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## Regular Meeting of the Hospital Board

By Ben D. Taylor

On May 13th, 2013 the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Board met for their regular meeting at the Sutton County Health Center. Board president Prestin Faris called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. and then led those in attendance in a prayer.

The first action taken by the board was to approve the minutes from their regular meeting on April 8th and the special meeting on May 6th. Gary Leonard made the motion to approve the minutes (after a few suggested changes by board members) and Lance Castro seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Hospital CEO Keith Butler then opened the discussion regarding the Sutton Counties Appraisal Districts report. "2013 estimates are in and it's a significant drop from last year. It's a drop of 182 million dollars (3.5 cents on the effective rate), mineral values are down and Natural Gas is depressed." He added that, "Our effective rate goes up and down over the years but it's important to note that the hospital district hasn't raised taxes in year. The lowest it has been has been .06 cents and the highest is .20 cents. Our tax dollars makes over one million dollars a year for the hospital. That money

goes to pay for charity and bad debt."

The board then went on to approve George Reichel MD and Michael Kim MD to the consulting staff as was recommended by the medical staff. Other action taken by the board before closing into executive session was to approve the May 2013 expenditures.

At 6:30 p.m. the board excused the audience in order to go into executive session in order to discuss personnel action, if any, in regard to hospital administrator Keith

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## John Duke Hudson Leaves Charleston on a High Note

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Senior John Duke Hudson (Sonora, Texas) has played in nearly every golf tournament for the College of Charleston men's golf team over the last four years and is someone CofC head coach Mark McEntire said is a big part of the program.

Hudson won the Invitational at the Ocean Course tournament his sophomore year and had seven top-10 performances during his career. Following his junior year Hudson was honored by being named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar, an award that combines athletic and academic performance.

On his experience at the College of Charleston?

"It has been a blessing to me and my family and everyone around me. It's been unbelievable and I've met a lot of great people and made a lot of friends. Charleston is a special place. It is really breathtaking just walking through the city right now. It's been a special experience living here and getting to play golf here."

On his future plans?

"I'm moving back to a town in Texas close to my hometown and am going to turn professional, something I'm looking forward to doing. I was a double business major, so I'm going to get my real-estate license and help my swing coach out. He owns a golf management company. I'll be doing that and looking forward to the opportunity to play professional golf. I feel like the College of Charleston and everyone here have helped prepare me for success in the future."

CofC head coach Mark McEntire on John Duke Hudson

"I think John Duke Hudson has done a tremendous job for our program. He is going to leave here second in all-time wins in the history of our program. It has been a lot of fun to coach him and I know we will stay in touch and continue to build our relationship in the future."

## Savannah Leonard Outstanding Student



Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources held their Honors Banquet on April 26, 2013. Savannah Leonard was named the outstanding student for the agricultural communications department. She was also recognized for completing a congressional internship for Representative Mike Conaway (TX-11) this past summer in Washington, D.C. Savannah is a candidate for graduation in May.



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THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



## Sam Powers Signs with Sul Ross Rodeo Team



On April 2, 2013, Sam Powers signed his letter of intent for Sul Ross University to compete on the men's rodeo team. Powers will be competing in three events: tie down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping. On April 5, 2013, Sam Powers went to Andrews, TX to compete in the Region

II Finals. Sam won the steer wrestling for the year and the All-Around saddle. Sam will be competing at the state rodeo competition in June in Abilene, TX and will be competing in tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping. The Powers family would like to thank everyone who attended

Sam's signing especially Mr. Chavarria, Coach Phillips, Sara Friemel and her drama students, Mitzi Friend and Marilyn Woods. Thank you all for making this day so special.

The Powers Family

## State Track Meet



By Tiffany Weston

Oh my, where to begin??? In 2010, when the class of 2013 were freshman I remember crying the whole way home from Odessa. We were all broken hearted about not advancing anyone to State. Together we vowed to change that! It is truly amazing how much the program and the girls have improved since then. I couldn't have asked for a more perfect end to this season. Everyone knows the trials and triumphs that have been set before Jaye and Av-

ery. Both together on the 2010 team. Avery out with a knee injury in 2011 and Jaye in 2012. Back together again for the first time since their freshman year, they both left Austin, Texas with a medal around their neck. Jaye placed 3rd in the long jump with a jump of 18' 2.5" and Avery ran a new personal and school record time of 44.4 in the 300 hurdles to earn 3rd as well. Along with them at the state meet were a couple of under classmen who get to continue this Lady Bron-

co Track & Field tradition. Our sprint relay ran a season best time of 49.8 to finish 7th in the State. This relay was run by Macie Friess, Abby Nolen, Jacinda Sanchez, and Avery Nolen. The 800 relay also finished 7th in the state with a time of 1:45.8, run by Avery Nolen, Jacinda Sanchez, Abby Nolen, and Jomayra Gutierrez. The present and the future look bright for these Ladies. Im proud to say that both Jaye and Avery plan to continue their athletic careers at the college level.

