner than it was in 2000, even though our population has grown by nearly 3.5 million people.

Between 2000 and 2008, while Texas NOx levels decreased by 46% and ozone levels by 22%, national NOx levels fell by only 27%, and national ozone levels declined by only 8%. In comparison, ozone levels in Illinois have only fallen by 12% since 1999.

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tan areas currently meet the 1997 federal eight-hour ozone standard, with the exception of the DFW area, which is within 1 part per billion of meeting the standard. Preliminary data indicates that Houston met the standard for the first time in 2009.

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Better Beverage Plan Choose Calories Carefully



Adapted By: Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent -FCS
Texas AgriLife Extension-
Sutton County

Did you know that the beverages you drink make you feel full and add lots more calories? Many people just do not know this. Eating extra calories every day can add up over time and cause weight gain. People with type 2 diabetes should work to lose or maintain weight and avoid adding on extra pounds. "Know the 3 "C's" when it comes to beverages— Choosing Calories Carefully can help people cut out calories to achieve their health goals."

Staying hydrated is essential for life, but not all beverages are created equal. Some fluids contain calories while others do not. When someone follows a healthy eating plan, he/she does not need to rely on drinks for energy needs. Non-caloric drinks include: water, tea, coffee and/or some diet drinks. Drinking sugar-sweetened beverages is on the rise in the US. Any drink with added calorie-containing sweeteners is labeled sugar-sweetened. Sugar-sweetened drinks include: soft drinks, fruit drinks, sweetened- coffee drinks, smoothies, flavored teas and other contain sugar in ingredients listing on the label. If sugar is listed first through third or fourth on the label, then means sugar is the most prominent ingredient in that drink.

Why don't I feel as full when I am drinking beverages that have calories (liquid calories)? Studies show that people feel fuller when they eat solid foods. People may not feel full after drinking fluids for the following reasons:

1. Fluids empty from the stomach faster than solid foods causing you to feel hungry shortly after drinking a beverage.
2. Carbohydrates add most of the calories to drinks—especially sugar-sweetened drinks. Since protein- or fat- rich foods/drinks can add calories to drinks, these nutrients are less quickly absorbed due to the protein and fat content leaving you feeling fuller longer than carbohydrate-rich foods and drinks.
3. More effort is made to eat solid foods resulting in more time to feel full. Taking time to chew and talk during meals gives the stomach time to "tell" the brain that it is full. People drink beverages more quickly. Since fluids empty quickly from the stomach, less time exists for the stomach to "tell" the brain that it is full.

Research shows that people who drink more sugar-sweetened beverages before a meal tend to eat more calories than those who drink much less sugar-sweetened beverages both before and during the meal. So, what's the big concern? Most people—unaware that they may need to eat less—can drink more calories during their meals, ultimately leading to weight gain.

Another good research example of the effects of sugar-sweetened beverages is that people who cut out calories from drinks lost more weight than those who cut out the same amount of calories from solid foods. When someone is trying to lose weight, cutting back on soft drinks and specialty drinks such as lattes and smoothies could be the best way to go.

Source: Nicole Alexis Baker, BS, Texas A&M University Dietetic Intern and Mary Kinney Bielamowicz, PhD, RD, LD, Professor and Nutrition Specialist, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, Texas AgriLife Extension Service,

Chamber Chatter: Sonora Shines

By Donna Garrett

Sonora hosted the 73rd Annual Wool & Mohair Show on June 15th-17th for all Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters and also the 50th National 4-H Wool Judging Contest and the 10th National FFA Wool Judging Contest. This event is sponsored every year by the Sonora Downtown Lions Club in cooperation with the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company, Texas AgriLife Extension and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Sonora hosted visitors from Ozona, Eldorado, Del Rio, Kerrville, Harper, Comfort, Junction, Fredericksburg, Sanger, Wall, Carrizo Springs, Water Valley, Colorado and Wyoming.

On Wednesday, June 16th, the Sutton County 4-H Club sponsored a swimming pool party, along with a hamburger supper for all the contestants and their families. I had the pleasure of helping to serve this wonderful meal which was catered by K.J.'s BBQ and Catering.

