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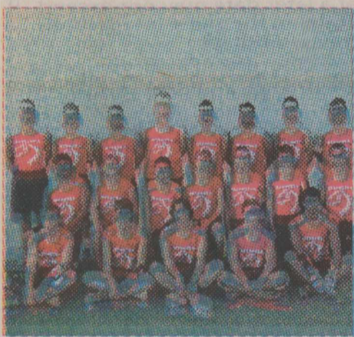
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Randee Fawcett Endowment Fund Supports Sutton County Arena Improvements



Submitted

On behalf of the Randee Fawcett Endowment Fund, San Angelo Area Foundation has contributed \$100,000 to improve the Sutton County

Arena. These funds were used to construct the canopy over the bleachers in June of this year.

The Randee Fawcett Endow-

ment Fund was established by Randee Fawcett whose family has a long-standing history of ranching in the Sutton County area and seeks to benefit a variety of causes related to agricultural activities.

The San Angelo Area Foundation was established in 2002 and their mission is to build a legacy of philanthropy by attracting and prudently managing endowed gifts in order to match donor interests with community needs of the area. Matt Lewis, CEO of the San Angelo Area Foundation, inspected the canopy with Sutton County Arena Improvement Committee members Curry Campbell, Sharon Holman, and Elizabeth Schenkel.

The Arena Improvement Committee is hard at work raising funds to add additional seating and revise the box seats so everyone can enjoy the events in the arena.

Breast Cancer's Original 2nd Baseman Back at Bat: Visits Sonora on Bike Ride Across the US

Submitted

Dusty Showers hits it out of the park when it comes to raising awareness. Seven years ago, the fight against breast cancer found an unlikely hero. This advocate might be bald, but it's not from chemo.

Standing more than six feet tall, Dusty Showers is an imposing figure. His penchant for wrestling snakes stands in complete opposition to his occasional sporting of a pink feathered bra. His burly physique, calloused hands and roughly sewn edges coupled with the pink boa he sometimes playfully wraps around his thick, wrestler-like neck creates such a ludicrous dichotomy that people can't help but stop, stare, laugh, and sometimes even cry. And that, Dusty says, is the point.

"Raising breast cancer awareness is more than just wearing a pink bracelet in October," he says. "Of course it looks absurd for a 41 year old guy with a hairy chest to be walking around in a pink bra and cowboy hat, but if people take notice then I've done my job."

Truth is -- this is not Dusty's job. But it might as well be. Dusty is the owner and operator of Creepy Creatures Pest and Wildlife Management, a former All American soccer player and divorced father of two who has taken his role in raising breast cancer awareness so seriously, he has become one of the most recognizable figures at the Susan G. Komen 3-Day 60 mile walk.

Like so many volunteers, Dusty joined the fight against breast cancer after tragedy struck his family in 2003 when his daughter's grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double

mastectomy. It was two years later that Dusty and his then wife Christy decided to celebrate her mother's survival by participating in Tampa Bay's Inaugural Susan G. Komen 3-day 60 mile walk. But not without reservation.

"It was less that I really wanted to go camping with a bunch of strangers for three days and more that I just couldn't figure out a way to say no," he admits.

But it was during those three days of crewing at the event's Camp Hydration tent that Dusty "fell in love with the fight."

"I witnessed women of all shapes, sizes and walks of life power through 60 miles of blood, sweat and tears, and I'm not sure I've ever felt so inspired," he says. "I signed on to help with the next year's walk before even closing ceremonies, which is by far the most moving event you'll ever see."

Dusty began the 2006 3-Day Walk with a heavy heart. Recently divorced after a 13-year marriage and in a period of professional transition, he questioned what sort of positive impact he could have when his own life seemed in turmoil. Placed on a team with six strangers who wore pink bras outside their shirts, Dusty knew that although he may be a rookie to this fight, these ladies had been here before.

"You're going to wear this," one of the volunteers said as she handed Dusty his first-ever pink bra. And Dusty knew she was not taking no for an answer...saying "Ok, I'll wear it just this ONE time."

"I knew the second I broke out of my comfort zone and

strapped on that massive pink bra, this would be a turning point in my life. And I don't mean by changing my sexual orientation," he quips.

