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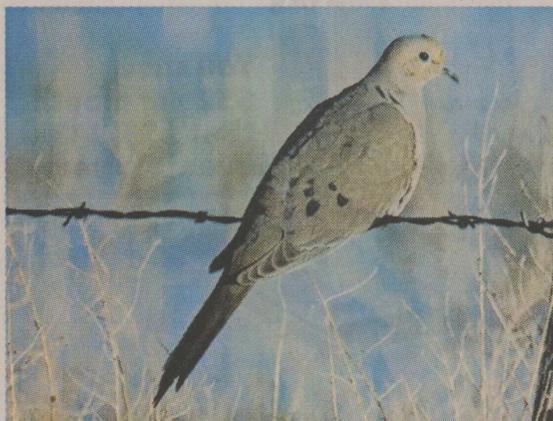
Back Row: Coach Roger Huertz, Daniel Gonzales (Sonora) Alec Lara (Ozona) Coach Carlos DelaRosa, Jarred Flores (Miles) Mikey Cruz (San Angelo) Coach Alf Coleman, Nick Madrid (San Angelo) Bottom Row: Pablo Hernandez (Big Lake) Tyler Woods (San Angelo) Jalen Lopez (Sonora) Caleb Huertz (San Angelo) Matty Chappa (San Angelo) Not Pictured: Wilson Johnson (Sonora)

These boys started practice in March, every Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday. They played tournaments in San Antonio, Midland, Round Rock, Waco and San Angelo, Texas. Parents held fundraisers to offset expenses. These boys played with heart and soul at every game. If they lost, they lost with respect, if they won, they won with respect. These boys and their coaches

and families all became one big family on the road. Their last tournament was held in Dallas playing in the Nationals for 5 days. They left with bittersweet goodbyes. You see the team started with 11 players, but only 9 were going to play, just enough for a team. One teammate was going on a family vacation and the other teammate had broken his collarbone! These young men played for 5 days, 12 games

and 65 innings, and brought THE SILVER, 2nd PLACE home. These boys played with heart and definitely "SHOW" their LOVE for the GAME. Southwest Select Show Baseball Players are ranked #1 in West Texas and #57 in the Nation with only 6 Texas Teams ahead of them. These numbers were done while playing in a total of 4 USSSA tournaments

National Dove Hunter Survey Findings Released



The Cooperative National Dove Hunter Survey is the first report of its kind to gather national-level information on dove hunter behaviors and attitudes in order to help sustain dove hunting for the long-term. More than 12,000 dove hunters across the country participated in this survey, answering questions about their time spent hunting, perceived constraints to hunting and their opinions about potential effects of spent lead from hunting ammunition on mourning

doves and other wildlife. The survey data will help state and federal wildlife and natural resource managers make informed decisions concerning the regulation process, education programs and species management to ultimately improve the conservation of the nation's migratory bird resources in the future. The survey was produced jointly by AFWA, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Flyway Council. In Texas about 250,000 mourning dove hunters harvest 5

million mourning doves on an annual basis making the Lone Star State the nation's leader in both the number of hunters and harvest. The findings of a National Dove Hunter Survey will help managers better understand the opinions of this important hunting community at a national level.

The National Dove Hunter Survey is a cooperative effort by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, National Flyways Council and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Last year, the survey was sent to randomly selected hunters in the 40 states with dove hunting seasons. The large sample of 800 per state on average ensured that most of the survey results are applicable at the national, regional, and state levels. Of the 30,382 surveys successfully delivered, 12,631 hunters responded—earning a 41.6 percent response rate. This survey was the first attempt to learn more about dove hunter characteristics;

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Hospital Board Votes to Remove Hospital CEO From Position

**Editors Note-In last weeks edition we printed an article covering the events that took place during a Special Meeting of the Hospital board, it was only after printing it did we discover that it contained several errors. Stories such as this are very important our community, and as such we are re-printing a corrected version of the article. We apologize for any confusion and extend our thanks to those that alerted us to any errors.*

At 6:05 p.m. on July 21, 2014 a Special Meeting of the LMH board was called to order by President Preston Faris. This meeting was to be held in executive session to discuss personnel matters concerning hospital CEO Bob Pascasio. However, after the meeting was called to order, Mr. Pascasio made the request that the items discussed in executive session be held in an open session.

