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The Hospital Changes Leadership: Offers CEO A Severance Package

By Ben D. Taylor

The Lillian M Hudspeth Memorial Hospital board met for a special meeting on June 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Health Center where immediately after opening comments they went into executive session. The open session of the meeting re-convened at 8:16 p.m. Board member then Farris asked if any board member would like to take any action on the items discussed in executive session. A motion was made by the board to offer hospital CEO Keith Butler a severance package to be finalized by the hospital council. Edward Earwood seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. The board then made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sharon Evans. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

On Monday June, 10th the hospital board met during their regular meeting at the Health center. This meeting featured a presentation of the Hospitals Financial Audit by CPA Debrah Whitley. She commented very positively several times during her presentation about the financial situation of the hospital, "you guys have operated as a successful critical access hospital, and are in the elite list of all of my clients". The hospitals

financial situation was compared to other hospitals and government agencies across several different factors, and in each one Whitley showed that Lillian M. Hudspeth outperformed all of them in terms of financial health.

When Debrah's presentation concluded, the board went on to discuss item number 5 on the agenda (Discussion and Approval of CEO's Severance Package). The board quickly read over the package and started discussion with Edward Earwood's comments that, "It all looks good to me, does anyone else see any discrepancy?" Board member Lance Castro replied that, "I don't see anything, but it's just that we didn't have much time to read over it".

Board member Sharon Holeman expressed concerns regarding the wording in the contract that pertained to health insurance, "I am concerned that as it reads now (the CEO will consult with the hospital board occasionally) that it won't fit the requirements for our health insurance provider. I think the insurance company needs to see what the contract says before we move forward." A lengthy discussion continued until board president Preston Farris suggested that, "if

there is not a board motion to approve this maybe we should call a special meeting to discuss it further". Hospital CEO Butler replied that, "I don't want to put up with this for another 'however long it's going to take". Board member Lenora Pool replied, "we don't either Keith, but we don't want to rush into this". Butler responded, "I think we negotiated in good faith in the last meeting. I want this to happen, I plead with the board members to approve this tonight. I think you all need to live up to your word." Preston Farris stated that the attorney did express concerns over "this item" and he (Farris) did not think the board would be out of line by calling a special meeting to discuss it further. Sharon Holeman made the motion to table approval of the severance package with Lenora Pool seconding. Before the vote, Butler stated that, "I want it on record that I feel that this is now punitive". The vote ended up in a tie (with a board member absent there was no way to break the tie, and the motion was tabled.

The board re-convened into executive session, where no action was taken at the conclusion of that session.

The Gift of Life

After almost 2 years on The Texas Kidney Transplant List and kidney function down to 5% Joyce Modgling Casparis (a Sonora resident) is about to receive the gift of life, a kidney, from her very dear friend Ashley Henson Harris. Ashley got tested in secret after much prayer and discussion with her family. It turns out that she was an exact match!! Ashley is a graduate of Sonora High School and previous Sonora resident. Joyce is scheduled to receive Ashley's kidney on July 3, 2013. These are two very special people and are loved by so very many. The procedure itself will be partially covered, however there are enormous expenses leading up to and after the surgeries that will have to be paid by both ladies. These include high deductibles, co - insurance, gas back and forth to all appointments, meals, lodging, and for their families as well. If you would like to be a blessing to these two, please be in prayer for them. If you would like to contribute financially toward their out of pocket expenses, your help your help would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to The Bank and Trust and in memo section put either Joyce or Ashley and they will be deposited accordingly. If not designated, they will be deposited 50/50. Please mail to: Kidney Expense Fund, c/o Tammy Modgling, PO Box 152, Sonora, TX. Thanks so much for your thoughts, prayers and contributions.

SUMMER FUN!



Bring on the heat.... Sonora Municipal Swimming Pool is officially open for the summer! The pool hours are 12 noon - 6 p.m. nightly except Wednesday they are closed. The cost to enter the pool is \$2.00 per person all ages. Adults can join them for an hour each open day from 11 a.m.- noon for lap swimming. They also offer Pool Parties those are 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p. m. the cost is \$75.00 for the two hours. To book a party you can reach Tammy Favila at 387-5377. The pool is staffed with 8 lifeguards including the pool manager Tammy Favila. The lifeguards this year are Alec and Andy Samamiego, Shea Holmes, Justin Garmon, Jonathan Martinez, Lionel DeLeon, and Tanner Esparza.