The next year a walker named SuzyQ offered to make Dusty a custom bra. Before he knew it, Dusty was receiving bras from all over the country. The sight of this husky bald man wearing a cowboy hat, jeans and pink bra was so remarkable he was on his way to becoming one of the most distinguishable characters of the cause.

And while Dusty was doing his part to raise awareness, the women involved in the fight were doing their part to inspire him, elevate his spirits, and deliver him to what he feels is his true calling.

"There were times when I would think to myself, 'how can I put on this silly bra and serve as a cheerleader when I've got nothing left,'" he says. "But then I'd get out there and see real determination in the eyes and hearts of these women, and in that I'd gain strength. In those three days, all I knew was that these women needed me. And strangely enough, I needed them even more."

They say lightning doesn't strike twice, but that's not always the case with cancer. In 2008, the mother of Dusty's daughters, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was shocked...feeling that I had somehow covered those close to me in some kind of protective veil of safety that breast cancer could not touch," he says. "Logic told me I had to put my emotions



Colt Cheerleaders Show Big at Cheer Camp

The Sonora Middle School Cheerleaders and Mascot attended UCA camp at Angelo State University in July. The girls participated in numerous activities such as dance and jump classes, leadership training, and stunt training. Each day the squad was evaluated on their cheer and dance routines, where they received four superior ratings and won 2nd place in Junior High cheer! The cheerleaders would like to thank the community for all of their support and are ready to cheer on the Colts this year!

Servin' Up Great Volleyball Action

The 2012 volleyball season kicked off Monday, August 6th, with all girls' high school athletes grades 9-12 reporting for their first practice at 8:00 a.m. "This year promises to be VERY exciting," said Coach Amanda Rollert. "The whisper of newness throughout the district also promises to be the catalyst to create new traditions as well for both boys' and girls' Fall sports."

"We have a very competitive pre-district season and a solid district line-up. I have been thrilled with the young ladies who have come out for volleyball this season. I am eager to continue to work with these young women on their fundamentals and specific game strategies to raise our level of play and encourage our young athletes to focus on mistake-FREE ball. Obviously, we want to focus on playing "clean" ball from the 7th grade level through varsity."

"I believe we have the coaching staff in place to accomplish these goals," said Rollert. "We have Coach Don Brown and Coach Chrystal Ruiz focusing efforts with our youngest athletes in the 7th and 8th grades and both of these coaches have put in hours of court time already helping as two-a-days began last week. Rich Dozier will be assisting the high school program as the Fresh and JV coach."

"I would like to thank the community for all the support given to our athletes in the past seasons, and I would like to invite the community to follow our upcoming season as it promises to be quite exciting. Good Luck to ALL Fall athletes and Let's Go Broncos!!!"

Congressman Canseco Visits Sonora, Talks With Local Businesses And Residents

Sonora, TX - Congressman Francisco "Quico" Canseco (TX-23), a former small business owner and strong supporter of keeping taxes low, visited with local business owners and community leaders of Sonora on Tuesday.

Congressman Canseco's visit to Sonora included several meetings with small businesses and local leaders. The visit began with a meeting that included Sonora Mayor Smith Neal and City Manager Charlie Graves, where the discussion centered on local infrastructure projects and the challenges of providing rural health care. "I enjoyed getting the chance to sit down with Mayor Neal and City Manager Graves and listen to what they're working on in Sonora, as well as to discuss how I can be of further assistance to the community and serve as a resource," said Congressman Canseco. "We also discussed the challenges of providing health care in rural areas, and I assured Mayor Neal I understand this challenge and that I will continue working to protect the ability of residents in rural areas to have access to quality, affordable health care," Canseco said.

Canseco later attended the Sonora Downtown Lions Club meeting, where he provided members with a brief legislative update about the latest happenings in the House of Representatives. While attending the Sonora Downtown Lions Club meeting, Congressman Canseco had the opportunity to listen to their concerns, some of which included the importance of repealing Obamacare, how burdensome over-regulation by Washington is on small businesses, and how we need to fully repeal the Death Tax.