With 7 board members and 11 onlookers present in the room President Preston Faris asked for any questions or concerns. Members of the Sutton Health Foundation and the Hospital Ranch Board were in attendance, and Board President Preston Faris gave them the opportunity to share their thoughts. Six people spoke, they stated gratitude and appreciation towards Bob Pascasio.

At the conclusion of the public comments the board turned their attention to some negative responses that the hospital staff have towards Mr. Pascasio's management technique. Board President Faris commented that, "maybe the hospital needs a COO (Chief Operating Officer) under Bob to work directly with people".

Board member Lenora Pool then commented that the problem might not be with the wrong kind of leadership, rather that his [Mr. Pascasio's] leadership style was simply different than what everyone was used to. Board Member Edward Earwood then commented that, "Bob has been professional with everyone, the problem is internal." He then went on to list a few specific items: staff meetings being excessively long, needed positions not being filled (increasing overall workload).

Mr. Pascasio responded by commenting that the overall moral of the staff was very low when taking on the position. After further discussion, Board Member Gary Leonard made a motion to terminate Mr. Pascasio's contract, effective in 30 days. Board Member Lance Castro seconded the motion. The final vote count was:

- Preston Faris-No
- Lance Castro-Yes
- Edward Earwood-Yes
- Sharon Holman-No
- Lenora Pool-No
- John Henry Strauch-Yes
- Gary Leonard-Yes

The board approved the motion to dismiss Bob Pascasio as Hospital CEO with a count of 4-3.

The Lions Roar

Our Downtown Lions Club meeting began at 12:00 noon with our dedicated leader, New President FRANK WAMBLE. Bring a friend join us each Tuesday at the Methodist Church for a delightful meal and informative exciting program educating members and guests on many aspects of our community we as citizens may not be aware of. Our community benefits greatly with the dedicated service Lions Club provides. I encourage each and all to join us in lending a hand helping our community thrive and prosper.

Our featured program this week, ARACELI PEREZ, from Human Services located across from the Sonora Bank, 103 E. Main St. educated our group on public health, and abuse services promoting optimal health for individuals in need. The Department of State Health Services effectively works to keep Texans living and working in safe and healthy communities. Joining the Good Samaritan summer program [DSHS] provided anti bullying techniques/skills encouraging children to HAVE A VOICE. They will also team up with our EMS with certified car seat technicians

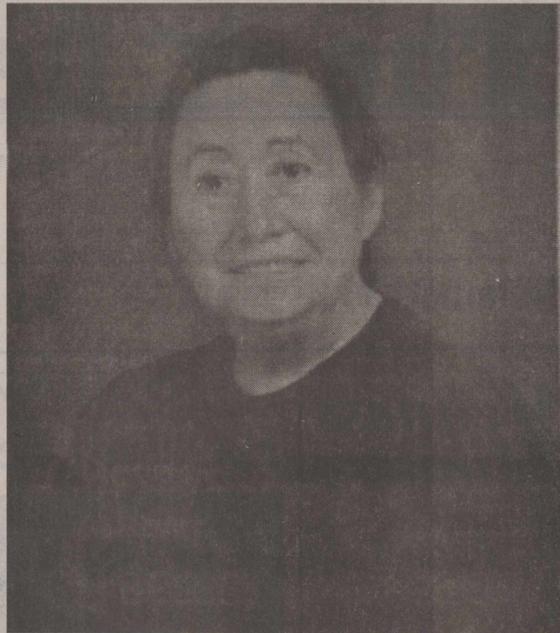
Please join us next week introducing our new Lions Club Queen, DARBY RAMSDALE, promising a delightful hour of fellowship and great opportunities to be a Lion for our community.



Death Notice

Mildred D. Jenkin, 84 of Eldorado died Sunday, July 27, 2014 in Eldorado. Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 2:00p.m. at the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ in Eldorado. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include sons Bob Jenkins of Sonora and Gerald Jenkins of Duncanville, Tx.

Obituary



Amanda "Polly" Ellen Covey, 78, went to be with her Heavenly Father and loved ones Sunday, July 20, 2014. The second to oldest out of four children, Amanda was born November 23, 1935 to Henry and Katie Pearl. Known to many as Polly, she married Bill Covey in the summer of 1953. She graduated from Sonora High School in 1957 with the class her younger brother, who passed away just the year before, was suppose to graduate with. Her two oldest boys were in attendance. From a young age, Polly touched the hearts and minds of family and friends. Her love for God, music, reading, food, and most of all, family, was infectious. Many came to call her Mimi and she always had a huge, warm hug for everyone. Her spirit and faith were always glowing and her eyes always twinkling. Her love, just like her Heavenly Fathers, was ever overflowing. She was a long time member of the Church of Christ and put the love for God into many of her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry Lee and Katie Merle (formerly Elm) Pearl, brother Eddy Lee Pearl, husband William (Bill) John Covey Jr., daughter Catherine (Cathy) Carlene Haukeness, son Michael Henry Covey, and grandson, Sean Phillip Disman.