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Suspect Arrested in Theft

On Monday June 4, 2013 the Sonora Police Department responded to a call in reference to Burglary. Upon further investigation, it was determined the suspect entered a building on the property and stole elev-

en guitars and three firearms. With the help from the Sutton County Sheriff's Department, the Sonora Police Department was able to retrieve all eleven guitars and the three firearms which resulted in the arrest of

Suspect Michael Chavez. A search of the residence yielded the return of the property as well as other items stolen from a nearby residence. The estimated value of the items retrieved is \$6,000.00

Sonora Under Construction



By Angie Bryant

Sonora is still under construction. With half of 277 and Crockett still being "coned off" going thru Sonora they have now reached one of the busiest intersections in town, the intersection of Crockett (Loop 467) and Hwy 277 S. I

spoke to the Asst. Mgr. Alyssa Garza at Parker Lumber and she said she think they will be there @ 3 more weeks then continue up Loop 467 to the bridge and further down 277. When asked if it has effected business she said not really they are still pretty steady but

it may take some time, between deliveries and other customers, to get in and out of the parking lot with only one entry. So looks like we will be seeing these orange barrels and cones around for a while longer.

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. June 13- Work on puzzle
 Fri. June 14- Celebrating Father's Day @ noon
 Mon. June 17- Concho Valley Home Health will be here to play BINGO!!
 Tues. June 18- CEAP will be here 11am-3pm
 Wed. June 19- *Happy Birthday Elvia Garza*

Senior Center Menu

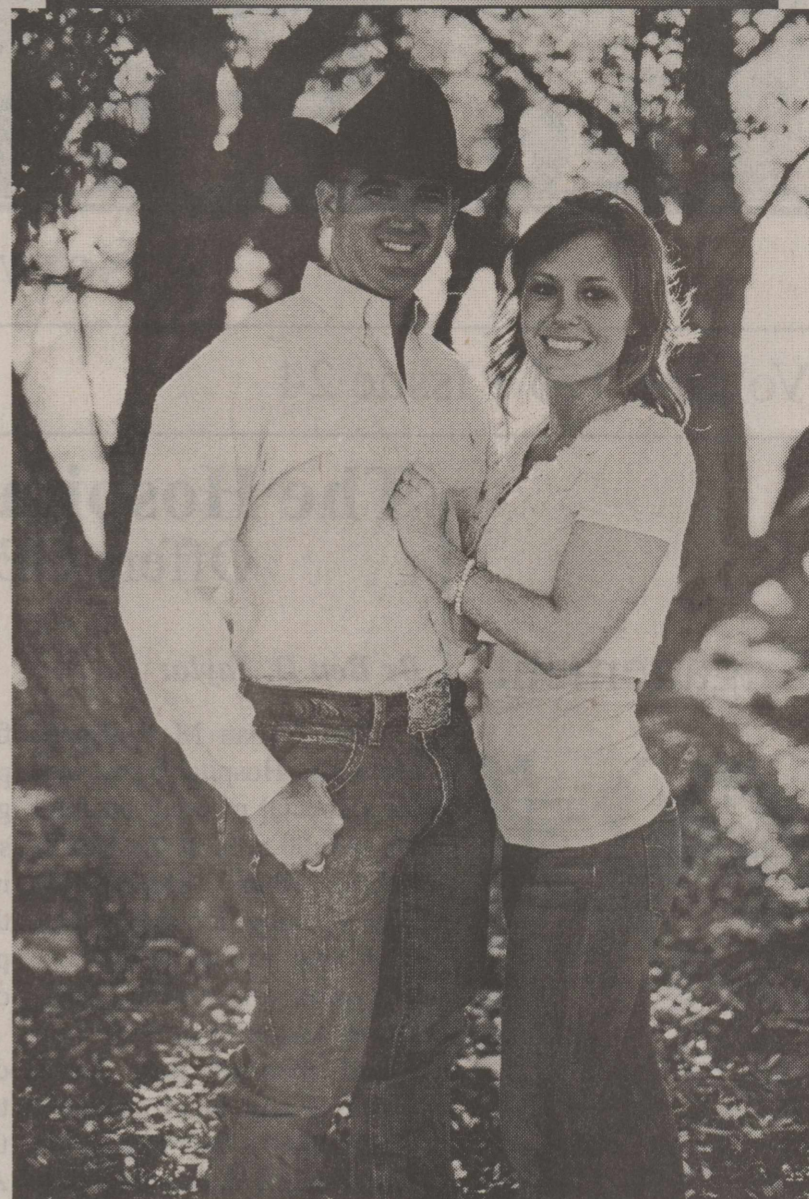
Thurs. June 13- Tilapia fish, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies, and lemon cookies
 Fri. June 14- BBQ Brisket, ranch style beans, salad macaroni gourmet, bread and pie
 Mon. June 17- Chicken on bun, sweet potato fries, and tropical milk
 Tues. June 18- Macaroni and beef beans, sliced tomato, cornbread and cobbler
 Wed. June 19- Pork Chop w/ gravy, black eyed peas, spinach, wheat bread and sliced apples w/ cinnamon
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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.
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POLICE BLOTTER