"Obamacare is bad for both the economy and the health care of Americans. It is a government takeover of health care that puts Washington bureaucrats in charge of your health care to make decisions that you and your doctor should make. Furthermore, it cuts over half a trillion dollars from Medicare to pay for other spending, jeopardizing seniors' access to health

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Senior Center Activities

Thurs. August 9 - Work on Puzzle
 Fri. August 10 - Shopping w/Lilia Flores
 Mon. August 13- Happy Birthday Lidia Reina
 Betty Stephens
 Pole Garza
 Tues. August 14 - Happy Birthday Hipolito Gutierrez
 Wed. August 15 - Happy Birthday Noemi Prieto

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. August 9 - Lemon pepper chicken, brown rice, milk broccoli, Calico slaw, bread, strawberries
 Fri. August 10 - Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, milk onions, pickles, baked beans, baked fries, peaches
 Mon. August 13 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, baked zucchini tossed salad, garlic toast, apricots, milk
 Tues. August 14 - Salisbury steak, herb new potatoes, milk carrots, wheat bread, strawberries w/topping
 Wed. August 15 - Baked chicken, brown rice, broccoli, milk wheat bread, bananas in orange juice, cookie

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).

Texas A&M's Ram Test Moves To San Angelo

SONORA/SAN ANGELO – The annual ram performance test, which was conducted for decades at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora, is moving, said the test's coordinator.

Dr. Dan Waldron, AgriLife Research geneticist at San Angelo, said current staffing reductions at Sonora necessitated the change. "The 2012-2013 test set to begin in mid-September with a similar format and calendar to previous years will be conducted at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo," Waldron said. "We are currently notifying previous participants of the change."

Anyone planning to submit rams for testing is asked to contact Waldron by Aug. 15 at 325-653-4576 or d-waldron@tamuedu. Doing so will give him an idea of the pen space needed and the amount of feed to order, he said.

"We have adequate facilities to test 60 to 70 rams," Waldron said. "If entries are expected to exceed our pen capacity here at San Angelo, we will either limit the number of entries or explore different options, so knowing the headcount now before the actual test begins is important." Waldron said the performance test typically includes some of the top Rambouillet genetics in the world.

"Since its start in 1948, the Sonora Ram Performance Test has been conducted for the main purpose of identifying and documenting superior rams to be used for flock improvement," Waldron said. "Though we are moving locations, that purpose will remain the same."

For more information on the Sonora ram test, contact Waldron or Dr. Frank Crad-

dock, Texas AgriLife Extension Service state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, at 325-653-4576.

The test program's website can be found at sanangelo.tamuedu under the "performance tests" link.

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Breast Cancer :Continued From Front Page

aside and remember that I am the guy who tells countless women that they beat this. But this time, it was different. I would be saying this to the mother of my daughters."

Dusty fights back tears as he recalls the day his now 12 year old daughter Tegan asked him if she too would get breast cancer. "But daddy...Nana had it, Mommy had it. Does that mean I'll get it too?"

Genetic testing later revealed that Dusty's two daughters do not carry the feared BRCA gene mutation.

"But that is no guarantee," he says, "that my girls won't someday have to fight this fight." So for them and countless others out there, Dusty continues to help raise awareness through his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/DustyShowsThe2nd-Basemen>, website www.the2ndbasemen.org, and appearances on radio and TV shows including The Oprah Show, Daytime and The Stupid Cancer Show.com, to name a few.

At a 3-day walk in Boston in July 2010, Dusty met Mara Gorden, a fellow breast cancer advocate. Dusty was in town walking with a large Boston team and Mara was walking in her first 3-day event to honor a dear friend who had been recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. The week after they met in person, Mara found herself on the other side of the diagnosis. Her first mammogram revealed abnormalities that when surgically removed uncovered an early stage breast cancer.

Dusty was a great supporter and cheerleader to Mara during her battle, listening to her frustrations over doctors visits and the choices that needed to be made. After completing her treatment Mara invited Dusty to return to Boston in 2011 to walk with Mara so she could honor her own battle with the disease. Dusty prefers walking in different cities each year so that he can meet as many people as he can from across the country. Mara was however able to persuade Dusty to come back to Boston. During the months leading up to the event, Mara and Dusty forged a strong friendship and began discussing how they could take their different talents along with their shared vision to help others and turn it into something more.