She is survived by her sons Bo Covey and Lee Covey of Sonora, daughter Amanda Munoz of Ozona, sisters Wilma Logan of Mansfield, Ms and Nancy Smith of Pottersville, Pa, 17 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and one beautiful great granddaughter.

Services will be Friday, July 25, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Lighthouse Community Church



Sonora Church Directory

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dove hunters' time spent hunting; perceived constraints to hunting; and attitudes and opinions about potential effects of spent lead from hunting ammunition on mourning doves and other wildlife.

"These opinions and preferences are important and should be taken into account whenever possible," said Shaun Oldenburger, Dove Program Leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "The department does not have plans to make any regulatory changes based on the survey findings. This information about dove hunters' motivations and their perceptions can help us make informed decisions concerning education programs and in our communications with this group of stakeholders."

Dove hunters will have more opportunity later in the season with dates and bag limits finalized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this last week. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 2014-2015 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day early teal and Canada goose season.

The traditional September 1 dove season opening day in the North and Central Zones remains; this year falling on Labor Day Monday. However, the first seg-

ment in those zones will be shorter than last season, closing on Monday, Oct. 20. The season will reopen Friday, Dec. 19 and run through Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 in the North and Central Zones.

In the South Zone and Special White-winged Dove Area, the first segment will be shortened by five days compared to last year, and those days would be added to the end of the second segment. The South Zone opens Friday, Sept. 19 and runs through Monday, Oct. 20. The second segment will run Friday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015.

The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

The Special White-winged Dove Area will be restricted to afternoononly (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full September weekends on Sept. 6-7 and 13-14. Hunting in this area will reopen Friday, Sept. 19 and continue through Monday, Oct. 20, and then reopen Friday, Dec. 19 through Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015. During the early two weekends, the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. Once the general season opens, the aggregate bag limit will be 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

Wellness Ministry

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I Jalen Lopez would like to thank all my supporters and sponsors during my 2014 baseball season with the Southwest Select Baseball team. I would like to thank the following for sponsorship: Juanita Shurley, John & Betty Lopez, and Juanita Duran. Thank you to the follow-

We had a great season with the Show. We ended with a 2nd place at Nationals tournament, ranked 1st in Texas West and #57 in the Nation. Go SHOW

Public Notice

The City of Sonora will be conducting a public sale. The public sale will be conducted at The Frontier Mini-Storages and Dunes Mini-Storages located at Hwy 277 South, in Sonora, Texas on August 8, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The stored items are the result of an Order by the City Council on April 16, 2012 to demolish an unsafe building. The owner was notified by law to vacate the building of any items that were in-

side. The owner failed to vacate the items and the City of Sonora vacated the items and placed the items in storage. On November 25, 2013, the owner was notified by certified mail that he had 90 days from the date of the letter to pick the property up and pay the storage fees that had been incurred. As of June 4, 2014, the owner has failed to pick up the stored items and has not paid any storage fees. This is not a garage sale.

There are two units and each unit will be auctioned out as a whole. Only money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted. If your bid is accepted, you MUST remove all items from the units IMMEDIATELY, after processing proper paperwork and payment. Please call City Hall, 387-2558 for any questions regarding this notice.

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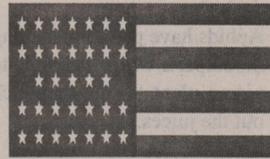
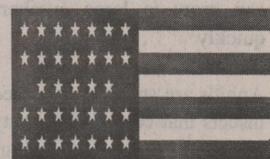
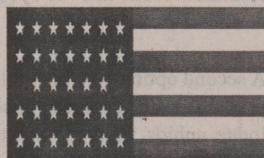
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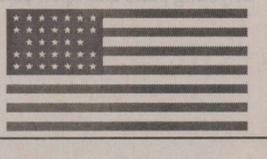
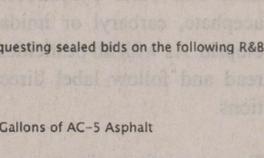
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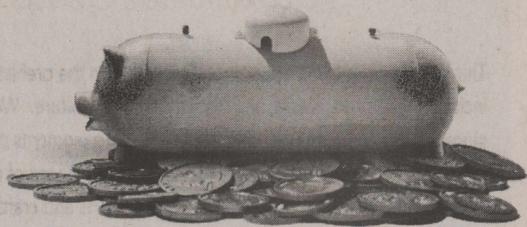
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Sealed bids will be opened on June 23, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the special meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. "Sealed Bids" must be delivered or mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Superintendent, Standley Clay Anderson, (325)226-3388 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, (325)387-5380.



