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A Trailer of Mercy:

Sonora Pitches in to Help Out Oklahoma Tornado Victims



Jody Luttrell (right) helps someone load their donation bound for Oklahoma.

By Ben D Taylor

All of us watched the news reports coming out of Oklahoma. Most of us prayed for the families and their losses. Some of us even cried as we imagined the total loss some of these families were facing. There was one person among us that was called to do something about it, and he gave all of us watching a way to help.

At 10:30 Monday night Jody Luttrell decided he was going to drive up to Oklahoma and see if he could help somehow. He commented that, "At first I was going to just go up there

and lend a hand, but then I asked some people if they had anything I could take for them. After my wife (Mary Beth) made a post of facebook, we decided that we were going to need a trailer."

The next morning Jody contacted the local Radio station and made the announcement that he was taking a trailer up to Oklahoma City and that if anyone had anything to give he would be at the Chamber of Commerce office until 1:30 that afternoon.

"I was immediately humbled

by the wonderful people we have in Sonora. It seemed that everyone had something to donate."

Jody ended up leaving Sonora at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday with a 12 foot trailer full of donated goods and over \$1000 given by Sonora Residents. The goods and money are important cargo, but the most important thing Jody is taking to Oklahoma is the well wishes and prayers of each and every Sonora resident.

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Sonora Bronco Boys Placed 5th at State Meet



The Boys Track Team finished fifth at the State meet in Austin. The team brought home one gold medal, a silver medal and four bronze medals. The Broncos finish behind East Bernard, Rosebud Lott, Newton, and Karnes City. It has been an incredible year for this group of young men. The Sprint Relay team of Will Dutton, Scott Martinez, Brett Castillo, and Gunter Pennington ran a time of 43.68 to finish in eighth place. Hagen Kennedy a senior ran a 14.57 to win the only gold for the team. Hagen gold is the first gold medal at the State Meet for Sonora since James Elliot brought home the gold in the

400 Meters. In the 800 Meter Relay, the team of Will Dutton, Hagen Kennedy, Gunter Pennington, and Darien Lopez posted a time of 1:29.99 to place fifth. Anastacio Munoz, a junior, ran a 40.57 in the 300 meter hurdles to place seventh. Darien Lopez, a senior, ran a fast time of 21.68 to bring home the silver medal. Darien broke the school record three times this year. The record was held by James Elliott with a time of 21.77. Lopez broke the record at the Angelo Relays, District Meet and saved his best for the State Track Meet. The last medal was earned by the 1600 Meter relay team of Anastacio Munoz, Hagen Kennedy, Gunter Pennington, and Darien Lopez. The team ran a

time of 3:22.72 to bring home the bronze medal. This was the first medal for Sonora in a relay since 2002 and the first medal in the mile relay since 1973 at the State UIL Track Meet.

The track team has accomplished many of their goals this year. The Broncos have won their fifth straight district Championship, their first ever Area Championship and their third straight Regional Championship. This group has finished in the top ten at the State Track Meet their last three years. We were fifth this year, fourth last year and ninth the year before. More important, this is a great group of young men that has represented our school and

How We Got Here: Bringing Water to Africa

By Colin Rosser

It was over a year ago that we landed in Uganda, East Africa. We've spent the last year learning about a new culture, hand drilling water wells, farming, learning a new language, making friends, learning to drive on the left side of the road, and having adventures while making Uganda home. I (Colin) lived in Sonora for 6 years prior to moving to Uganda. I felt as "at home" in Sonora as I have anywhere. Ronnie and I were married in December of 2008 and she joined me in our home at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. She was from New York, but wasted no time falling in love with the Experiment Station, sheep and goats, cedars, and most of all - the families that make up that area. Ronnie and I became good friends with many from the Sonora/Rocksprings area. Sometime, in 2010, Ronnie and I began to feel we were supposed to be doing something more with our lives. We felt like we were supposed to go and use what God had given us to bless others. We felt we were created for a purpose and that purpose involved helping others.

We were loving Sonora, loving my work at the Experiment Station, and were loving prescribed burning and growing our prescribed burn business. God began to work in a number of ways to get us thinking more and more about people outside of our own little world. God began to cultivate in us a heart for the poor and oppressed around the world. We began to see how folks were living and dying around the world from a number of easily-preventable causes, and how many of these folks who were suffering and dying were doing so without hope and without knowledge of Jesus Christ. We felt a burden for these people and began to pray that God would allow us to be used by Him in some way. We finally got to the place where we said "yes" to God's question before we even knew what the question would be. We said "yes" and God chose then to ask us to move our lives to Africa. And as it turns out, once you say yes, then whatever the question is that God asks, it doesn't seem so big or impossible or scary anymore. It just seems like the natural progression of things.

This is a short story about our involvement in getting the water well drilling program going. These stories were written to go in some sort of a "coffee table book." If anything in these write-ups is helpful feel free to use it. Walking Alongside Clean Water Initiatives:

"I could have died and no one would have known," says Ajesu Salapina, sitting beside her hut in the rural village of Obulle. The 80-year-old widow shakes her head as she remembers, looking up at the glaring Ugandan sun above. "No one would come by for days at a time and I could not walk to water. I was in big trouble."

Salapina's problem is a common one in Uganda today, and not just for the elderly. In fact, an estimated 10 million Ugandans in rural areas lack access to clean water. Even those with access to a community well are rarely closer than 1-3 kilometers away. Under these conditions, few receive the amount of water they truly need to care for family, crops, or livestock and many resort to drinking from unsafe sources.

But Salapina no longer wonders where she will get water. Just 20 feet from the door of her hut now stands a small hand operated well where just a few pumps brings a stream of clean water to an incredibly grateful woman. "I am so happy and thankful to God," says Salapina, her eyes shining as she stands to pump a cup of water for herself.

In 2011, Colin and Ronnie Rosser began working along

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Lady Broncos Go To The Next Level



On April 30, 2013 Avery Nolen, Kelsey Favila & Jacinda Sanchez signed their letter of intent to compete and participate at the collegiate level. Avery will be running track for Angelo State University. Kelsey will be a Texas State cheerleader and Jacinda will be playing basketball and running track for Sul Ross University. Avery has dreamed of college athletics since she was a small girl. She began running track meets in 3rd grade. It's been a joy to watch her set and accomplish her goals. Kelsey is a cheerleader through and through. She's been a delight to watch on the Bronco sidelines. Texas State is lucky to have her on their sidelines as well. Jacinda is every opponent's nightmare. Sonora will never forget watching her race, jump and score. What an asset at Sul Ross she will be. The girls would like to express their gratitude to Sonora, Mr. Chavarria and everyone that helped make this a special day.