### Senior Center Activities

Thurs. May-  
Fri. May-  
Mon. May-  
Tues. May-  
Wed. May

### Senior Center Menu

Thurs.  
Fri.  
Mon.  
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Wed.

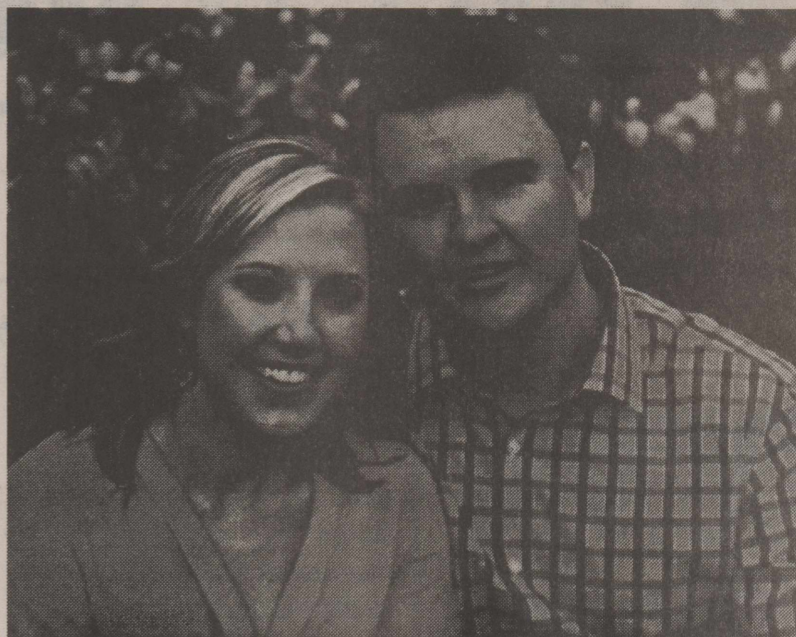
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\$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

## Night Golf Thank You

Sonora 8th grade Washington DC kids would like to say a HUGE thank you to the community. The first annual night golf tournament was held on April 20th and turned out great! None of this would have been possible without the support from everyone. We had 71 golfers participate and over \$6500 was raised! This money will go directly to the 8th graders that will be visiting Washington DC and New York, June 2nd-6th. The Sonora Golf Club graciously allowed us to use the course. Tee-off was at 5:30 for the daytime golf and the 4-man teams played nine holes before coming in to eat a tasty chicken, sausage, and bean meal provided by Genaro Marin and Nabors Well Service. After eating and bidding on some great silent auction items, the night golf balls were handed out to the teams to begin their night-time adventure. When all was said and done (around 1:30 AM), the team of Clint/Heather Cearley and Cole/Heather Cearley came out on top. A good time was had by all!

The students would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to the following silent auction donors: Clint Roepke, Sonora Golf Club, Jet Specialty, Grandma's House, Nabor's Well Service, Jerry Jimenez, Comfort Inn, Consuelo Ranch, Kristy Edwards, Sarah's Hair Design, La Mexicana, Parker Lumber, Pedro Rodriguez, KJ's BBQ, RLO Partnership, Hudspeth Hospital, Best Western, Henry's Diner, State Farm Insurance-San Angelo, JMC Transport, Rafter W, Sonora Wool House, Brownwood Country Club, Sonora Bank, Sonora Contractors, Randy and Janell Sparks, Mercantile on Main, X-Chem, High Mount, HodgePodgees, National Oilwell Varco, Leo's Tire Service, AJ Hernandez, Emma Galvan, and Creek Swabbing. Thank you!


## Engagement



Kent and Donna Payne of Lubbock, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Payne, to Cody Mason both of Dallas, Texas. Cody is the son of Steve and Susan Mason of Brownfield, Texas.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Wilton and Dixie Payne of Tahoka, Texas and the late Dorman and Naomi Ruth Thomas. Cody is the grandson of Bill and Betty Stewart of Sonora, Texas and Novella and the late Weldon Mason of Meadow, Texas. The bride elect graduated from Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is employed by the Mesquite Employee Health Center Pharmacy. The future bridegroom graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by Texas AirSystems Inc.

The couple will marry July 6th at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.



## Sonora Church Directory

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### Graduate Selections


Jason Alamen	Darien Lopez
Olivia Banda	Scott Martinez
Abby Creek	Michael McBride (Jansen)
Blake Esparza	Glenna McKenzie
Damon Evans	Micaela Moore
Kelsey Favila	Avery Nolan
Adriana Faz	Philiph Onofre
Owen Friess	Marcu Parks
Anna Gallegos	Gunter Pennington
Taylor Hampton	Sam Powers
Emilce Hernandez	Jacinda (Jaye) Sanchez
Whitly Hernandez	Michael Sanchez
Kory Humphrey	Paige Sykes
Rebekah Infante	Jesus Vasquez Jr.
Stella Ingham	Lino Villanueva IV
	Kade Wimberley

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Don Barker

Samantha Tidwell  
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Corey Roberts



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## Study Compares Recent Drought To 1950S On Woody Plant Dieback

COLLEGE STATION – Scientists with Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife Research had a unique opportunity to compare recent patterns of drought-induced woody plant mortality on the Edwards Plateau in Texas to the extended drought of the 1950s.