In September of 2011 Dusty and Mara incorporated the non-profit organization, The 2nd Basemen, Inc. The mission of The 2nd Basemen, Inc. is to enrich the lives of women and men diagnosed with breast cancer and their families. While Dusty, along with many supporters, continues to fight breast cancer in unusual ways, the newly formed organization also raises funds to provide financial assistance for medical bills, family bills

and enrichment, to those directly affected by breast cancer and their families.

On July 28, 2012, at 9am, Dusty departed from Clear Sky Beachside Café, 490 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater, FL, 33767, on an amazing 5 week bike journey across the United States concluding in Los Angeles, California. His journey will be documented by a film student, and everyone will be able to track Dusty online via Face Book and Twitter as he travels across our country. The 2nd Basemen's goal is to raise \$50,000 in 2500 miles. On August 17th he will be making a stop in Sonora at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet Mr. Shows.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Sonora Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, August 29, 2012 in the Board Room, Vocational Building, 605 Prospect Sonora, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04 / \$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$.05 / \$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	16.34	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	.62	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	14.51	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 812,912,349	\$ 776,428,612
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 2,759,32	\$ 2,222,795
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 781,952,676	\$ 739,983,353
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,444,046	\$ 1,992,302

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(217), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 800,000.00
 * Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.07989 *	\$ 1.11989	\$ 8733	\$ 8159
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04719	\$.11126 **	\$ 1.15846	\$ 8961	\$ 4161
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$.05000 **	\$ 1.09000	\$ 8355	\$ 3825

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 89,948	\$ 89,748
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 54,093	\$ 56,326
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.11989	\$ 1.09000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 605.67	\$ 613.95
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 8.28

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 12,560,930
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 839,724

Thank You Notes

Jamie Chavez and his family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the Sonora community for all the love, support and encouragement given to Jamie during his recent illness. To all the Sonora church leaders and congregations who offered prayers for Jamie, we are thankful. We know your prayers continue to have a tremendous effect on his ongoing recovery. To the doctors, nurses and staff of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Menorail Hospital and the Sonora Medical Clinic, we cannot express enough appreciation and gratitude. The care, attention and compassion you showed to Jamie as he loved and visted with you for the past months were beyond outstanding. (Lord knows it was not always easy!) To all our Sonora friends and family who sent flowers and cards, made telephone calls, and made visits to the hospital and our home, we thank you for the time you spent to wish Jamie and our family well. What a blessing it is to be a part of the Sonora community!

We Love you,
 Jamie and Andrea Chavez
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 Monica Chavez Buitron

It has been 3 weeks since our dad has passed and we are still receiving so much love and support from the community of Sonora. Carrying a broken heart for a daddy's girl is the hardest thing I have ever done and with this comes failure to think clear. I would like to thank the wives of my brothers Cynthia, Victoria and Grace Luna. Thank you for the love you have for my brothers and for blessing us with your beautiful children. Thank you to my husband Allan Bantay as he has kept it together and has been so helpful. Also, thank you to the pallbearers Jesse Caldera, Demetrio Castro, Angel Buitron, David Buitron, Billy Gonzales, and Carlos Gallegos. Thank you for your love and kindness Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Caldera, Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Gandar, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gandar, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fuentes, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholes, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Galvan, Ms. Mary Gail Galvan, Wilma Villanueva, Lilia Cervantez, Stripes 191, Rosey Bud Florist and many more that have supported us through prayers. And because it will never be enough for everything our beautiful mom has done and gone through, thank you a million more times mom for your sincere love towards our dad. We love you!

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August 11 - Kyle, TX: Stock Car Racing at Thunderhill
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Game Warden Field Notes

Oops, We Did It Again

A Red River County game Warden and two Bowie County game wardens received information about a possible road hunting incident near a residence. The property owner and his wife were outside at the time and after hearing shots, the husband, who had been drinking, jumped into his

vehicle and began to chase the hunters. While in pursuit, in an attempt to stop the hunters the man began shooting a pistol out of his window. The man rammed the hunters' vehicle and in the process flipped his vehicle over and suffered serious injuries. The hunters had called 911 to report they were

being shot at. When wardens contacted the suspected road hunters, they denied having weapons and shooting at anything. Unaware that their 911 call had not been dropped as they believed, in the background officials could clearly hear someone say, "hide the gun in them woods," and "not that far, we're gonna come back and get it tonight." After hearing the 911 tape, the three hunters gave statements admitting to shooting at multiple animals from the road that day as well as committing multiple burglaries of habitations and storage buildings in the Dekalb area. Wardens also interviewed the hunters about a year-long investigation regarding the slaying of an 8-point buck last August in Red River County. The hunters admitted to being on the ranch illegally and shooting the buck leaving it to waste. A

total of 24 cases were filed on the three individuals. Meanwhile, the overzealous property owner was filed on for DWI and deadly conduct.