The awards ceremony was held on Thursday, June 17th at the Sutton County Civic Center. Tibba and I assisted the Sonora Downtown Lions Club to serve a delicious BBQ lunch catered by Wack Shack Catering.

While visiting with the out of town folks I was told that one gentleman had attended this show for over 30 years. He stated that the kids look forward to this show every year and thanked Sonora for treating them so well. Thanks Sonora for making these visitors want to come back year after year!

This brings me to another project the Chamber is working on along with the Sonora Economic Development Corporation; Customer Service Champion of the Month. Every month a committee meets and selects from a list of candidates and honors them with a \$100 gift card and an announcement in the Devils River News. The recipient also gets a chance to be the Customer Service Champion of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and receive a \$250 gift card. If you see someone going above

and beyond their duty in any local business, please submit their name to the chamber for consideration.

The chamber is currently working on the 37th Annual Sutton County Days, along with the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. If you would like to sponsor one of these events please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has recently joined the facebook world and will keep you posted on events and activities in Sonora. We will also spotlight chamber business members on our facebook page and in the newspaper. As always, thank you for your continued support!

From the mouths Of Babes

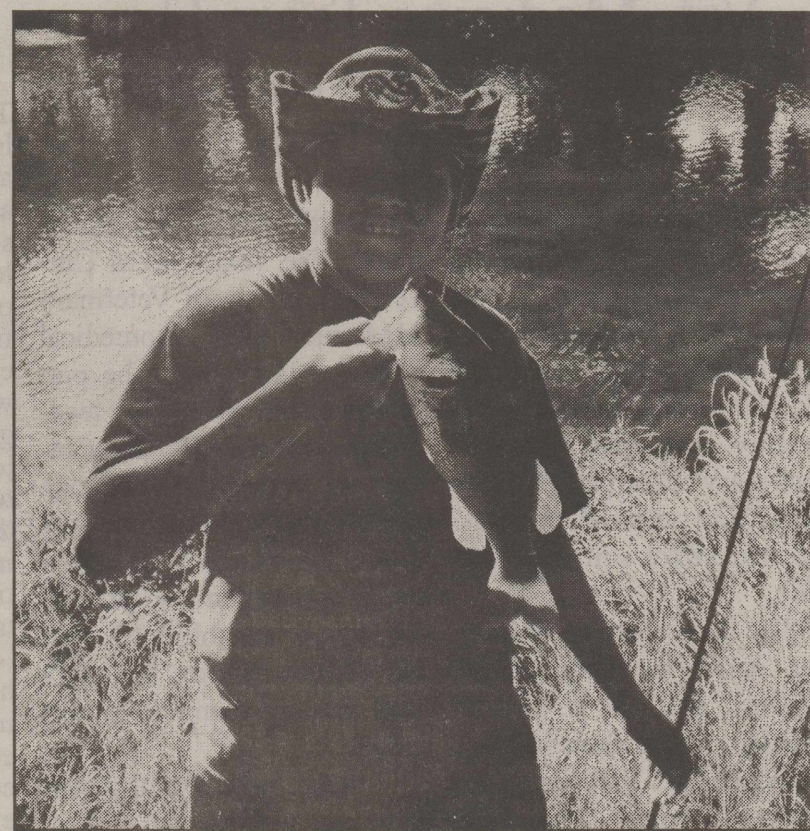
For weeks a little boy told his teacher about the baby that was coming to his house. One day, his mother let him feel the baby move in her tummy. He then stopped telling the teacher about the baby.

The teacher finally asked, "What happened to the baby you were expecting at your house?"

The boy broke into tears and said, "I think my Mommy ate it!"

A hen is only an
egg's way
of making
another egg.
Samuel Butler

FISH TALES



Bryan Brown, age 12, from Sonora TX., caught this nice large mouth bass on the banks of Spring Creek River in Mertzon, TX. on July 12,2010. After the photo, the bass was released back into to river unharmed.