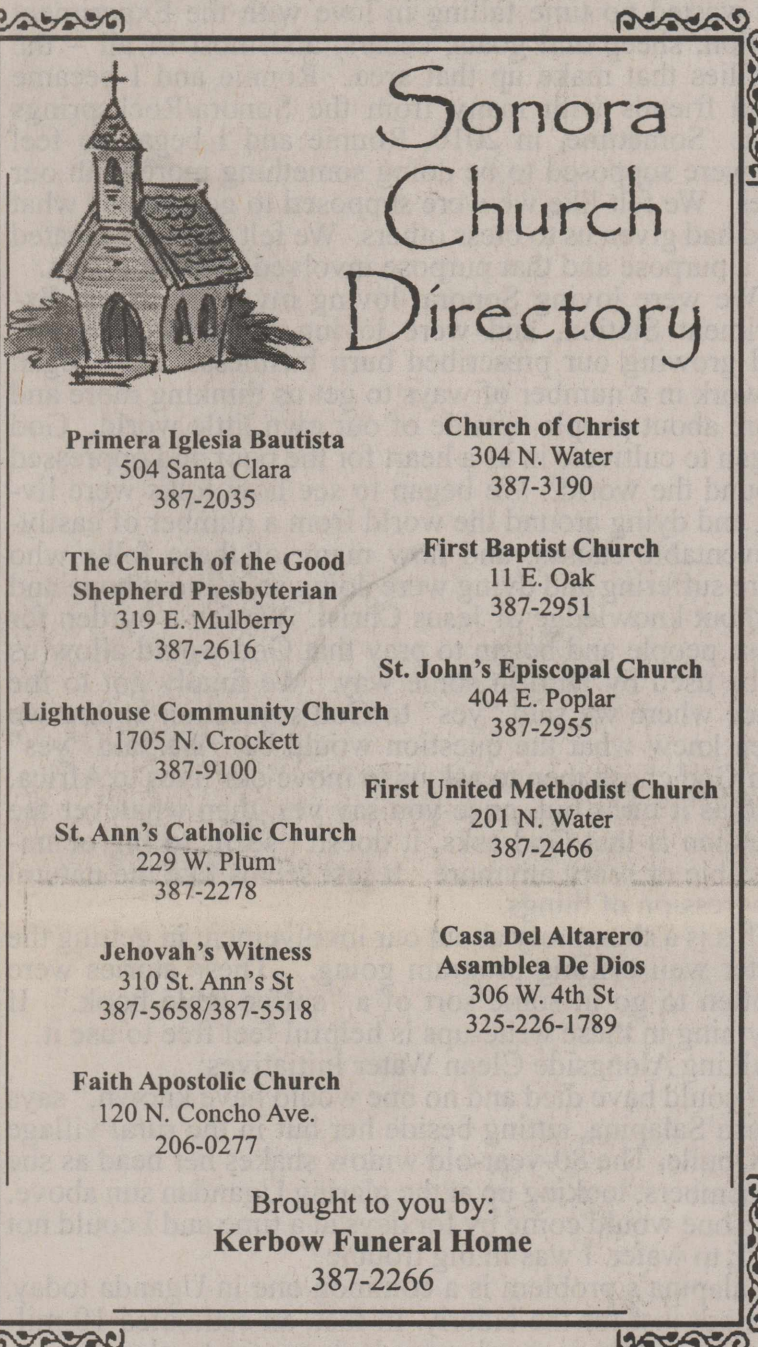
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Senior Center Menu

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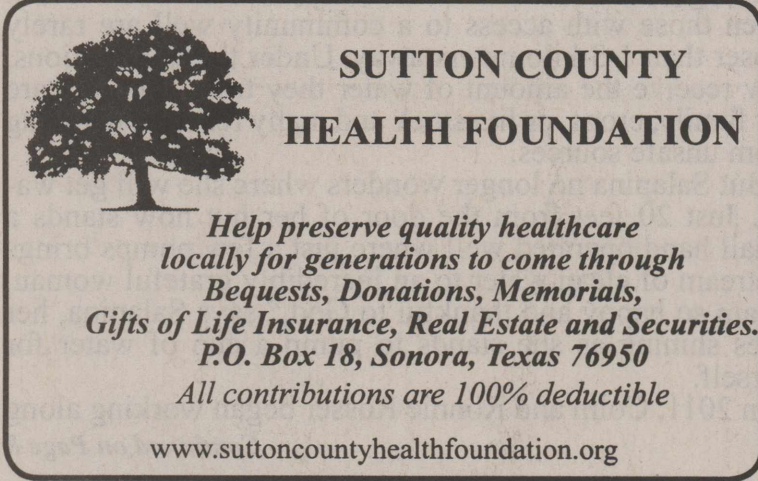
Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00;
\$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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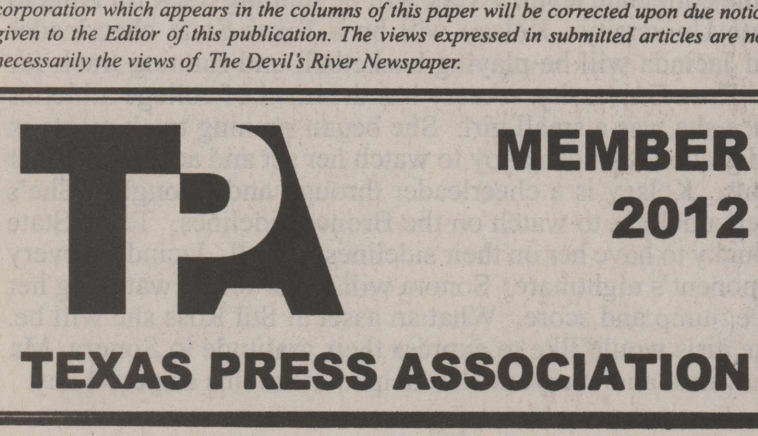
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Obituary

In Memory of Dorothy Jean Ryon Allison
November 11, 1937-May 11, 2013

Dorothy Jean Ryon Allison passed away at her home in San Angelo on Saturday, May 11, 2013 after a long battle with Cancer. A lovely lady whose remarkable outer beauties were only surpassed by her amazing inner strength and beauty. Dorothy was a much loved and adored daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and sister in law. She was the grand matriarch of her very close knit and private family.

