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## Accident injures 4 adults, 1 child

Four adults and one child sustained injuries in a one vehicle accident Sunday afternoon.

At approximately 1:40 p.m. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital received a report of an accident 16 miles south on Hwy. 277 South. Emergency units, DPS, and the Sutton County Sheriff's departments were all dispatched to the scene.

Misuk Hearn, 36, driver of the vehicle, and Ultie Lee, 57, both of Highland, Ca., along with Mikyong Ratliff, 29, of Arizona, Mison Arnold, 38, and Gaalam Hwangpo, 18 months, of San Angelo, were injured in the accident.

Ms. Hearn, driving a 1990 Supercab Chevy Pickup was traveling north on 277 when she fell asleep at the wheel. The

vehicle left the road on a curve to the right hand side. When Ms. Hearn awoke, she attempted to guide the vehicle back on to the roadway, over correcting and loosing control of the vehicle and veering back into a bar ditch. The pickup then went through a fence and left the ground flipping in the air and coming to rest right side up.

Ms. Hearn and Ultie Lee were both thrown from the vehicle and suffered severe internal and head injuries. Mison Arnold received multiple broken ribs, a fractured skull and massive internal injuries. Mikyong Ratliff also received severe internal head and back injuries along with a broken left elbow. All four of these victims were transferred to Angelo Community Hospital where they are all listed in critical condition.

Gaalam Hwangpo received a minor head laceration and was treated and released.

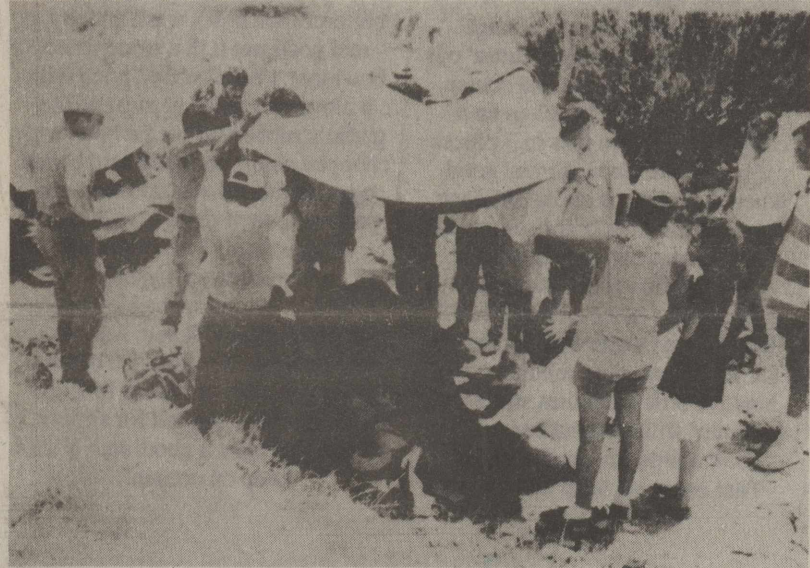
Hyong Hwangpo, 28, Sunken Hwangpo, 28, and Arola Ratliff, 3, were also involved in the accident but were uninjured.

DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz said that everyone worked well together and would like to thank all those at the scene who helped. "When I arrived there were people standing over the victims holding blankets and tarps to shade them from the sun and trying to prevent shock," said Ortiz. "Those who stopped to help should be recognized and thanked for their aid when called on."

Also on Sunday afternoon, a one vehicle accident took place on I-10. Christopher Louis Bradford, 35, of Palo Alto, California was heading east in a 1969 Ford LTD when due to heavy rain, he lost control of his vehicle. The car left the roadway and skidded across the median causing minor damage. There were no injuries and according to the DPS report, "unsafe speed", contributed to the cause of the accident.



The 1990 Chevy Pickup came to rest right side up after flipping in mid air.



Troopers L.D. Whitton and Norbert Ortiz along with many volunteers help the EMS assist these victims following an accident Sunday on Hwy. 277 S.



It was a beautiful evening Saturday at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater with plenty of good music provided by the San Angelo Jazz Band.

## Community involvement needed for July 4th celebration

A committee headed by Kathy Davis and Monte Jones met Tuesday evening to discuss plans for Sonora's upcoming 4th of July Celebration. The idea is to provide several activities in a celebration for the residents of Sonora and Sutton County to participate in.