Dr. Bill Rogers, an associate professor in the Texas A&M ecosystem science and management department, said it is important to understand how climatic extremes such as drought cause shifts in vegetation.

These shifts can alter semi-arid ecosystems, potentially affecting the abundance of forage and browse available for livestock and wildlife, as well as land/atmosphere feedbacks, carbon and water cycles, and disturbance dynamics, Rogers said.

A recently completed study led by two doctoral students

from Rogers' research lab, Dirac Twidwell and Carissa Wonka, examining the effects of severe drought on woody plants in Texas will be featured in the international journal, Applied Vegetation Science.

"This is one of the first assessments of the effects our recent drought has had on native vegetation," Rogers said. "It is also particularly novel because we are able to compare our findings to a study that was conducted at the same research site during the drought of the 1950s."

The research site was the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station in Sonora, managed by Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor. Following the drought from 1951-1957, a study was

conducted at the site to quantify rates of dieback for various woody plant species.

In 2011, during the most severe drought on record since the 1950s, the study was repeated in the same long-term grazing treatments established in 1948. The primary species they looked at were southern live oak, scrub oak or sandpaper oak, persimmon, and Ashe juniper or blueberry juniper.

Twidwell said the study, in addition to comparing the patterns of drought-induced woody plant dieback to that from the extended drought of the 1950s, was designed to determine if composition of the woody plant community shifts consistently across the landscape following dieback, or if shifts depend on differ-

ences among species, soils, land use and plant demography.

The study showed the recent severe droughts across Texas resulted in high levels of woody plant dieback in areas that have for decades experienced woody encroachment, he said. Periodic drought events since 2000 killed nearly 25 percent of woody plants and decreased woody plant cover 18 percent.

However, measurements taken after the 1950s drought ended showed woody plant cover had decreased 44 percent compared to pre-drought estimates taken in 1949, Twidwell said.

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Butler. About an hour later the board re-convened into open session where no action was taken on anything discussed in closed session.

The board then went on to discuss and approve the chain of command policy regarding the CEO, COO and department heads. Lance Castro made a motion to accept the new policy as stated and Edward Earwood seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-3 vote and was effective immediately.

This new policy lays out the specific authority relationship between the Hospital CEO, COO, and department heads. Specifically that the CEO has authority over the COO in all departments with the exception of the EMS as long as the EMS employs family members of the CEO. In that case the COO will report directly to the Hospital Board on matters pertaining to EMS. A full copy of this policy will be printed in next week's edition.

Next on the agenda were visitor comments, where the board called Stacy Fisher to speak. She expressed her disappointment in the board's availability, "I am extremely disappointed. I only contacted 3 of you. I would request that the hospital district set up email so that people can contact you. It would be nice if all the board members contact info were listed. I am not asking for personal information (as you all have lives and jobs) just for some way for us to get in touch with you." She then went on to express her displeasure over an incident she heard about where Hospital CEO had used her name (among others) in a derogatory fashion while in a conversation with hospital employees.

Board President Faris called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

### Property Owners Can Protest Property Appraisal Values

Property owners who disagree with the Sutton County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2013 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 08, 2013.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2013 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors, except in Harris and Fort Bend Counties where a local administrative judge makes the appointments. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the owner.

The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication, *Property Taxpayer Remedies*.

Copies are available from the SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT at 300 E. Oak St., Ste. 2, Sonora, Texas. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

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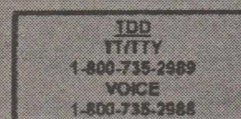
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PROJECT GRADUATION-Graduation is THIS month!! The all-night lock in party held at Sonora High School for Seniors and Juniors after Graduation..To provide an alcohol/drug free place to celebrate one of the most exciting times of their lives. Our community plays a vital role in the success of the programs for our youth. We appreciate any and all contributions to help plan this event. Please send your contributions to Project graduation P.O. Box 993 Sonora, TX 76950. Feel free to call if u have any questions Louise Dermody 325-226-3887 or Bonnie Lou Campbell 325-650-2062

The Old Ice House Ranch Museum needs an old oak ice box to display in the Museum! Can you help?