Dorothy was born on November 11, 1937 to Henry Houston and Charles Dee Fritts Ryon in Brownwood, Texas as an only child. Her grandfather, Thomas Jackson "T.J." Ryon settled in

Ector, Fannin County Texas in 1892 and married Elizabeth Adeline "Addie" Culpepper where they raised seven sons and one daughter on the family farm. Deeply entrenched in Texas History, Dorothy's Great-grandparents William M and Elizabeth Hanson were some of the first settlers in Brown County from England. Grandmother, Adina P. Hanson was born in Comanche, Texas in 1874 and later married Joseph Callo-way Fritts where they raised two sons and two daughters on the family farm in Bangs, Texas.

Dorothy was raised mainly in Brownwood, Texas and on the nerby family farms. She attended Brownwood High School where she won the title of Miss Lake Brownwood. After graduating from Howard Payne

University, she moved to San Angelo, Texas to hake her home.

She was heavily inspired by her Aunt, Ima "Jewel" Fritts who acted as a mentor to her by teaching her to play bridge; which was one of her strongest passions. She excelled in playing duplicate and competitive bridge around the country as a member of the American Contract Bridge League. She was later awarded the coveted rank of Gold Life Master. She was also very instrumental in helping with the branding and marketing direction for her son to start his business, Scott Allison Real Estate in 1985.

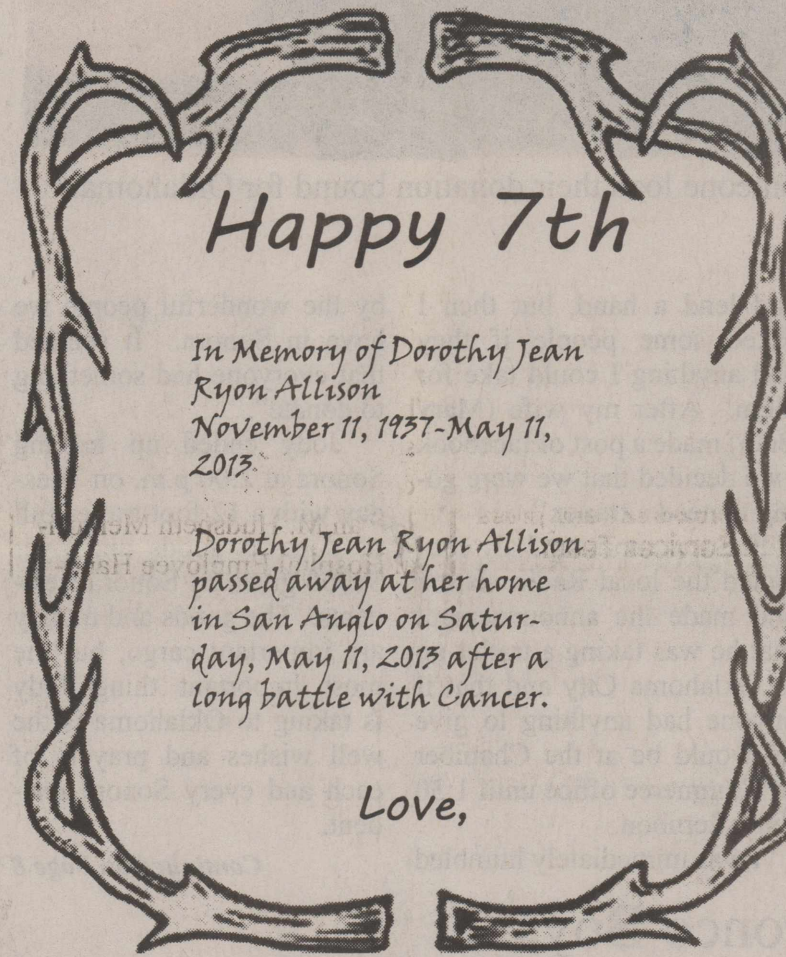
Dorothy is survived by her beloved and devoted husband, Hugh "Pascal" Allison II, her son, Craig "Scott" Allison of San Angelo and her daughter Sabrina Allison Haecker and husband Ryan Ray Haecker of San Angelo. She was also blessed to have two granddaughters, Fallon Lea Allison, Nia Grace Allison, and two grandsons, Elisha "Eli" Harriss Howard V and Hen-

ry Pascal Howard. She was also thankful for her two sisters-in laws, Susan Allison Bloodworth and Sarah Allison Post who were like sisters to her.

Dorothy's family wishes to thank all of her friends for their loyal and unwavering support during this difficult time. The family especially wishes to thank Hospice of San Angelo, the START center of San Antonio, Dr. Lon Smith, and Dr. Gary Nussey, Dr. Kyriakos Papadopoulos and their staff for their tender and constant care.

A celebration of Dorothy's life was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson's funeral home with burial following in Brownwood.

The family asks that memorials be made to the START center in San Antonio, Hospice if San Angelo, the American Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice. Family and friends may sign an online guest book at johnsonsfuneralhome.com