5/8/2013: Horton, Tammy Sue arrested for ZAVALA COUNTY WARRANT FORGERY
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 5/14/2013: Robles, Armando Nando arrested for BOND RE VOCATION
 5/19/2013: Lopez, Oscar Chavarria III arrested for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY
 5/19/2013: Hernandez, Victor Manuel arrested for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY
 5/30/2013: Taylor, Sherry Lynn arrested for SAN PATRICIO COUNTY WARRANT CREDIT CARD ABUSE
 6/8/2013: Cerda, Leonel arrested for TARRANT COUNTY WARRANT FOR ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY
 6/9/2013: Chavez, Michael arrested for SUTTON COUNTY WARRANT THEFT OF A FIREARM AND BURGLARY OF BUILDING

Engagement



Kristen Carter and Landon Brockman, and their happy families, are pleased to announce their recent engagement. Ms. Carter, a pharmaceutical sales rep with Eli Lilly & Co., graduated from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a bachelor's degree in Public Communication. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ken & Lezlie Carter of Midland, and Ms. Becky Carter of Midland, TX. Mr. Brockman, a territory sales manager for Yellow House Machinery Company, is a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Nancy Brockman of Sonora, TX. An October wedding is planned in San Angelo.

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A little old man answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a very well-dressed young man in a navy blue pinstriped suit, red silk tie, white shirt, shoes polished like black mirrors, and carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Get lost, Mister fancy suit!" said the old man. "I haven't got any money" and he proceeded to close the door.

"Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a

couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

The old man again told him to get lost. And with that, the young man emptied a bucket of mud all over his hallway carpet.

"If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this mess from your carpet, Sir, I will personally eat the remainder."

"I got a better idea" said the old man, looking the young man up and down "If you don't clean it all up, I'll swap those fancy clothes of yours for my overalls."

"Fine, sir!" said the young man confidently.

"That fancy suit and tie are gonna look good on me!" said the old man. "But take them shoes off first!"

"But sir! I haven't demonstrated the vacuum yet!"

"Yes, you have. The electricity ain't workin'..."

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Many Scorpions Sighted This Spring



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

We have received several questions about scorpions in the last couple of weeks. While the reason for the activity is probably influenced by moisture conditions, most folks are just interested in pest control. Before we get to that, I thought we'd discuss a little about the biology of scorpions.

Scorpions hide during the day and become active at night. They hide under rocks, bark, wood or other objects on the ground. Scorpions emerge to prey on small insects, spiders, centipedes, earthworms and other scorpions. During periods of hot weather, scorpions may move into living areas to escape the high temperatures in attics. Longevity of the typical scorpion is between 3 and 8 years.