Misguided

Llano County game warden and a Lampasas County game warden were patrolling Lake LBJ when they stopped a fishing guide. The guide has been known to keep undersized fish in the past, and after a quick water safety inspection the wardens inspected an ice chest full of fish which included some that were undersized. The wardens took the guide and fish onto their boat and measured all the fish. They found eight undersized crappie and one undersized black bass. Citations were issued and all the fish were seized.

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Sonora Elementary will have their beginning of year Parent Orientation Meeting on August 24 from 9:15-10:00 in the library followed by Meet the Teacher from 10:00-11:30. General information about the upcoming school year will be presented during the meeting, and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Our staff will watch school-age students on the playground during the meeting.

Mandatory meeting for parents who have children enrolled in our PK or Kindergarten Dual Language program. The meeting will be on Tuesday, August 21 at 5:00 in the library. Due to enrollment numbers, a lottery may be required for placement. If you have questions, please call 387-6940 ext.3101. Failure to attend could result in your child being withdrawn from the class.

75th LIONS CLUB AUCTION/ 4TH GEORGE WALLACE & PRESTON LOVE MEMORIAL DINNER-October 16th at Sutton County Civic Center. We need monetary donations and items for the auction. Lions Club supports community activities and offers student scholarships each year. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Janalyn Jones at 226-0067 or Jim Garrett at 206-1060.

Farmer's Market will be at the corner of Concho and Main St. every Tuesday from 7:00AM - until sold out.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 5th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 15, 2012. Your support is appreciated!

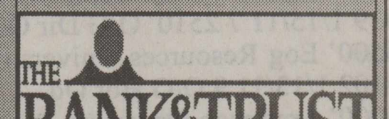
Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Art Classes the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Stricklan 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

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Check out 4-H During "Meet The Teacher" Day!

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

With school starting back in a couple of weeks, families are busy preparing for it. There are supplies and clothes to buy, schedules to plan, and last-minute vacations. It's also a good time to check out 4-H program as the new school year starts. Check us out during "Meet The Teacher" Day!

4-H is for youth in 3rd -12th grade, and there are lots of projects to choose from. The main objective is to help youth acquire leadership skills and sense of duty; induce qualities such as commitment, determination, and patience; practice sportsmanship; and basically develop youth into responsible adults. However, record-keeping, time management and communication skills can also be acquired through participation.

So, if you'd like involvement in an activity that's fun, challenging, and provides learning experiences...here's your chance! Sutton County 4-H will be on-campus at the Mid-

dle School on the mornings of August 23rd and the Intermediate School on August 24th during "Meet The Teacher Day". Stop by to visit between 9 and noon (we'll have goody bags).

In the meantime, let's look at a couple of examples of what 4-H can offer.

Livestock. One 4-H project currently underway is the market lambs/goats project. Some strong advantages include: it can be a short term project (3 to 5 months), it is usually very safe for young children and little equipment is needed. In addition to exhibition, 4-H'ers can participate in record book competitions, public speaking, educational demonstrations, wool judging, and can develop breeding projects. The 4-H sheep/goat project, because of this flexibility, has much to offer. Moreover, these activities promote family involvement.

The Photography And Wildlife (P.A.W.s) project com-

bines two subject areas. Youth can enroll in an 8-week program that teaches wildlife science along with photography skills. The group meets once a week for an hour; each week provides a new learning experience.

Of course, 4-H has much more to offer. Possibilities include shooting sports, poetry, range science, comedy, drama, dance, outdoor education, clothing & textiles, horticulture, entomology, and MUCH more!

Want more details? Contact Sutton County Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez at 387-3101.