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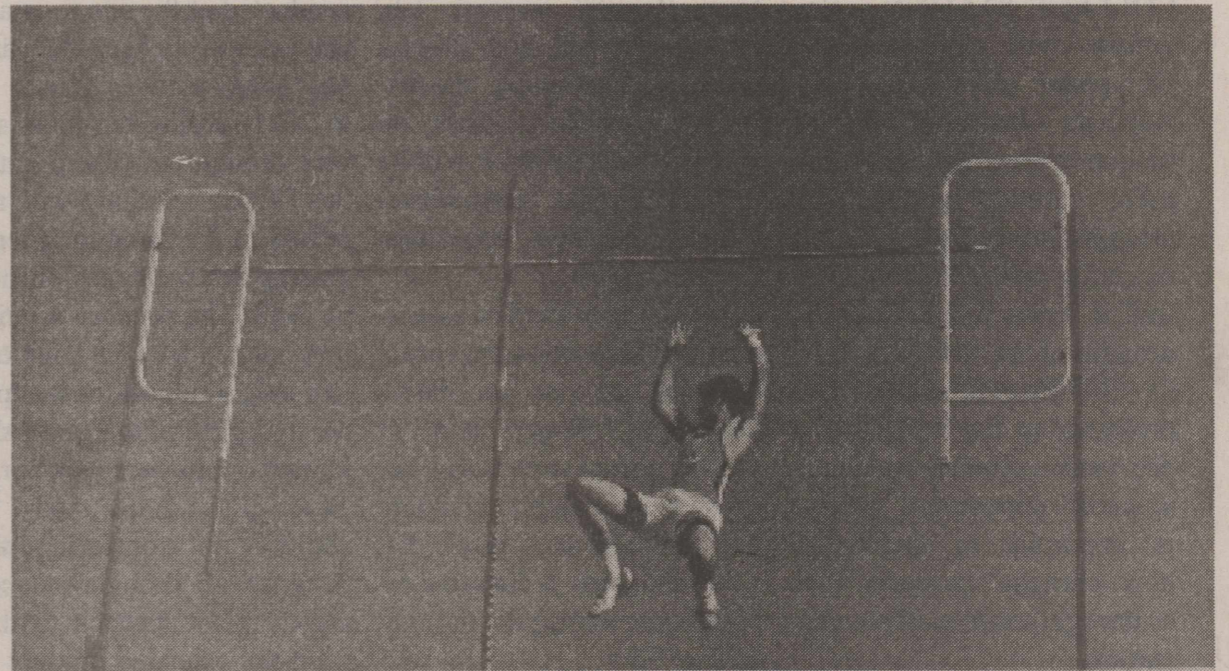
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Would like to Thank all those that made it a success

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## Grandson of Sonora Residents Wins State At Pole Vault



Hunter Webb, Grandson of Wayne and Barbara Webb of Sonora, has taken the Texas High School Pole Vaulting world by storm. He has won 1st in his district, 1st in area, 1st in regionals, and first in state (with a height of 15'6"). In area he moved to the top spot among all class 3A pole vaulters by clearing 16-0 (breaking his school record).

## Texas Comptroller's Office Helps Property Taxpayers Stay Informed of their Rights with Updated Publication

The Texas Comptroller's office has released the 2013 publication *Property Taxpayer Remedies*, a reference guide for property taxpayers which addresses property tax basics, providing a step by step guide on preparing for a protest hearing and what they can do if they are dissatisfied with an appraisal review board's decision.

"As a taxpayer, you should know your rights and understand the options available to you under the law," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "The *Property Taxpayer Remedies* publication is a resource of information for a sometimes complicated process."

*Property Taxpayer Remedies* also provides key dates so property owners know what they must do and when they are required to act to exercise their right to protest.

*Property Taxpayer Remedies* is available from the Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E. Oak St., Suite 2, Sonora, Texas. The publication is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/).

## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
 If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

**SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
 300 E. OAK ST., SUITE 2  
 SONORA, TEXAS 76950

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

**SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
 300 E. OAK ST., SUITE 2  
 SONORA, TEXAS 76950  
 (325) 387-2809

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 for 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later.

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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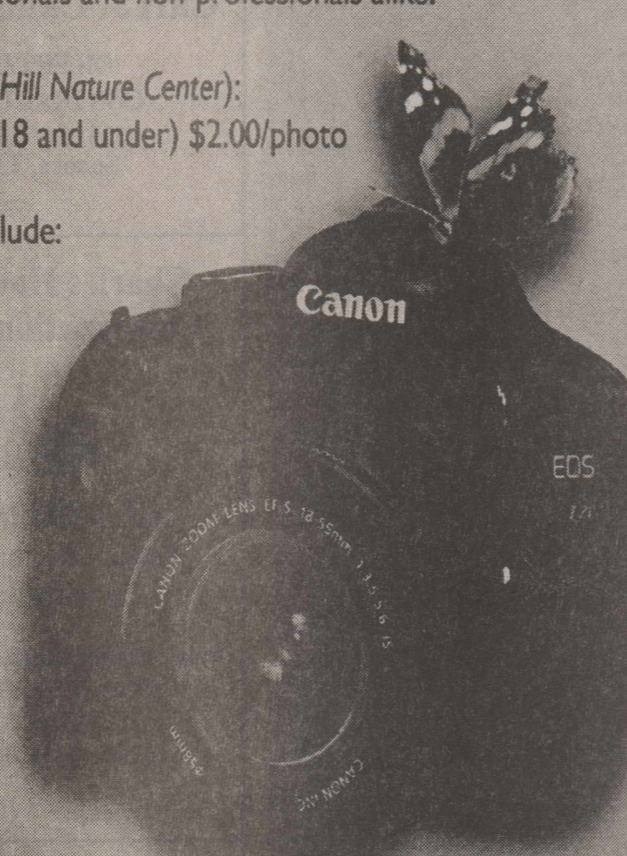
*Get out there this spring!*

Butterflies, birds, perhaps a fox or frog? Who knows what you'll find when you step out into nature. We want to see your best shots from all around the region. This contest is open to adults and children, professionals and non-professionals alike.