Adult scorpions may have several broods of young. The female undergoes a gestation period that ranges from 5 to 12 months. The young are born alive in semitransparent sacs. When the young scorpions free themselves from these thin wrappers, they climb onto their mother's back. They leave the mother after several days and begin to fend for themselves. Scorpions reach maturity in a year or more, depending on the availability of food.

Of 1,500 species of scorpions worldwide, only about 20 to 25 are regarded as dangerous. Fortunately, none of the species in Texas are considered deadly. The striped bark scorpion is by far the most common scorpion in Texas and the most likely to be encountered by humans. It has two broad, black stripes running the length of its back.

The sting of this species is about as painful as a bee or wasp sting. For most, an ice pack applied to the affected area will relieve some pain. However, a person who is stung by a scorpion should be watched closely as allergic reactions are possible. If swelling and/or pain persists or if breathing difficulties occur, immediate medical attention is necessary.

Scorpions are difficult to control with insecticides alone. Therefore, the first control strategy is to modify the area surrounding a house. Remove all trash, logs, boards, stones, bricks and other objects from around the home. Keep grass closely mowed near the home, and prune bushes and overhanging tree branches away from the house. Tree branches can provide a path to the roof for scorpions. You can also caulk around roof eaves, pipes and any other cracks into the home. It's a good idea to keep window screens in good repair, and to make sure they fit tightly in the window frame.

To control scorpions with chemicals, use insecticide products that contain any of the following: permethrin (Prelude®, Dragnet®); cyfluthrin (Tempo®); cypermethrin (Demon®). Apply pesticides around the foundation of the house and up to 1 foot above ground level on the exterior walls. Also apply pesticides around doors, window eaves and other potential points of entry. Remember to follow directions on the package for dosage, mixing and application methods.

Balmorhea Springs Placed on "Waters to Watch" List

BALMORHEA—Balmorhea Springs, a complex of Trans-Pecos water sources which supports two endangered fish species, an endangered snail, and four other species of concern, has been placed on the National Fish Habitat Partnership's 10 "Water to Watch" list for 2013.

The Balmorhea Springs complex is a group of springs and cienegas (naturally occurring water-holding basins) between the Toyah Basin and the Davis Mountains.

The species found in Balmorhea Springs – Comanche Springs pupfish, Pecos gambusia, headwater catfish and four invertebrates — are threatened by issues including complete dewatering, depletion of aquifers by groundwater pumping, conversion for agricultural or recreation use, and poor land management practices.

"Management of spring and cienega systems requires a holistic, watershed approach with private, state, federal, and local partners to conserve, restore, and address threats to these important desert habitats," Texas Parks and Wildlife Department watershed biologist Megan Bean and the conservation team wrote in their nomination of Balmorhea Springs.

TPWD has participated in projects to revitalize Phantom Lake Spring and cienega as well as San Soloman Cienega at Balmorhea State Park. In addition, a new feature called Clark Hubbs Cienega was created at the park as a refuge for Comanche Spring pupfish and Pecos gambusia. Significant conservation efforts also have been made at West and East Sandia Springs on a 246-acre preserve near Balmorhea owned by the Nature Conservancy.

The annual listing features a collection of riv-

ers, streams, estuaries, watershed systems and lakes across the nation that will benefit from strategic conservation efforts to protect, restore or enhance their current condition.

The waters included in the list represent a snapshot of this year's voluntary, in-progress habitat conservation efforts. These and other locally driven conservation projects are prioritized and implemented by regional Fish Habitat Partnerships that have been formed throughout the country.

The objective of these projects—to conserve freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats essential to the many fish and wildlife species that call these areas home—is the foundation of the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

Through the work of various partners, the projects included in this year's list will be the showcase of conservation efforts aimed at avoiding and reversing persistent declines in the nation's aquatic habitats. With 70 Waters to Watch partnership projects highlighted since 2007, the monitoring of these projects is proving that on-the-ground conservation activities and strategies are truly making a difference in improving fish habitat.

The National Fish Habitat Partnership since 2006 has been a partner in 342 projects in 46 states benefiting fish habitat. The National Fish Habitat Partnership works to conserve fish habitat nationwide, leveraging federal, state, and private funding sources to achieve the greatest impact on fish populations through priority conservation projects. The national partnership implements the National Fish Habitat Action Plan and supports 18 regional grassroots partner organizations.