Happy 7th

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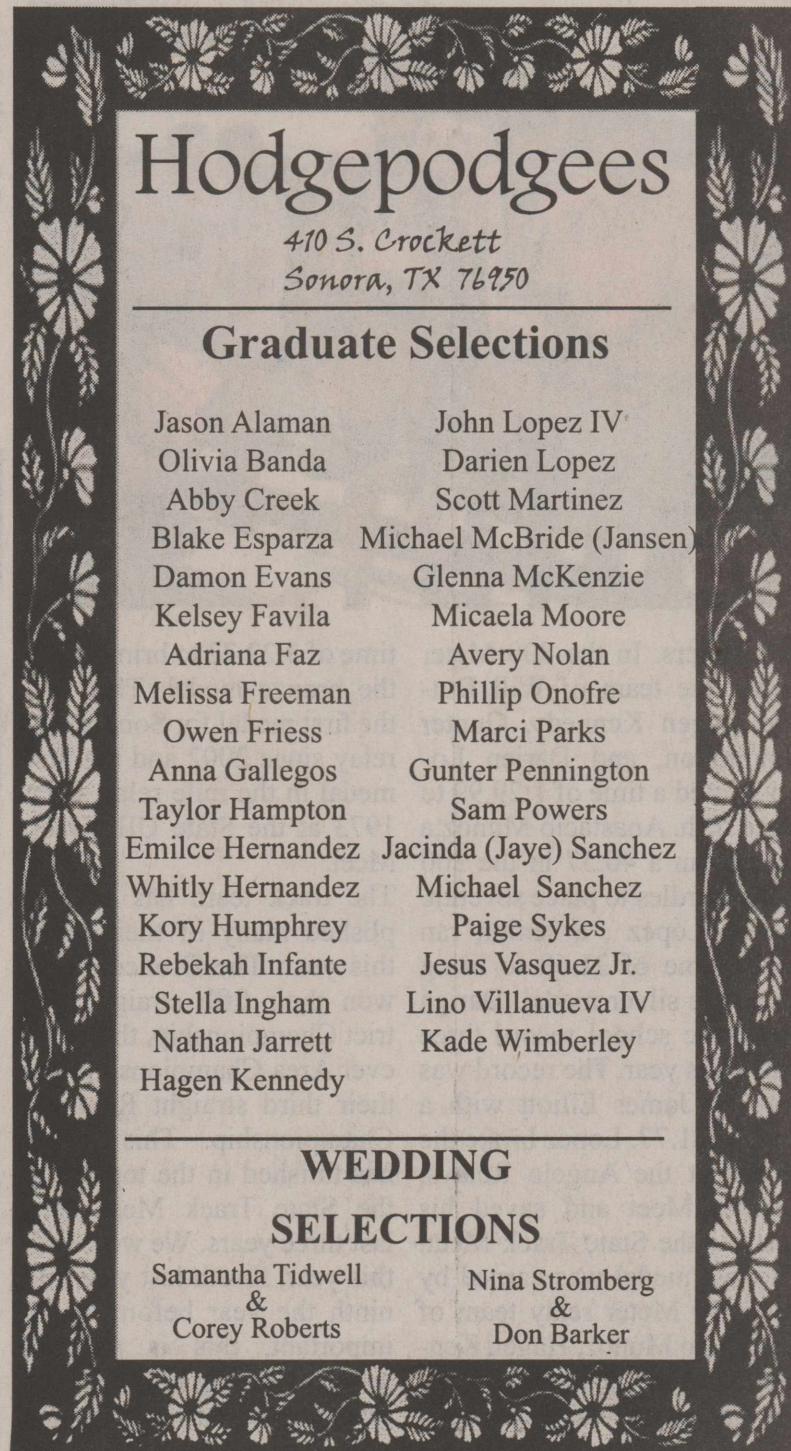
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Damon Evans	Glenna McKenzie
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Adriana Faz	Avery Nolan
Melissa Freeman	Phillip Onofre
Owen Friess	Marci Parks
Anna Gallegos	Gunter Pennington
Taylor Hampton	Sam Powers
Emilce Hernandez	Jacinda (Jaye) Sanchez
Whitly Hernandez	Michael Sanchez
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Rebekah Infante	Jesus Vasquez Jr.
Stella Ingham	Lino Villanueva IV
Nathan Jarrett	Kade Wimberley
Hagen Kennedy	

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 a. The CEO shall be the chief administrative employee of the district and operations.
 b. The CEO shall be hired by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 c. The CEO shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.
 d. The CEO shall have supervisory control over all employees of the District; except, as long as relatives of the current CEO are employed in the E.M.S. Department; supervisory control of the

E.M.S. shall rest with the COO.
 e. The CEO shall have the right to hire, fire or discipline employees as per the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Employee Handbook, except as noted in I. c. above and 2. e. below.

2. Chief Operating Officer (COO)

a. The COO shall be second in charge of employees and district operations.
 b. In the absence of the CEO the COO shall assume all duties of the CEO.
 c. The COO shall be hired by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 d. The COO shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.
 e. As long as relatives of the current CEO are employed in the E.M.S. Department; supervisory control of the E.M.S. shall rest with the COO.
 f. If the COO is the supervisor of the E.M.S. department, he/she shall have the right to hire, fire or discipline E.M.S. employees as per the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Employee Handbook.

3. Department Heads

a. Department heads have supervisory authority over their department.
 b. Department Heads are subject to the provisions and conditions set out by the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Employee Handbook when dealing with employees.
 c. Department Heads cannot make policies or enter into contracts for Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital or the Sutton County Hospital District.
 d. Department Heads are subject to the direction and supervision of the CEO and/or the COO.

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/ 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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Sutton County Friends of NRA Safe Full of Guns raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home four firearms, to include an AR-15, and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 325-206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 6th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 21, 2013. Your support is appreciated!

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?

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.

Rent the Depot or Amphitheatre for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.



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Public Notice

The annual report of the Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust will be available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after May 15, 2013.

Allison Educational Trust
 c/o Albert C Elliot
 213 East Main
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 The principal manager is: Jo Ann Jones, Trustee

Public Notice

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 The principal manager is: Bob Malone, Trustee



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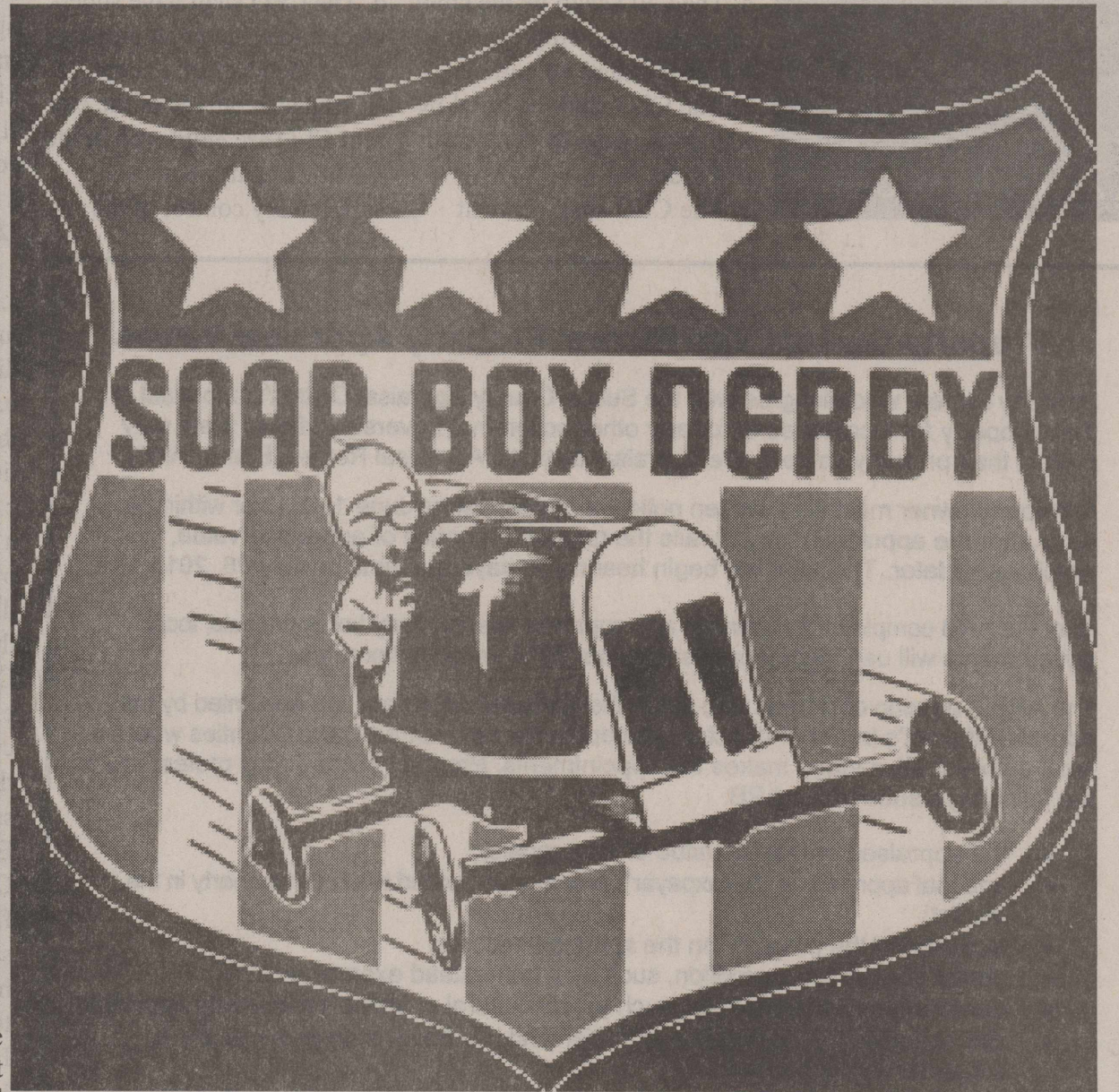