TPWD Fishing Report

Amistad: Water clear; 81 degrees; 1.56' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, small and medium crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, and big Red Fins. White bass are fair on crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on droplines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

LBJ: Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.42' low. Black bass are fair on JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, weightless watermelon red Whacky Sticks, and Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps along riprap on seawalls, docks, and water willows in 3 - 12 feet at daylight. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles in 12 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

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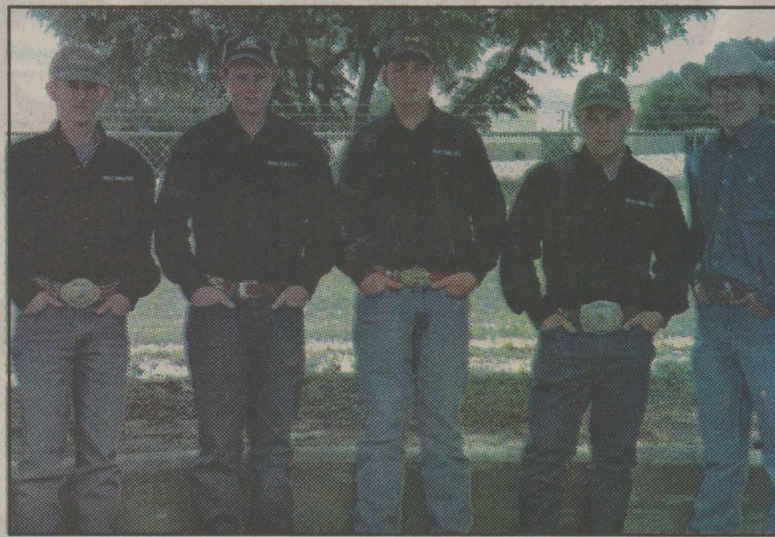
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National Champion FFA Wool Judging Team-Water Valley FFA. Kolt Lee, Clayton Fisher, Will Smith, Ryan Easterly, Coach Aaron Renfro.



Sweepstakes Award Winner (Kerr County 4-H); Coach Roy Walston pictured with youth.



4th place Sweepstakes Award Team (Schleicher County 4-H; coach Mary Buchholz)



Grand Champion Mohair Fleece: Tyler Mejia - Kerr County 4-H - came from Doe Kid Class and reserve grand champion mohair fleece (was also champion buck fleece): Jackie Nentwich - Kerr County 4-H - came from Buck Kid Class



Left: Kady Zunker - Kendall County 4-H ;grand champion wool fleece(champion registered wool fleece: Delaine Aged Ram). Right: Sara Zunker - Kendall County 4-H; res grand champion wool fleece (champion commercial wool fleece: Aged Ram)



Delaney Ramsdell, Christina Hernandez, Cara Hernandez, and Skylar Norriss.



Damon Evans, Adriana Faz, and Paul Faz.

Members of the Sutton County FFA and 4-H Range and Wool Judging Teams Represented our county well.



Serena Lee Allison and Chelsey Lou Campbell represented District 10 quite well in the 4-H District Horse Show in Gonzales last week, placing in the top ten in both of their events. Competing in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Chelsey Lou placed 5th in both events, and Serena Lee placed 6th in Poles and 8th in Barrels. The girls will go on to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene in July.

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exhibitor which this year was Hall, Kristin Garret, and Sky-Tyler Mejia from Kerr County. In the wool judging contests, National Champion 4-H Wool Judging honors Valverde County 4-H with a score of 1800 while Crockett County 4-H ended second with a score of 1760 points. The National Champion FFA Wool Judging was Water Valley FFA with a score of 1821, while Wall FFA finished second with 1791 points. The week also features youth livestock, range, as well as wool/mohair invitational judging contests. Sutton County 4-H was represented by Damon Evans, Paul Faz, Adriana Faz, Kylie Reiner, Mattye Davenport, Brianna Palacios, Darby Ramsdell, Delaney Ramsdell, Christina Hernandez, Cara Hernandez, Summer

Hall, Kristin Garret, and Sky-Tyler Mejia from Kerr County. These kids managed to place 1st in both range evaluation and wool judging, while finishing 2nd in livestock judging. Two of our teams were able to place 2nd and 3rd in mohair judging. This annual event is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and Sonora Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Extension. Other sponsors include Sonora Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora, Sonora Wool & Mohair Co., Capital Farm Credit, and Earwood Ranch. A sincere word of gratitude to them, Corky Schwiening, Angelo State University, and anyone I forgot to mention. Your help is greatly appreciated!