A parade beginning at the Fire Hall will kick off the days events at 10:00 a.m. There will be floats for the veterans of each war, a color guard, and classic autos will be needed to accentuate each era. All parade participants will carry an American Flag, and children on streamer covered bicycles will windup the parade at the Courthouse.

The Boy Scouts will then lay wreaths on the markers honoring the veterans of WWI, WWII, and the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. At that time Bill Simms will make a speech and Monte Jones will read a proclamation from the President. The days events will conclude with

a picnic lunch on the courthouse lawn.

Placards bearing the names of deceased veterans will be provided by the committee to relatives who wish to be in the parade. These placards will be placed by the appropriate markers on the Courthouse lawn following the parade. If your father, grandfather or any other late relative served in WWI, WWII, the Korean or Viet Nam War, call Kathy Davis at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce (387-2880) and let her know so a placard can be prepared. If you and your family or your organization would be interested in being in the parade you also need to call the Chamber office.

Let's see some action out there Sonora! NOW is the time to show those who served us how much we appreciate them and to honor the memory of the ones who are no longer with us. If we all work together we can make it great!

## Sutton County 4-H places 3rd in Competition

4-h After 3 days of intense judging, in several locations and in various categories, the 54th Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show concluded Thursday, June 13th at the 4-H Barn. After a noon meal provided by the Downtown Lions Club, the awards were presented.

The results for the Sutton County 4-H'ers were as follows: Class 1 Yearling Ewe, Ashley Brockman 3rd; Class 2 Aged Ewe, Brian Faris 4th, Shawna Faris 5th, Ashley Brockman 6th; Class 3 Yearling Ram, Ashley Brockman 4th; Class 4 Aged Ram, Ashley Brockman 2nd, Brian Faris 3rd, Ashley Brockman 4th; Class 6 Aged Ewe and Class 7 Yearling Ram, Brian Faris 1st & 2nd in both; and in Class 8 Aged Ram, Brian Faris 1st. Champion Registered Wool Fleece went to Brian Faris and brought a price of \$400.00 from Southwestern Wool & Mohair of Eden.

In Class 18 Adult Doe, Shane Keller took 2nd, Bonner Walsh 3rd & 4th; Class 19 Yearling Doe, Shane Keller 1st, Bonner Walsh 4th & 6th; Class 20 Doe Kid, Russell Crenwelge 6th; Class 22 Yearling Buck, Graham Bloodworth 1st; Class 23 Buck Kid, Graham Bloodworth 2nd; Class 25 Yearling Doe, Russell Crenwelge 4th, Brian Faris 5th; Class 27 Adult Buck, April Spiller 6th; Class 28 Yearling Buck, April Spiller 3rd, Shane Keller 4th.

In Class 31 Best Put Up Bag, Brian Faris took 1st and Brandon and Shawna Faris took 2nd. Class 33 Aged Ewe, Brian Faris 1st, Brandon and Shawna Faris 2nd; and the Grand Champion Bag of Wool winner was Brian Faris and it brought a price of \$225.00.

In the Open Division, Wool Single Fleeces, Range Finewool Class A-1 Yearling Ewe, Kathleen Moore placed 1st & 2nd, Ashley Brockman 3rd, Hensel Mathews 4th, Ashley Brockman 5th, Charles Brockman 6th; Class A-2 Aged Ewe, Landon Brockman 3rd, Ashley

Brockman 4th & 7th, Charles Shannon 5th, and Kathleen Moore 6th. Class A-3 Yearling Ram, Kathleen Moore 1st & 4th, Hensel Mathews 2nd & 5th; Class A-4 Aged Ram, Hensel Mathews placed 3rd & 7th, Kathleen Moore 5th and Landon Brockman 6th. Registered Rambouillet Class A-6 Aged Ewe, Cheryl Strauch 2nd, Charles

Shannon 3rd & 5th; Class A-8 Aged Ram, Charles Shannon 2nd & 3rd.

In Mohair Single Fleeces for Adult Doe, Joe David Ross 2nd, Mary Ross 3rd, and Dr. Patti Strauch 5th. Class A-19 Yearling Doe, Bonner Walsh 2nd, C.E. Renfro 3rd, David Ross 4th, Joe Will Ross 6th; Class A-20 Kid Doe, Landon Brockman 3rd & 6th, Mary Ross 5th; Class A-21 Adult Buck, C.E. Renfro 1st, Joe David Ross 2nd; Class A-22 Yearling Buck, Jimmy Holman 1st & 2nd; Class A-23 Kid Buck, Jimmy Holman 2nd; Registered Class A-26 Kid Doe, Traci Hightower 1st.