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- Natural Landscapes
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Entered photos must be minimum size of 5"x7" and must be matted. Entries will be accepted at Eaton Hill NatureCenter - 500 City Hill Road, Sonora, Texas and at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

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## The Two Faces of Prickly Pear



By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent

The warm weather and recent rain we've enjoyed have also meant a boost for prickly pear. The pads are in flower, and will soon bear fruit. This plant, common throughout much of Texas, is a mixed blessing.

Prickly pear cactus does have beauty. The flowers can be yellow, orange, or red in color and bloom from April to June. Prickly pear can be useful to a variety of animals. It provides cover for birds and wildlife feed on the pads and fruit. It is an especially good source of water for animals in Texas. People can also make use of the fruit, which is eaten raw or in preserves. Tender new pads called "nopales" or "nopalitos" in Spanish, can be eaten as a vegetable.

Prickly pear cactus has been utilized as a forage substitute for cattle and other grazing livestock. In drought conditions the spines are burned off to facilitate consumption. However, most research suggests that it is low in protein and phosphorus, but high in energy, water, and fiber. Therefore, feeding prickly pear will require additional supplementation of protein and phosphorus.

Many view prickly pear as a pest, however. Prickly pear may interfere with movement and handling of livestock and with forage utilization. It also competes with desirable forage plants. Cactus plants are extremely drought-tolerant and are protected from grazing animals by their spines. They have the ability to grow and to increase in abundance very rapidly.

Mechanical brush control efforts have inadvertently done much to spread cactus populations. This is because prickly pear easily roots from pads which are broken off. It is better controlled using herbicides or a combination of herbicides and prescribed fire.

So, is prickly pear friend or foe? That's another one of those "eye of the beholder" things.

For additional information or control methods, contact your Texas AgriLife Extension Office.