F.Y.I

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!

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9:00 a.m. Pool Games
 10:00 a.m. Pool Games
 11:00 a.m. Pool Games
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Break for Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Semi-Final Game
 2:00 p.m. Championship Game

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Fort McKavett Smoke Signals By Lisa Lester, President, Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department

Our 13th Annual BBQ Cook Off and Fundraiser was an outstanding success! We had rain the day before while trying to set everything up but that just put everyone in a great mood! The tables and chairs were arranged quickly and the silent auction was set up in record time. Then, the donations for the silent and grand auctions kept pouring in! Cookers and judges arrived and the whole event fell into place with the help of a lot of eager workers. Saturday dawned cool with enough of a breeze that we had to lower some of the bay doors all morning so none of

the auction items would blow away! The Concho Grass band kept our toes tapping and our spirits light until the grand auction began. We sold out of raffle tickets by early afternoon and people were anxiously awaiting the arrival of one last batch of tickets in the hopes of being able to buy a few more chances for the great prizes! Jean Wright of Menard won the Americus Diamond Pendant! She had left the event to work at the Menard Museum so we had to call her with the good news. Mike McHorse, who was raised in Menard, won the Henry Golden Boy rifle. He purchased the ticket from his cousin at Fort McKavett's West Texas Heritage Days in March. The winner of the HEB \$250 gift card is from out of town too.

The turnout for the event was the most we have ever had! We were prepared to feed about 250 people and we ran out of beans and potato salad! The details are still coming in but the silent auction brought in about \$1,600, the grand auction about \$10,800 and the donation jar \$2,700. I'll have the totals for my article next month.

I would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated items, came to the event, bid on items, or helped with anything before, during, or after the event. We could not have done this without you! We appreciate your help and support of our fire department.

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2013. Bring a dish and have dinner with us at 6:30. The meeting will follow.

Cornyn OpEd: Immigration Bill Needs Results

In its current form, the Gang of Eight's immigration bill grants permanent legal status to millions of undocumented immigrants without any guarantee of a secure border. Those eligible include already-deported immigrants and others here illegally who have been convicted of serious crimes such as domestic violence, child abuse and drunken driving.

Meanwhile, the bill weakens our biometric exit requirements, which are designed to prevent visa overstays, and it hinders information sharing among law enforcement officials.

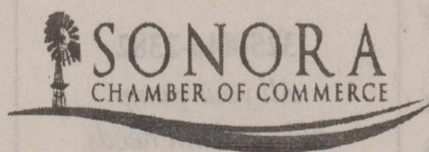
My amendment — the RESULTS amendment — fixes these problems. First, it requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to gain complete situational awareness and full opera-

tional control of the entire U.S.-Mexico border (with "operational control" defined as a 90% apprehension rate of illegal border crossers). It requires the use of a biometric exit system at all air and sea ports of entry with a Customs and Border Protection presence. And it requires nationwide implementation of E-Verify.

Under the RESULTS amendment, illegal immigrants do not become eligible for permanent legal status until each of these four benchmarks — situational awareness, operational control, biometric requirements and nationwide E-Verify — has been achieved. Violent criminals are not eligible for legalization, and law enforcement agencies have access to critical intelligence about public safety and national security

threats.

Washington has vowed to secure America's borders for more than a quarter-century, but its repeated promises have not led to real results. Indeed, as of 2011, the federal government had operational control of less than 45% of the southern border. A porous border encourages drug traffickers, sex traffickers and other criminals who prey on the weak and the vulnerable. The RESULTS amendment increases penalties on the transnational gangs and human smugglers who have exploited our border. It also upgrades security and infrastructure at U.S.-Mexico land ports of entry, slashing wait times and expediting legitimate travel and commerce.



2013 Baking Contest Entry Form

Please indicate which category you are entering (Pie or Cake are Ages 16+, Cupcakes are ages 8-15).