Last year the Sonora Chamber of Commerce was approached to help with the possibility of the Magic Valley Rides Carnival coming to town. At the time it was impossible for them to set up at the county park due to softball and baseball games. A year went by and we received word they were coming in April of this year. We were excited for our little town and for the children to have the opportunity to

enjoy a carnival without having to travel. The only thing the chamber had to do was sell tickets and put out posters to help promote the carnival and in turn they would donate proceeds to the chamber. Well the carnival came and everyone came out and had a great time with a low cost for the parents. The carnival stood by their word and made a cash donation to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$674.10. We were

very excited, but of course the chamber did not want to profit from the carnival so the board voted unanimously to donate the proceeds to the Ministerial Alliance. They are such a great part of our community. They not only help locals in need, but assist with people passing through, whether they need a place to stay for the night, a meal, gas or just a ride to the next town. We feel honored to be able to give back for such a great cause.

Main Street Traffic Sonora Soapbox Derby



We are pleased to say that the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program consider the Sonora Soapbox Derby to have been a great success. A good and a fun time was had by all that attended. We started registration at 8:00 am. Breakfast was provided at the event. The racers started at 9 and ended around 11. First place trophy was awarded to Jason Ricks with a race time of 20.02 seconds. Second place with a time of 22.81 seconds went to Ethan Roque. Third

place went to Matthew Roque with a race time of 23.93 seconds. The Sonora Main Street Program would like to give thanks to the people that help put it together. We'd first like to thank board members, Jeniny Sue Trainer, Scott Jordan, James Ricks, and Chris Roque. We'd like to thank all of our volunteers who we'd be nothing without, Tami Fitzgerald, Joann Martin, Jerry Jimenez and son. We would like to thank all of our participants. We would also like to thank

Dairy Queen for supplying the cups for drinks. And we'd like to thank the mayor, the City Council, the Sonora Police Department, and Thomas Comejo (Amistad District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America Texas Southwest Council) for helping us put the derby together. We would like to thank Rafter W & Parker Lumber. And last but not least, we'd like to thank John Gassiott and his crew at Super S Foods who are always willing to help Sonora with their events.

Eaton Hill Nature Center Presents
The 5th Annual *GET OUT!*

OUTDOOR PHOTO CONTEST

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.

Entry Fee (all proceeds benefit Eaton Hill Nature Center):
Adults \$5.00/photo Children (age 18 and under) \$2.00/photo

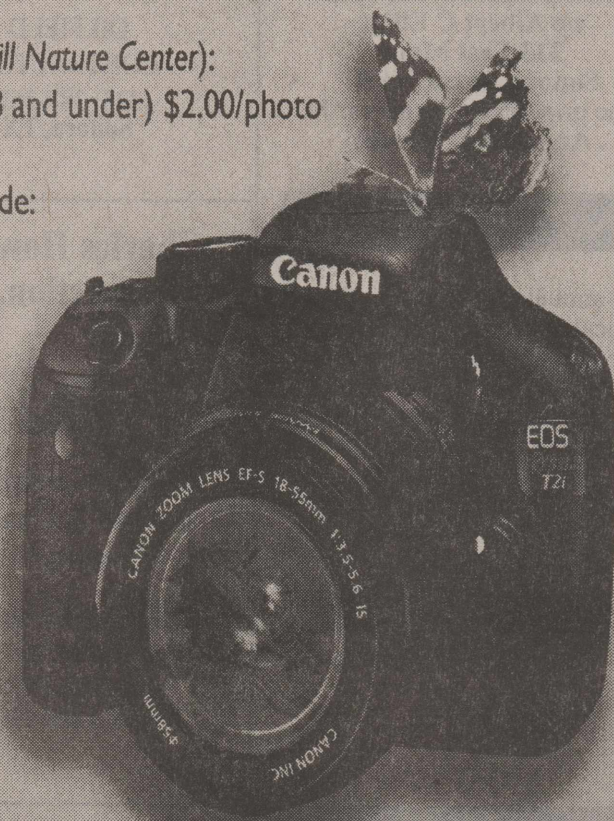
Categories for the 2013 contest include:

- Wildlife (in the wild)
- Plants in Nature
- Insects
- Natural Landscapes
- Makes Me Smile

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

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: 5:00pm June 21st

Awards and Display during Sutton County Days Celebration - June 29, 2013
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The Case of the Stinging Caterpillar



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

I frequently get interesting questions from the public. Sometimes I have to consult a specialist, and sometimes I read up in order to get background. I was recently asked about "poisonous caterpillars". As a result, I found intriguing information while researching caterpillars. Following is a summary of stinging caterpillars.

Several caterpillars have hairs or spines that are connected to a poison gland. When someone's skin brushes against the hairs, the hairs stick in the skin, injecting venom and sometimes causing a rash. Stinging caterpillars include the lo moth caterpillar, the buck moth caterpillar, the saddleback caterpillar, and the asp caterpillar. You can google for photo images.