### Tammy T. Fisher Attorney at Law & Mediation Services, PLLC

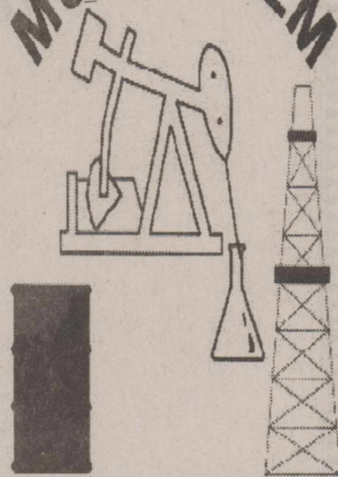


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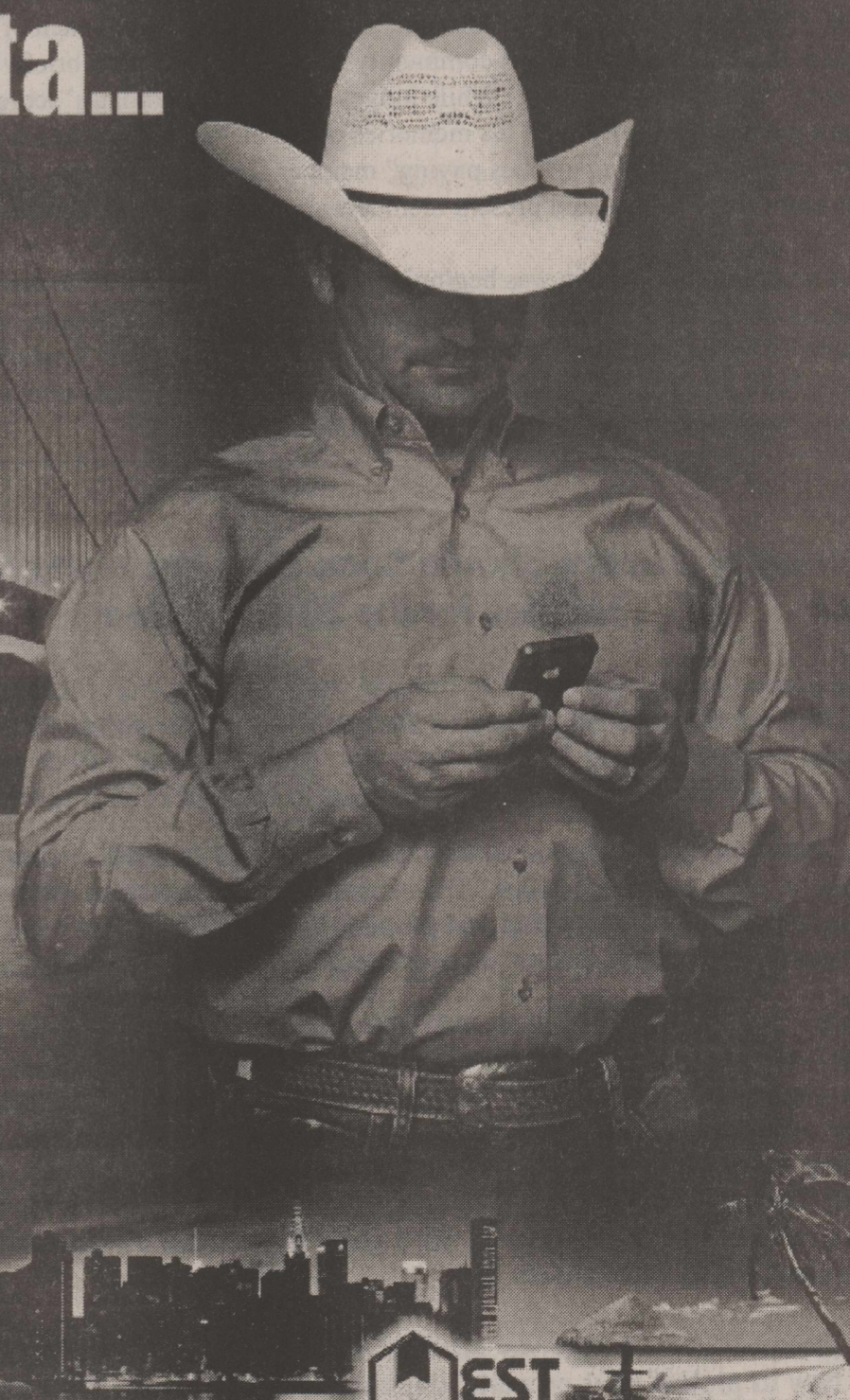
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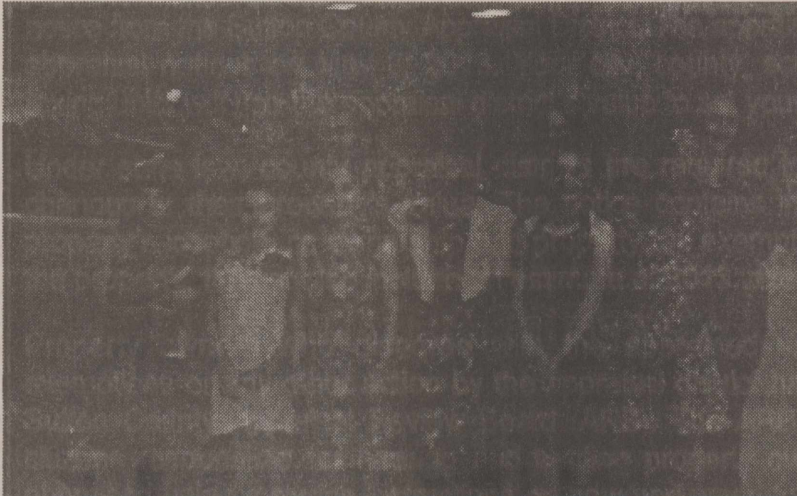
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# 4-H Sewing and Textiles Contest



By Madalyn Fisher

On Saturday April 27, 2013 4-H had a district sewing and textiles contest. There were 11 girls that went to Comfort and 3 girls that sent their projects. Participants choose to do jewelry, sewing, storyboard, embellishments, or buying clothes. We also had Share the Fun that is a contest to help kids with public speaking and performance. For instance you can do singing/music, poetry, slide shows, or story telling, etc. For more information about these or any other projects please call the Sutton County Extension office at (325) 387-3101

**RESULTS - Textile Show**  
**JUNIORS**  
 Abby Bennie  
 Household Item - Participation  
 Jewelry - Participation

Harmony Ramirez  
 Jewelry - Participation  
 Kassandra Lopez  
 Jewelry - Participation  
 Skylar Mogford  
 Accessory - 2nd  
 Household - 3rd  
 Jewelry - 2nd  
 Taryn Mitchell  
 Embellished Item - 3rd  
 Jewelry - 1st  
 Madalyn Fisher  
 Embellished Item - 1st  
 Jewelry - Participation  
 Christina Garcia  
 Jewelry - Participation  
 Jessica Smith  
 Household - Participation  
 Kadee Petty  
 Jewelry - Participation  
 Household - 1st  
 Alyssa Martinez  
 Accessory - 3rd  
 Jewelry - Participation

**INTERMEDIATE**  
 Haley Smith

Household - 2nd  
 Rivers Martinez  
 Jewelry - 3rd  
 Summer Hall  
 Jewelry - 2nd