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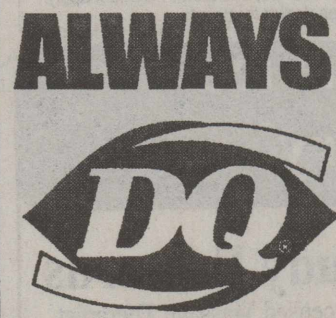
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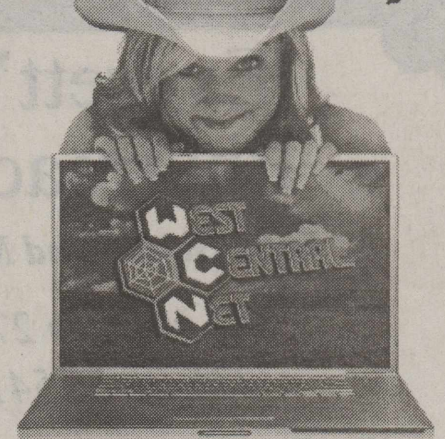
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Help Wanted: Best Western Sonora Inn is now hiring for Front Desk & Housekeeping. Apply in person @ 270 Hwy 277 N, Sonora, TX.

The City of Sonora is accepting applications for the position of Court Clerk/Cashier. Individual will process citations and citation payments, communicate with public on citations, set up court dates, and must maintain confidentiality. Individual must have a high school diploma or GED. To obtain an application, please come by City Hall, 201 E. Main St., Sonora, Texas 76950 or call (325)387-2558. Applications will only be accepted until August 10, 2012.

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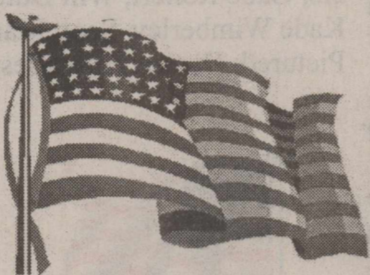
Commercial Property
For Rent: Former site of Ol' Sonora Trading, next door to Sonic. FMI contact Tom Clifton at 972-415-8502

Garage Sale

Garage Sale: 114 First Street, Sinaloa. August 9th, 9:00AM - ? Rustic armoire, crib that converts into infant bed, clothes and many other items.

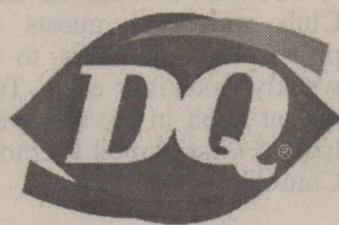
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
The Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed budget for FY13 on Monday, August 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Sutton County Courthouse Annex. Any citizen wishing to view the proposed budget may do so at the office of the Sutton County Judge at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to §152.013(b) Local Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Sutton County Commissioners Court proposes to increase the salaries of its elected officials for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The salaries of the County Judge, County and District Clerk, Tax Assessor, Sheriff, Treasurer, Auditor, and Justice of the Peace, will increase by \$1772.53 yearly. The salary of the County Attorney will increase by \$1301.00, and the salary of the County Commissioners Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, will increase by \$437.00 yearly.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO TENANTS OF INTENT TO SALE.
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Sonora, TX, Sutton County will begin to sell contents of one (1) storage unit on August 17, 2012 to satisfy back rents owed. Tenant is: Coral Young
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SONORA ISD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for two DISCOVERY ZONE AIDE (after school care) positions. These positions are Monday through Friday, 2:00 - 5:30. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho or by downloading an application at www.sonoraisd.net. EOE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS
The City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Economic Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for the following project:
Proposed community development project to provide \$28,000 to the City of Sonora for their portion of a Capital Improvement Project to make improvements to Sonora Municipal Airport. These improvements include replacing the fuel lines and correcting existing drainage problems.
The hearing will be held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.
All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

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Lions Roar



Members and guests were welcomed by Vice-president James Hartman. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced at last week's meeting, but one very important anniversary was overlooked. Beto Duran and his lovely wife celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on August 10th. The business discussion included reminders about the teacher's welcome hamburger supper on August 20th and the

annual auction scheduled for October 16th. Lion Sam Kent mentioned that TxDot is conducting a public meeting at the Sutton County Civic Center on August 20th to outline work on the roads in Sonora.

3rd Vice-president Scott Jordan introduced Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent. Mr. Hernandez presented today's program which was "Ag Updates 2012". He provided informa-

tion on various animal diseases. He also announced that the Extension office is hosting a Ranch Herd Management Workshop on August 15th which will focus on economic factors related to drought.