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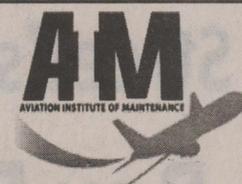
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Aphids a Nuisance This Time Of Year

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agrilife Extension Agent
aging aphids.

Aphids feed on a wide variety of plants in Texas. Aphids can be a nuisance on oaks, pecans, crape myrtles and other trees by creating honeydew. They have high reproductive capabilities so their populations can grow to large numbers quickly.

Aphids are small, soft-bodied insects that come in a variety of colors. Some have wings while others may not, but all have cornicles, or "tailpipes" that come off the tip of the abdomen.

Aphids have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to pierce plant tissue and suck out the juices.

Damage often appears as yellowing or curling of foliage. Aphids also secrete a sweet, sticky substance called honeydew. Honeydew often appears on the plant as a shiny spots or sometimes the honeydew may have sooty mold growing on it. Sooty mold is a black fungus that can block sunlight from reaching the plant leading to a decrease of photosynthesis. You can also find the honeydew on sidewalks, vehicles, and anything under affected trees.

Here are some ideas for man-

Aphids have natural enemies such as ladybugs, lacewing larvae & syrphid fly larvae. Learn to recognize what these creatures look like so you don't kill them.

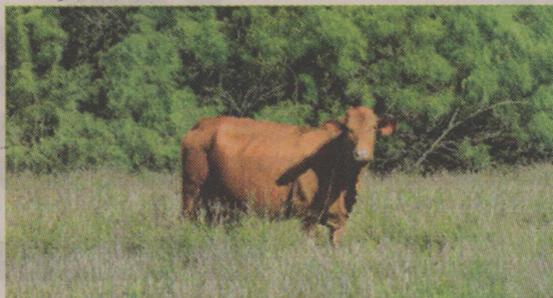
A second option is to use high pressure water sprays to dislodge aphids from the plant. This alternative is not feasible with very large mature trees.

If you choose to use pesticides, select those which include active ingredients such as insecticidal soap, azadirachtin (neem), horticultural oils or d-limonene. With horticultural oils, minimize the risk of plant injury by avoiding treatment when temperatures are above 85°F degrees or when the relative humidity is above 90 percent.

Other pesticides to manage aphids may include active ingredients such as permethrin and other pyrethroids, acephate, carbaryl or imidacloprid. As with all pesticides, read and follow label directions.

For more information, contact the Sutton County Extension Office.

Re-Stocking Raises Questions for Cattle Raisers



Current cattle prices, including replacements, are averaging 20 percent more than a year ago, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service study. Availability of young pairs and open cattle will continue to be a challenge for cattle producers looking to rebuild or expand herds. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

CORPUS CHRISTI – Texas cattle producers looking to restock herds may choose to examine all options as financial dynamics have changed due to historic high cattle prices, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

A recent Financial and Risk Management Assistance report outlined several factors for South Texas cattle producers to consider when purchasing replacements. The publication was compiled by Corpus Christi AgriLife Extension economists Mac Young and Dr. Levi Russell; Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, and Dr. Steven Klose, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, also served as co-author. The Financial and Risk Management Assistance program, commonly referred to as FARM Assistance, is a computerized decision support system developed to perfect

methods in risk and decision-making for farmers, according to AgriLife Extension economists.

The economists used a 200-head herd in South Texas as a case study. Costs and returns on management practices were typical of the area. These may and can vary by operators. Ten-year averages were used to analyze and compare net cash farm income. Open heifers, bred heifers, young pairs, old pairs and open cows were evaluated to see which types would generate the most net income.

"As we move forward, higher feeder and replacement cattle prices in 2014 will have a significant impact on the short- and long-term profitability of cattle operations in South Texas," Young said.