**SENIOR**  
 Chanel Martinez  
 Jewelry - 2nd

**RESULTS - Fashion Storyboard**  
**JUNIORS**  
 Madalyn Fisher - 3rd  
 Kadee Petty - 4th

**RESULTS - Fashion Show**  
**(Construction)**  
**JUNIORS**  
 Abby Bennie  
 Dress - Participation  
 Jessica Smith  
 Dress - Participation  
 Kodi Davis  
 Dress - Participation  
 Skylar Mogford  
 Dress - Participation  
 Madalyn Fisher  
 Dress - 3rd  
 Alyssa Martinez  
 Dress - 4th  
 Kassandra Lopez  
 Ensembles - 3rd  
 Taryn Mitchell  
 Separates - 1st

**INTERMEDIATES**  
 Summer Hall  
 Separates - 2nd

**SENIORS**  
 Chanel Martinez  
 Dress - 3rd

## The Lions Roar

### SONORA LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 85TH ANNIVERSARY AND RAIN

Sonora Lions Club and community members shared an opportunity to recognize the organization's 85th anniversary on May 9th at the Sutton County Park. The evening festivities were squeezed between bands of thunderstorms that resulted in an appreciable amount of rainfall. The event was marked with a barbeque meal that was prepared by John Henry Rivas and his staff. The brisket plates included camp bread prepared by Edward and Pam Earwood. Cliff and Danine Brister cooked peach cobbler for dessert. It is safe to say that no one left hungry.

While waiting to be served, those attending the event were entertained by "Blind Nello". Included in the band are local musicians Eddie and Diana Arteaga. Delaney Ramsdell joined the musicians as lead vocalists on some of the selections.

Incoming District Governor, Lion Frank Berthold was on hand to show his support for our local club. His term of office begins July 1st. He has much admiration for Sonora Lions Club and appreciates that the District Cabinet Meeting will be hosted locally in October. President Carl Teaff introduced the four queen candidates and asked each of them to speak about their families and school and community activities. They each briefly spoke about the meaning of "community service". While judges tallied the candidates' scores, Lion Albert Ward enlightened the crowd with his memories of the history and evolution of the local club. He can boast of being a "dues paying" member for over fifty years so he definitely has genuine knowledge of past and present members and the club's many projects throughout the years.

Just as another round of rain was beginning, President Carl Teaff announced that Kaitlyn Gibbens would be the 2013-2014 Sonora Lions Club queen. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Gene and Laurie Gibbens. Lion Beto Duran and a friend had driven from Kerrville to participate in this celebration. It should also be mentioned that he too was celebrating a May 9th birthday, and fellow Lions honored him with a birthday song.

### Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2013 Tax Year

If your property value increased in the last year, you will soon receive an appraisal notice from the Sutton County Appraisal District. The appraisal district mailed about 2775 appraisal notices on May 3, 2013. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2013 property taxes.

Under state law, county appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, its ownership and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It must also include an estimate of 2013 taxes by local taxing units.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Sutton County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller's *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 31, 2013 or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed your notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' publication, *Property Taxpayer Remedies*, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking your case to court or entering into binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

*Property Taxpayer Remedies* is available from the Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E. Oak St., Ste. 2, Sonora, Texas. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

## Gov. Perry Renews Call for More Offshore Energy Development, Consistent Federal Regulation

Gov. Rick Perry today renewed his call for more offshore energy development and consistent federal regulations in order to help our nation reach its goal of energy independence. The governor spoke at the 2013 Offshore Technology Conference as part of a panel of coastal gov-

ernors. "Today, energy exploration in the Gulf is safer for our operators and our environment than ever before. Technological and procedural advances have opened up huge sources of energy, giving us the capa-

bility to reach vast stores of energy reserves previously thought untouchable," Gov. Perry said. "With every step forward, we move closer to the day when our nation can reach true energy independence and end our crippling dependence upon foreign regimes to meet our needs."

The governor noted that despite lifting the 2010 federal drilling moratorium, production in the Gulf of Mexico remains down 18 percent, with only 15 percent of U.S. territorial waters available for development. Increased production in recent years is

attributable to technological advances and drilling on private land, while production on federal lands and waters has decreased.

The governor also highlighted the importance of an all-of-the-above energy strategy that includes both traditional and renewable energy sources, including solar, wind and biomass. Texas continues to be a leader in wind generation capacity, with 12,214 megawatts of installed wind capacity - more than all but five other countries, and more than double that of its next closest competitor, California.