Most stinging caterpillars are part of the insect family known as flannel moths. These moths get their name from the flannel-like appearance of the wings of the adult. Adult moths emerge in late spring or early summer to lay several hundred eggs on host trees, such as oaks, pecan, elm, and hackberry trees. Caterpillars may also feed on dwarf yaupon and other shrubs.

Flannel moth caterpillars rarely cause serious damage to trees, but can pose a hazard to children and gardeners. Intense, throbbing pain develops soon after contact with the caterpillar. Stings on the arm may also result in pain around the armpit area. Also, blood-colored spots may appear at the site of the sting. Other symptoms include headaches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes shock or respiratory stress. Pain usually lessens within an hour and spots disappear in a day or so.

If stung, you can cover the sting area with tape. Remove the tape repeatedly to remove spines from the skin. Applying an ice pack to the sting area may help to soothe the skin. An oral antihistamine may also be taken to relieve itching. If respiratory trouble occurs, seek medical attention.

There are many dangerous-looking caterpillars that are safe to handle, but unless you are sure they do not sting, it's best to admire them from a distance!

Summer Events for Mainstreet

Just a reminder of upcoming events this summer for Mainstreet. Starting May 27th at 7:00 p.m. till? ad every Monday evening this summer Mainstreet will be sponsoring an open mike session at the Depot outdoor theatre. If you play an instrument or sing or just have a special talent please come and share your talent with others. There will be no cover charge for talent or spectators. Come join the fun and bring a friend.

Again this year Mainstreet will be having a farmers market every Wednesday starting around 8:00 a.m., give a little or take a little. If you have fruits, veggies, hot sauce or other wares please bring them to the mainstreet office and be a part of the fun.

For any information please call Mainstreet at 325-387-2248. Hope to see you there.

76-Year-Old Annual Wool And Mohair Show, Other Youth Competitions Set For June 18-20 In Sonora

SONORA –The Annual Wool and Mohair Show, now in its 76th year, will again be held in conjunction with the National 4-H Wool Judging and FFA Wool Judging contests.

These contests join a host of other ranch-related youth competitions set for June 18-20 in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center in Sonora. The events will be conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with the Sonora Lions Club, Sonora Wool and Mohair Company and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

"Though years of drought have greatly reduced Texas' woolled sheep flocks and Angora goat herds, we think that only escalates the need for youth to learn appropriate livestock production practices, rangeland management skills and proper preparation of wool and mohair fleeces," said Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County.

"In the past, the fleece show components have been open to adults, but for the past several years, all the associated judging contests have focused on young people only, so we try to offer a fun learning experience that's geared to ranching practices common throughout our region."

Show activities will include an All-Texas Show and contests for 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the 13th annual National FFA Wool Judging Contest, and the

featured judging event: the 53rd annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

"We'll begin weighing and tagging wool and mohair fleece entries at 10 a.m. on June 18," Hernandez said. "All fleeces must be in by 3:30 p.m. that day."

He said registration on June 19 will start at 7 a.m. Livestock judging competition will begin at 8:15 a.m., as will judging of the junior wool and mohair entries.

Range judging participants will depart from the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 10 a.m.

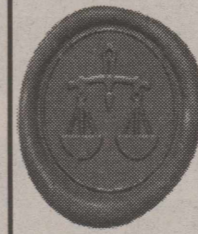
The wool and mohair judging contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Teams that have not pre-registered may register for the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests until 5 p.m. June 19 at the civic center.

On June 20, national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests begin at 8 a.m., also at the civic center.

The three days of activities will conclude June 20 with an 11:30 a.m. awards luncheon at the civic center, sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Hernandez at 325-387-3101 or p-hernandez@tamu.edu.

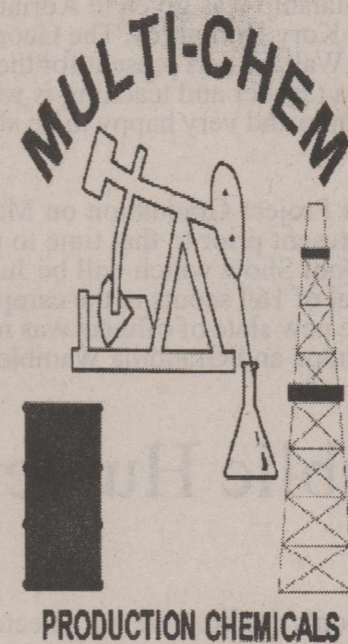
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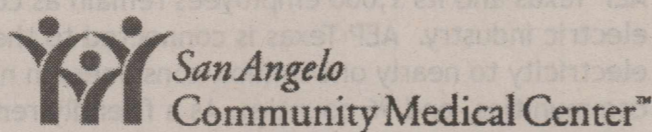
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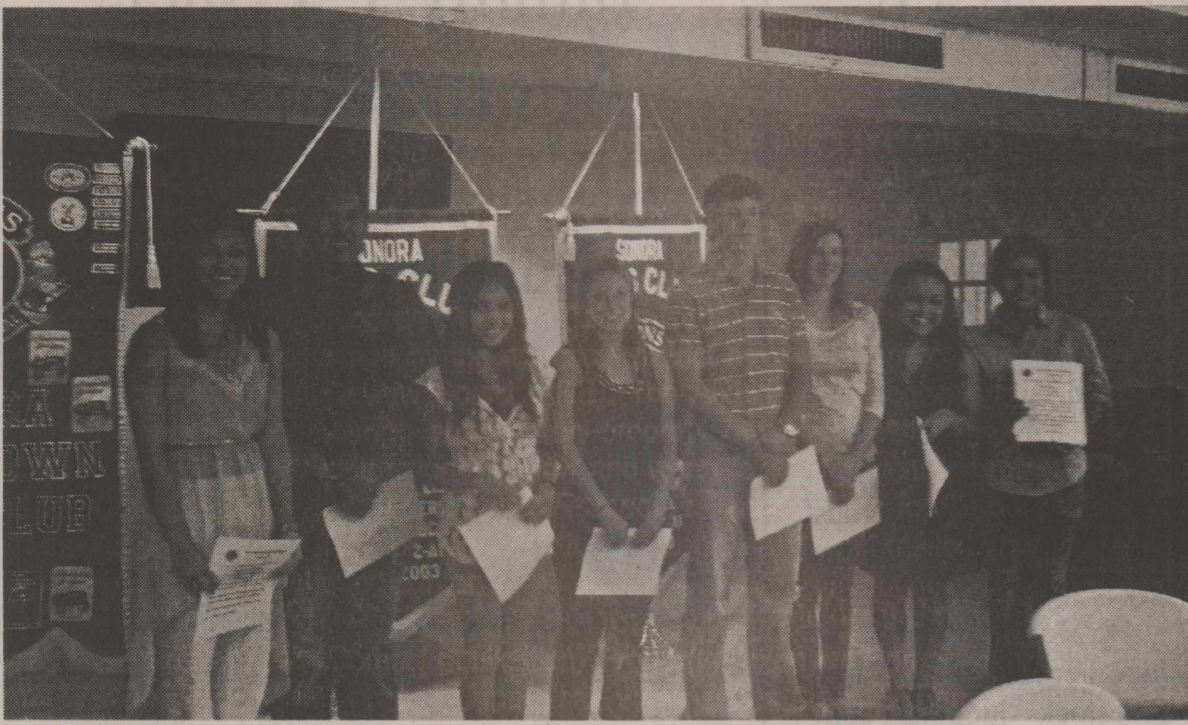
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The Lions Roar