Current cattle prices, including replacements, are averaging 20 percent more when compared to July 2013 prices, the report notes. Availability of young pairs and open cattle

will continue to be a challenge for cattle producers looking to rebuild or expand herds, the economists noted.

"Depending on the availability and price of quality replacements, more than one stocking strategy may have to be used to rebuild a herd," Young said. "In fact, it would be wise to revisit these and other options prior to purchase to re-evaluate them as conditions change in the future."

Based on current 2014 market prices and conditions, restocking with older open cows may be the most profitable strategy at present time, according to the study. Prices for open cows in the past year have not increased in proportion to other replacement females, but availability may be an issue due to previous culling, Young said. Average 10-year cash farm income per cow was \$377 for open cows, while olderpairs generated \$341, young pairs \$275, bred heifers \$346 and open heifers \$209.

"Bred heifers and older pairs also may offer more profitable strategies than young pairs or open heifers," Young said. "The lower the initial capital outlay to repurchase cattle, and the availability of a calf to sell the first year, improves net cash farm income for bred heifers and pairs. Open heifers may be the least profitable way to replace due to not having a calf to sell in the first year and additional development costs."

Young said in evaluating these restocking options, the important point to consider is the order or rank in terms of net cash farm income, not the actual value. In previous FARM Assistance studies, bred heifers and older pairs were more financially profitable than open cows.

Paschal emphasized that restocking considerations need to include more than the age and pregnancy status of the replacements.

Additional management costs for extra feed and health, and death and replacement losses need to also be considered.

"In this analysis, open cows are now the most profitable," Young said.

According to the study, actual results will likely vary by producer, management practices, forage conditions, and cattle markets. The culling and calving rates used in the study may or may not reflect actual practices.

"For example, younger females may have been culled too heavily and older females not heavily enough," Young said. "Additionally, the availability and quality of females by class may be an issue. This analysis should be used only as a guide in evaluating restocking options, and it should be remembered that the best restocking scenario may change from season to season."

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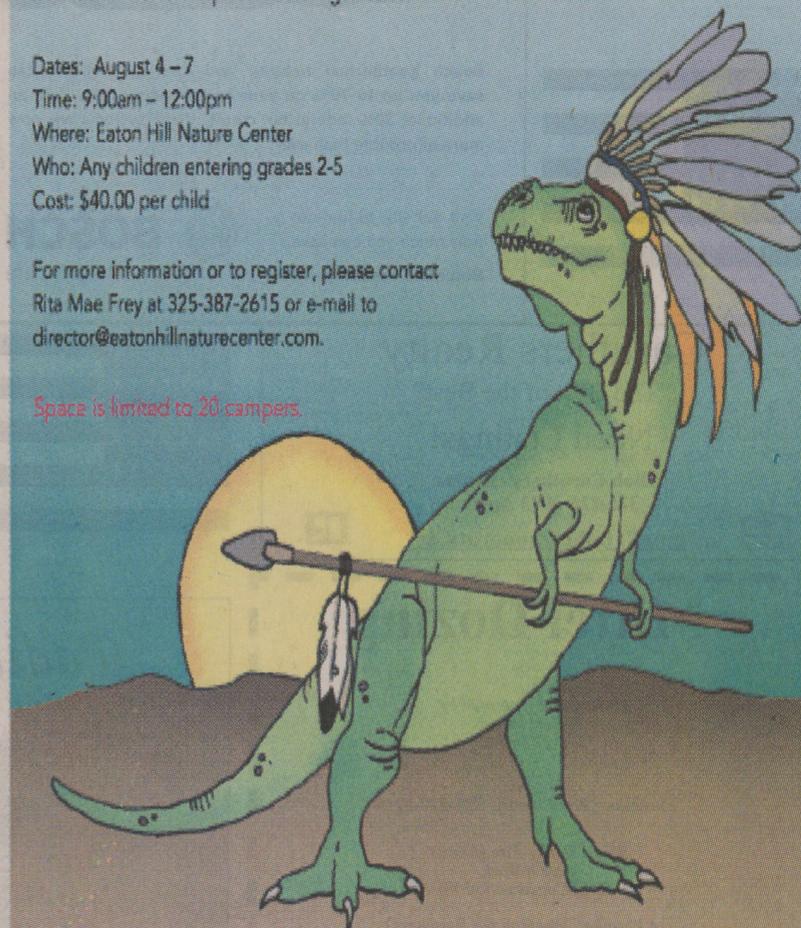
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