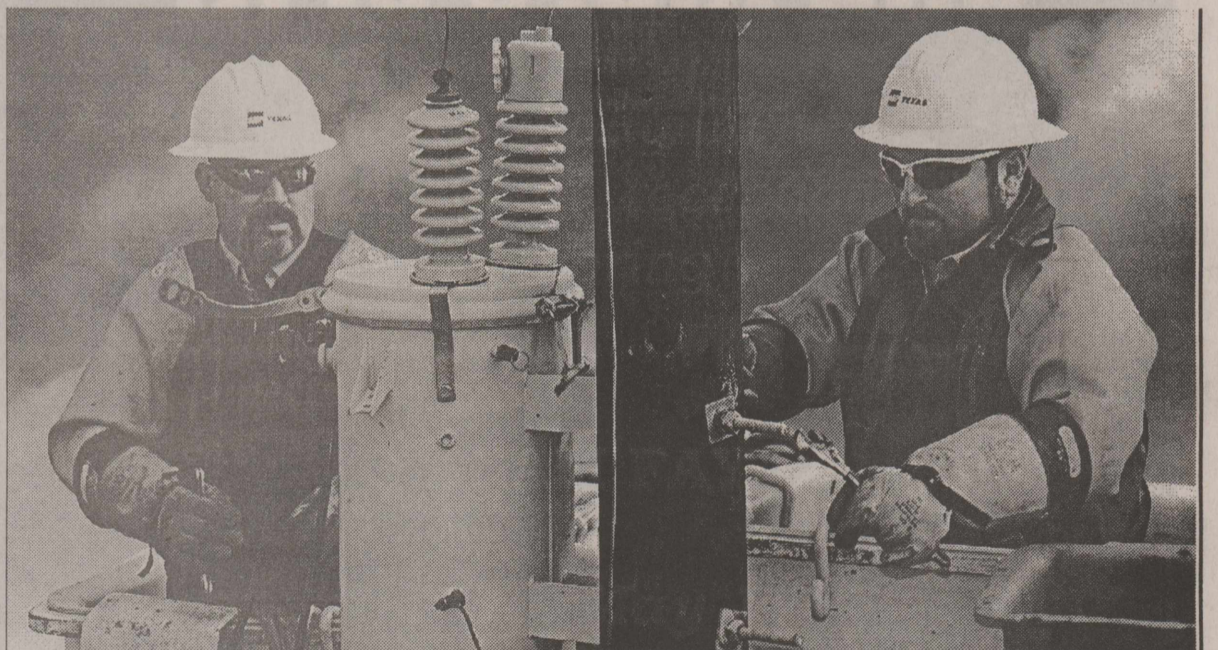
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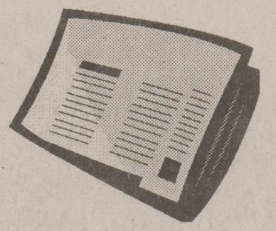
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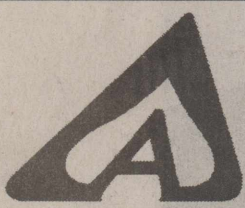
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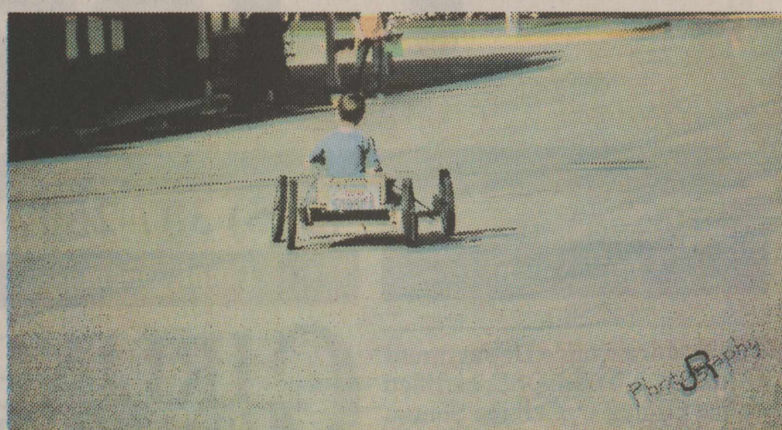
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## Soap Box Derby



On Saturday May, 11th Friends of Historic Main Street hosted the first annual Soap Box Derby down Main Street. Children were able to enjoy a little bit of old time Americana as they raced the custom built (by a main street resident) Soap Box Car down main street.

The weather was perfect for racing and everyone enjoyed the simple pleasure of watching the competitors. Stay tuned for next weeks edition to see full results.

All photos by James Ricks. *Top-a* contestant leaves the camera man in the dust as he races to the finish line. *Middle-Matthew Roque* is wearing a smile as big as the American flag on his shirt while cruising down the hill. *Bottom-Father Chris Roque* gets some help making last minute adjustments to the cart.

# Sonora Bank welcomes Ben Pool to our Board of Directors.

Sonora Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Ben Pool to our Board. Mr. Pool is the Founder of American Sales and Service, Inc. The company has been in the equipment and chemical business for over 30 years and is a proven leader in their industry. They now have thirteen locations, nearly fifty employees and service the Central United States. In addition to American Sales and Service, Mr. Pool is also a private investor in real estate and startup companies and a graduate of Sul Ross University with a degree in Business.

Mr. Pool and his wife Lenora have been married for 29 years. They have three adult sons, an adult daughter and seven grandkids that all live in Texas. In his spare time, Mr. Pool enjoys traveling and hunting.



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