Adult (age 16+) Pie Cake
 Children (age 8-15) Cupcakes

Name _____ Age _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Phone you can be reached on _____

E-mail Address _____

\$5 Entry Fee per item/entry (must have separate registration per item/entry): _____

Contest Rules

- Contest is open to public. All entries must be registered by June 21, 2013 to Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 205 Hwy. 277 N., Sonora, Texas
- All pies, cakes, cupcakes become property of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce when entered into the contest and remaining baked pieces will be given to the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge.
- Cupcake entries must supply 12 cupcakes.
- No store bought pastries, mixes, fillings, icings/frostings/decorations. All decoration must be edible.
- All entries must be in disposable pans/dishes or they will remain property of the sponsor.
- Recipes must be submitted on a typed 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (please bring 2 copies-one with your name, one without your name for judges). If the recipe is not your own, please reference your source. Recipes may be used for future publication unless otherwise noted on your submitted sheet. If you are a winner, by entering, you give permission to have your photo taken and published in the Devil's River News and used for future promotional materials for Sutton County Days and its Annual Baking Contest.
- All entries must be checked in by 11:00 a.m. on June 29th at the Sutton County Civic Center. Please have pies/cakes/cupcakes in bakery box or appropriate box to keep closed while waiting to be judged. Winners will be announced at approximately 12:30 p.m. on the main stage. Winners need to be present for photos and to receive their prizes. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

Judging Criteria

Pies will be judged on:

- Overall appearance before slicing
- Crust color, texture and doneness
- Filling consistency, doneness and flavor
- Originality
- Judges discretion

Cakes and cupcakes will be judged on:

- Overall appearance before cutting
- Creativity
- Texture of inside of cake (moist, airy)
- Taste of cake, frosting and decorative pieces
- Judges discretion

SUTTON COUNTY DAYS



OUTLAW PARADE 2013



Dear Parade Participant,

Please join us for this year's Sutton County Days Parade! It will be held Saturday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m. Line up will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Sonora Elementary School on Concho Ave. The awards will be presented at 11:00 a.m. at the Entertainment Tent. Three awards will be given, the "Best Theme", "Most Original" and "Best Overall". Sonora will host the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo beginning on Thursday night, June 28th and running through Saturday night, with dances being held both Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday will be a fun filled day with arts & craft booths, children's games, live entertainment and lots of delicious food at the Sutton County Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and complete the entry form below. Entry deadline is Friday, June 21, 2013.

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- _____ In Town Float
- _____ Out of town float
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- _____ Go Cart
- _____ Golf Cart
- _____ Horse
- _____ Horseback group# _____
- _____ Other _____

Script for parade announcer: _____

Names of those participating in parade: _____

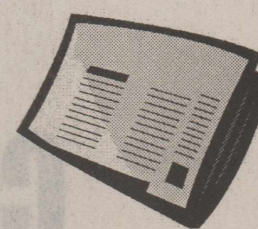
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Date _____

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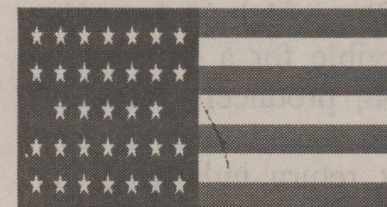
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Public Notice

The annual report of the Allison Educational 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 Sonora Bank
102 N. Main
Sonora, Texas 76950**
The principal manager is: **Bob Malone, Trustee**

Public Notice

No. PR-1393
IN THE ESTATE OF DEBRA TERRESE GUERRA DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DEBRA TERRESE GUERRA

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary were issued on the 26th day of November, 2012, in Cause No. PR-1393 styled "In the Estate of Debra Terrese Guerra, Deceased," pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Mistie Bush. The address to which claims against the capital of the estate may be presented, as instructed by the Administratrix, is as follows: Mistie Bush c/o Damon Richards, P.O. Box 5950, Lubbock, Texas 79408-5950. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Judge will hold a public hearing on June 24, 2013 at 9:00 am at the Sutton County Courthouse, Sonora, TX, to set the salaries of the county auditor, assistant auditors, and court reporter for Sutton County for the F.Y. 2013, pursuant to section 152.905 Local Government Code.