Sonora Downtown Lions Club welcomes guests and prospective members to our weekly meeting each Tuesday at noon in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church.

THANK YOU!
The 7 on 7 football players would like to say "Thank You" to all of those who supported us and the 7 on 7 program this summer. Go Broncos!!!



Front Row: Hunter Hughes, Ricky Martinez, Sid Anderson, Rhett Guerra, Brett Castillo
Middle Row: Erasmo Esquivel, Quealy Shain, Louie Castro, Dustin Holmes, Tanner Myers, Gabe Rollert, Will Dutton
Back Row: Hagen Kennedy, Michael Rollert, Elijah Cross, Kade Wimberley, Scott Martinez, Andres Acevedo, Jonathan Martinez, Blake Esparza (Not Pictured: Damon Evans, Jesus Vasquez, Joseph Hudson, Andy Samaniego, & Cody Barber)

Sonora Middle School Registration



Canseco: Continued From Front Page

care. Obamacare is bad for our economy because of all of the mandates and tax increases, and it creates uncertainty for small businesses and has left many small business owners unsure of how they will pay the new costs associated with complying with the law. Another concern I heard from Lions Club members was the need to fully repeal the Death Tax, and how if we don't, this unfair tax will continue to negatively affect family farmers and ranchers, preventing them from passing along the farm or ranch intact to future generations," said Canseco. "I always enjoy the opportunity to meet with the constituents of the 23rd District of Texas. It allows me to take their common-sense feedback with me to the House of Representatives as we work on solutions to get our nation and economy turned around," concluded Congressman Canseco.



Sonora Middle School Registration and "Meet the Teachers" has been scheduled for August 23rd. 6th grade will come by to pick up schedules at 9:00am, 7th grade at 10:00am and 8th grade at 11:00am. We encourage all students to come by and register, pick up schedules, textbooks, and meet the teachers. There will be a brief parent meeting before registration time. We encourage all parents to attend.

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

- If **SUTTON COUNTY** adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.445236 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$10,429.
- If **SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.139907 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$2,835.
- If **CITY OF SONORA** adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.541535 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$2,533.

UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	BALANCE
Sutton County	General Fund	\$ 2,102,000
	FM&FC	\$ 526,686
Hospital District	General Maintenance	\$ 350,000
City of Sonora	Restricted Fund	\$ 1,375,000
	Unrestricted Fund	\$ 827,143

STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE FOR SUTTON COUNTY

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$13,175 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2011, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculation at Sutton County Appraisal District.

Mary Bustamante
Chief Appraiser

August 13, 2012

2012 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SUTTON COUNTY, SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SONORA

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for Sutton County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County FM&FC	County Hospital	City of Sonora
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,764,728	\$ 594,256	\$ 1,092,378	\$ 670,224
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,764,728	\$ 594,256	\$ 1,092,378	\$ 670,224
Last year's tax base	\$ 782,293,768	\$ 780,262,492	\$ 806,861,850	\$ 113,783,427
Last year's total tax rate	\$.353413/\$100	\$.076161/\$100	\$.135386/\$100	\$.539900/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,764,727	\$ 594,255	\$ 1,092,377	\$ 614,316
=This year's adjusted tax base (After subtracting value of new Property)	\$ 754,748,759	\$ 752,923,252	\$ 780,783,237	\$ 113,439,742
=This year's effective tax rate	\$.366310/\$100	\$.078926/\$100	\$.139907/\$100	\$.541535/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.445236/\$100			

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property and Adjusting for any transferred function, Tax increment financing, state criminal Justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent Health care expenditures)				
	\$ 2,764,727	\$ 594,255	\$ 1,212,243	\$ 614,316
=This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 754,748,759	\$ 752,923,252	\$ 780,783,237	\$ 113,439,742
=This year's effective operating Rate	\$.366310/\$100	\$.078926/\$100	\$.155259/\$100	\$.541535/\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum Operating rate	\$.395614/\$100	\$.085240/\$100	\$.167679/\$100	\$.584857/\$100
+This year's debt rate	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	\$.395614/\$100	\$.085240/\$100	\$.167679/\$100	\$.584857/\$100
For each fund				
This year's total rollback rate	\$.480854/\$100			

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