Lions enjoyed a great meal and fellowship with a good turnout of Lions. Following the meal the recipients of this year's scholarships were introduced. Students receiving \$500 scholarships were Kade Wimberly, Michael Sanchez, Jason Alaman, Melissa Freeman, Clarissa Hernandez, Stella Inghram, Avery Nolen, Marci Parks, Jacinda Sanchez, and Page Sykes.

Students receiving \$1,000 awards were Jacinda Sanchez who received the Virgel Polec Service Award. Jacinda was active in many areas but served the club as Queen for the past year. The Pete Bradley Scholarship was given to Adriana Faz, and the John Ward Memorial Scholarship was presented to Kory Humphrey. The George Wallace Memorial Scholarship went to Rebekah Infante. Martha Wallace was present for the award and was very happy in that Rebekah is preparing to become a teacher and teaching is what brought Martha to Sonora. We are very proud of these young people and very happy to be able to encourage them in this small way.

Projects
Lions will be involved in Project Graduation on May 31. Breakfast will be served at 2:30 and Lions are asked to be present prior to that time to prepare the food. We are also preparing to serve the meal at the Wool Show which will be June 20th. The Scouts are preparing for Summer Camp and have a goal of 160 scouts in the camping program. The Seven on Seven Competition is coming up and the new slate of officers was read for the final time. The meeting was concluded with Franks' Grandpa and Grandma Wamble Story.

Public Hunter Bags New Texas State Record Alligator

AUSTIN — A young hunter who grew up with a fascination about dinosaurs and a dream of hunting what some call "living dinosaurs" has harvested the largest alligator ever certified in Texas. Braxton Bielski, an 18-year-old high school senior on his first alligator hunt, bagged the behemoth 800-pound, 14-foot, 3-inch gator during a recent public hunt on the James E. Daughtrey Wildlife Management Area.

Braxton and his father, Troy Bielski, were among 481 applicants vying for 10 alligator permits issued through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's public hunting program for a five-day hunt at the Daughtrey WMA.

"He's wanted to hunt alligators for years," said Troy, a Houston police officer who has applied annually to TPWD's special drawing hunts for the chance to fulfill his

son's dream. "We got selected one year to go on a youth hunt at the J.D. Murphree WMA, but I didn't get the permit in on time. I remember Brax was very disappointed. This is the first year we've had to enter him as an adult and we got drawn."

The coveted permit provides the only opportunity to hunt and harvest an alligator on Choke Canyon Reservoir, situated within the Daughtrey WMA boundary.

Each year, TPWD's public hunting program provides access to some of the state's high-quality managed wildlife habitat to about 5,500 hunters selected through random computer drawings. Wildlife management areas, state parks and leased private property are available for these supervised hunts for a variety of game, including: white-tailed deer, mule deer, pronghorn, javelina, alligator, exotics, fe-

ral hog and spring turkey.

Through an application process, hunters select from 29 different hunt categories, including eight specifically for youth only, and choose a preferred hunt date and location from hunt areas stretching across the state. There's even a provision for hunting buddies to apply as a group — in some cases up to four hunters can apply together on one application.

This season TPWD processed 998 applications for 2,340 hopeful applicants in the alligator hunt category. The department offered 165 permits to go alligator hunting on five WMAs (Angelina Neches/Dam B, James Daughtrey, Guadalupe Delta, Mad Island, and J.D. Murphree).

Because alligator hunting in Texas is conservatively managed, most hunters selected for these public hunts are first-

timers and many have never seen an alligator in the wild. For that reason, TPWD biologists go through an intensive orientation process and provide greater guidance than they would for more common hunts, like for deer or waterfowl.

"We went through a two-hour orientation and it was very thorough," Braxton recalled. "My dad did a lot of research online about alligator hunting and we asked a lot of questions."

Troy said he knew some about the area they would be hunting, having done some bass fishing on Choke Canyon years ago, but with current low water levels, the landscape

was completely different from what he remembered.

"We spent a lot of time scouting some of the pastures in the compartment we were assigned, looking for likely spots to set our lines," said Troy.

At one point, the pair observed what they believed to be a large gator in a cove and decided to place their baited lines nearby.

"We didn't pressure it, but while we were putting up our cane poles we could see it watching us 30 yards away," said Braxton.

Choke Canyon has a reputation for holding some big old gators. Unlike the alligator populations along their

core range in southeast Texas, these creatures are left alone to live to a ripe old age. A 14-footer is estimated to be between 30-50 years old, according to TPWD alligator program leader Amos Cooper.

"Choke Canyon has a larger size class than other areas because they have just begun to hunt the area," said Cooper. "A large alligator in Choke Canyon is not unusual but expected. You won't see a lot of alligators on Choke Canyon but the alligators that you do see are relatively large." that morning; it was wild. The Bielskis did a good job."