Sonora I.S.D. will accept sealed bids for a 1960 Chevy Apache bucket truck and irrigation pipe with accessories and trailer. Bids will be accepted at the Admin. Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until July 3, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Contact Luis Vasquez concerning condition of items or to make arrangements to view the items if needed. Bids must be marked "SEALED BID". Sonora I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 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.

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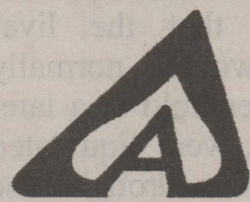
708 Mesquite	\$27,500.00	
502 Martin Street	\$29,500.00	
		817 E 2nd St.
\$82,000.00	Sold!	
712 S. Concho	\$92,500.00	
109 Draw Street	\$95,000.00	
1107 S Concho	\$119,500.00	Price Reduced!
901 E Poplar	\$122,500.00	Sold!
222 Sawyer Drive	\$129,500.00	
504 E. 2nd Street	\$155,000.00	
213 Hudspeth	\$159,500.00	
		105 Sawyer Court
\$159,900.00	Contract Pending	
111 Sonora Dr.	\$165,000.00	
117 Edgemont Road	\$199,000.00	
308 Edgemont Road	\$219,500.00	Contract Pending
		121 Edgemont Road
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1312 PR 2239 - Home w/ 10 acres	\$350,000.00	
		Residential Properties - Ozona
308 N Ave F, Ozona	\$107,000.00	
210 Mockingbird	\$140,000.00	
1108 Ave. A, Ozona	\$150,000.00	
1106 Ave. C, Ozona	\$200,000.00	Contract Pending
		Commercial Properties
404 Sutton Ave. - Lot - 1/2 Acre +	\$55,000.00	
606 Crockett Ave.- Vacant Gas Station	\$64,500.00	
411 S Concho - Office/Shop	\$75,000.00	
201 N Ave E - Ozona	\$200,000.00	Contract Pending
208 Hwy 277 S - Commercial/Income Producing	\$225,000.00	
847 Meridian Drive - Large Office Bldg./Extra Land	\$240,000.00	
232 E Main Street - Mercantile Building	\$298,500.00	
		Acreage Price
100 acres -Crockett County-Deer Canyon Ranch S/D	\$65,000.00	
		New Listing!
100 acres - Crockett County - Rim Rock Ranch S/D	\$70,000.00	Price Reduced!
100 Acres - Crockett County - Rim Rock Ranch S/D	\$80,000.00	
100 Acres - Crockett County - Rim Rock Ranch S/D	\$85,000.00	New Listing!
100 acres - Crockett Co. - RRR S/D W/ Improvements	\$95,000.00	Price Reduced!
120 Acres - Crockett County - TX West Ranch S/D	\$108,000.00	
127.47 Acres - Crockett Co. - Horseshoe Ranch S/D	\$127,500.00	SOLD!
112.7 Acres - Sutton County - Jumo Rd.	\$140,875.00	New Listing!
110.47 acres - Crockett Co.-High Lonesome Ranch	\$200,000.00	Under Contract!
300 Acres-Crockett Co.-Deer Canyon Ranch w/improvements	\$255,000.00	
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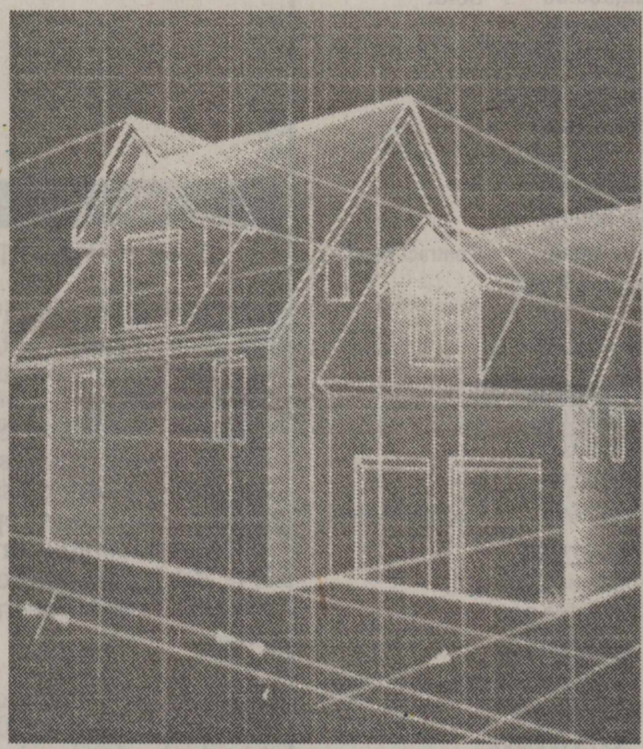
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Tax Alternatives Available For Livestock Producers Forced Into Weather-Related Herd Reductions

AMARILLO — Extreme weather conditions experienced during recent years have caused property damage and early livestock liquidations for many Texas agricultural producers, and as a result, tax implications, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist in Amarillo.

These unplanned events often create more revenue than usual in a given year, generating income tax issues, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist. For example, in a typical year any gain on property for loss reimbursement or the sale of livestock is subject to taxes.

Several options, including Internal Revenue Service Form 4684, IRS code 1033 and IRS code 451, are available to help farmers and ranchers deal with these weather-related issues in excess of normal business practices, Jones said. She encouraged producers to contact a tax accountant to determine the option that best fits their operation and business plan.

At the end of 2012, 90 percent of Texas counties had some form of drought designation and state reservoirs were only 66 percent full, she said. This situation fueled wildfires, ruined crops and pastures, and strained economic resources.

During the 2011-2012 season, approximately

41,823 fires scorched 4.15 million acres and 3,007 homes in Texas. Damages were particularly severe in the Panhandle region due to strong winds, unseasonably warm temperatures and low humidity, Jones said.

In addition, the price of hay increased by 200 percent during this time, causing feed costs to skyrocket, she said. These factors prompted Texas ranchers to severely cull their herds and sell off large numbers of cattle. IRS Form 4684 allows producers to postpone reimbursement gains for up to four years, while IRS code 1033 pertains to draft, breeding or dairy animals that will be replaced within a given time period. The final alternative, IRS code 451, allows a one-year postponement in reporting sale proceeds on raised livestock.

Reporting casualty losses on IRS Form 4684 allows farmers and ranchers to defer any gains that result from insurance reimbursements for fire-related losses associated with fences, equipment, etc., Jones said. Producers have up to two years under normal circumstances and four years during times of disaster to utilize any money received for property restoration or replacement.

The replacement period begins on the date their property was damaged, destroyed or stolen, she said. It ends two or four years following the tax year in which the gain is realized. The four-year option is available only to those located in a federally declared disaster area. To be eligible for deferral, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the date and details of their casualty, the amount of insurance or other reimbursement received, how the gain was calculated and proof of a disaster declaration, if applicable, Jones said.

Under the 1033 election, drought liquidations of breeding livestock are considered involuntary conversions of capi-

tal equipment, she said. Gains can be postponed for up to two years in typical circumstances and four years during times of disaster if animals are replaced. The county must be declared a disaster area.

All replacement cattle should be used for the same purpose as the livestock that were sold. For example, beef cows must be replaced with beef cows, Jones said. The taxpayer also has to show that adverse weather conditions caused the sale of more livestock than normal. Gain postponement is only allowed on those animals sold because of the unfavorable weather.

She explained that to be eligible for a 1033 election, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the existence of an adverse weather-related condition, proof of a disaster declaration if applicable, and documentation listing the amount of gain realized on liquidated cattle. They should also show the amount and kind of livestock sold or exchanged, and estimate the number of animals typically sold or exchanged under normal weather conditions.

Section 451 allows cattle owners to postpone gains for one year on raised livestock only, Jones said. To qualify for this election, taxpayers must show that their principal business is farming or ranching and use the cash method of accounting.

The rules further state the producer should demonstrate that the livestock would normally have been sold at a later date but were liquidated early due to drought, she said. Additionally, they must provide proof that the sale of livestock was caused by weather conditions from a region officially declared a disaster area. The liquidation can take place before or after a disaster is declared as long as the same disaster caused the sale. Income can be postponed only on those cattle liquidated as a result of weather-related causes.

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