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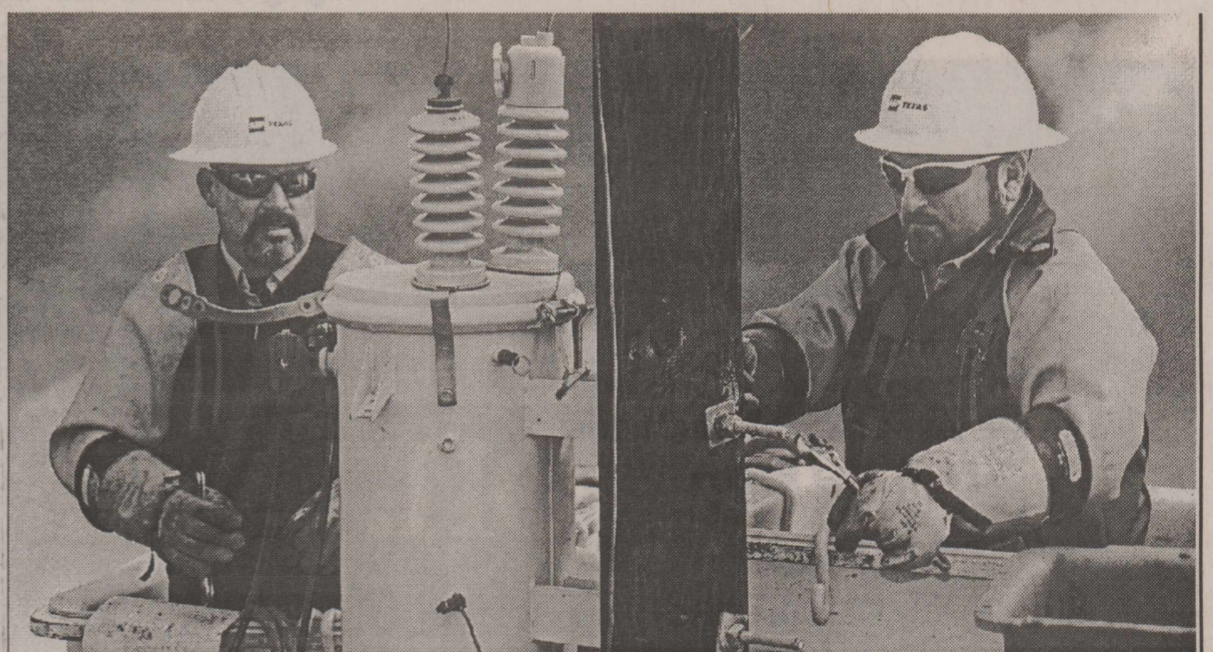
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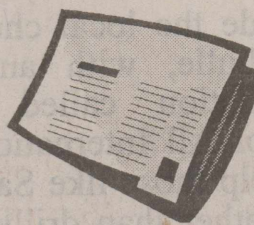
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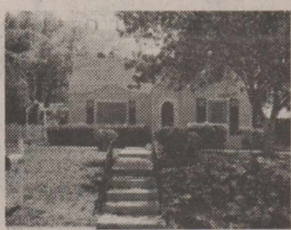


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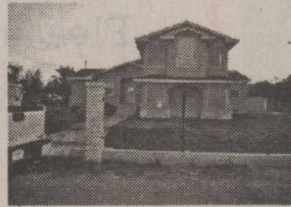


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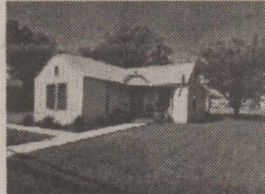


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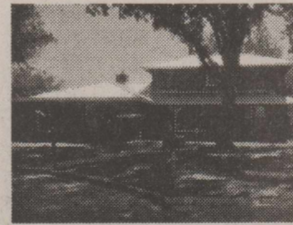
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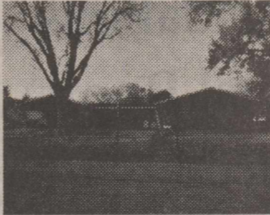


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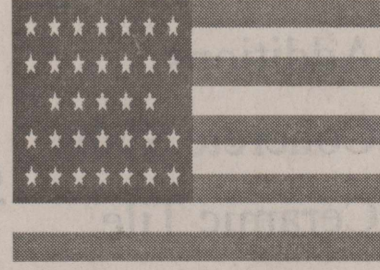
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families," says one Ugandan named Jimmy. Taking a break from a long day of well-drilling, he wipes water and mud from his forehead as the sounds of breaking rock and splashing water continue behind him. Up and down, a group of Ugandan men heave a long pipe and drill bit, slowly working their way through some thirty meters of earth to make a new well for a widow in their community. Jimmy and several others from the local church now work in two teams that have drilled some 13 wells over the past year as they test and perfect the technology alongside The Rossers. In fact, Jimmy and two friends hope to start their own drilling company in the years to come, taking the technology and philosophy of ministry to other nearby villages. If you visit Salapina today, you will likely find her near the well, talking to women from her community and playing with children as she offers her water to anyone who needs it. "Now she is telling everyone all the time what God has done," says a local pastor in Obulle village. "Before everyone who comes, she is testifying."

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When he gets to Oklahoma he plans on dropping off the goods at one of the many drop off points and is going to donate the money to the First Baptist Church in McCloud. This church is the new home of former Sonora Baptist Church Youth Director Matt Halstead.

Jody and his wife Mary Beth would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions.

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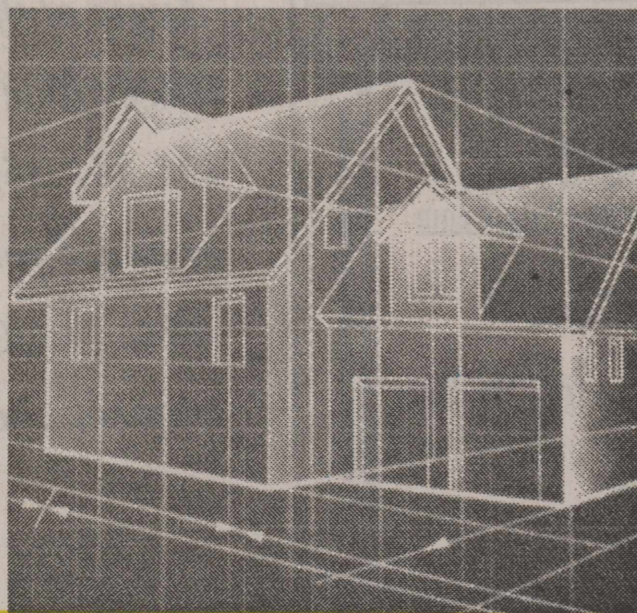
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A WILD WEST REVIEW

Sunday
June 2nd
2013



Sonora High School
Auditorium
3:30 p.m.

Tickets for Sale At
The Dance Studio on Main
The Devil's River News
\$5.00 Tickets
\$10.00 at the Door

A Time to Dance...



Retirement Party

Please join us for a retirement party in honor of

Kathy Hardgrave

Friday, June 7th
4:30 - 6:30pm

Sutton County Civic Center
Sonora, TX

After almost 3 decades of service to the community, Mrs. Kathy is retiring. Please join us in celebrating her years of teaching the youth of Sutton County, and wishing her well in her retirement!