In Bags of Wool 12 Month Finewool Class A-31 Best Put Up Bag, C.E. Renfro 2nd, Bill Stewart 3rd; Class A-32 Yearling Ewe, C.E. Renfro 1st, Hensel Mathews 3rd, Charles Shannon 4th; Class A-33 Aged Ewe, Bill Stewart 2nd, Kathleen Moore 3rd; Class A-34 Aged Ram, Landon Brockman 2nd.

In the Junior Division Judging Contest for livestock High Novice

Individuals, Traci Hightower 1st; High Senior Individuals, Shane Keller 2nd, Brian Faris 3rd. In the High Novice Team Competition, Sutton County 4-H placed 2nd with team members Traci Hightower, Brad Mogford, Graham Bloodworth and Brady Lock. In the High Junior Team competition, Sutton County 4-H placed 4th with the team of John Jones, David Fisher, Shawna Faris and Davis Hale. In the Senior Team Competition, Sutton County 4-H received top honors with the team of Shane Keller, Brian Faris, Amy Patton, and Wade Spain.

In the Junior Division Judging contest for Range, high individuals in the novice were Brad Mogford 1st, Erin Payton 2nd. In the Junior Individuals, David Fisher 2nd, and Jason Geske 3rd, and in the Senior Individuals, Shane Keller 1st, Erik Geske 2nd, and Bobby Joe Mogford 3rd.

Team results showed Sutton County 4-H on top in all 3 categories. Novice team members were Brad Mogford, Erin Payton, Traci Hightower, and Josh Payton; Junior team members were David Fisher, Jason Geske, Davis Hale, and John Jones; Senior team members were Shane Keller, Eric Geske, Bobby Joe Mogford, and Wade Spain.

For the Junior Division judging contest in the wool category, Shane

Keller was 1st, Brian Faris 2nd, and Wade Spain 4th; in the Senior Individual Contest and in the team event Sutton County 4-H Novice Team placed 3rd. Team members were Brad Mogford, Thomas Schenkel, Graham Bloodworth, and Traci Hightower. In the Senior Team competition, Sutton County 4-H placed 1st with the team of Shane Keller, Brian Faris, Wade Spain, and Bobby Joe Mogford.

In the Junior Division Judging Contest for Mohair, Traci Hightower placed 4th in the novice division, and in the Senior Division, Shane Keller placed 1st. The Sutton County 4-H Novice team placed 3rd with Traci Hightower, Thomas Schenkel, Brad Mogford, and Graham Bloodworth. In the Junior Division, Sutton County 4-H finished 4th with David Fisher, Davis Hale, John Jones, and Shawna Faris. In the Senior Team Division, the Sutton County 4-H finished 3rd with Shane Keller, Wade Spain, Bobby Joe Mogford, and Amy Patton.

Overall High Novice Individuals were Brad Mogford 1st and Traci Hightower 3rd. Overall high Junior Individuals were David Fisher 1st, John Jones 4th and Davis Hale 5th. Overall high Senior Individuals were Shane Keller 1st, Wade Spain 3rd, Bobby Joe Mogford 4th and Brian Faris 6th.

The Sweepstakes Award for Best All-Around Club also went to Sutton County 4-H with 4,651 points (330 points above the 2nd place team).

In the National Wool Judging Competition, Wade Spain placed 2nd, Bobby Mogford 3rd, and the Sutton County 4-H placed 3rd in the National Team competition with Brian Faris, Wade Spain, Bobby Mogford, and Amy Patton.

This was the 31st Annual National Competition and all of the participants deserve congratulations for a fine show and a special congratulations to the Sutton County 4-H teams and their coaches Preston Faris and Tom Payton.



Brad Mogford proudly poses for the camera showing his awards from the wool show.

# WHISPERS IN THE WIND

by Jim Fish

## Tales of a trader

At one time or another all West Texas towns have had a trader in livestock, or anything that would turn a dollar. Ours, of course, was Johnny Hamby. Johnny was a red-faced, pot-bellied, little feller; always had a grin and a "ceegar". Johnny never saw a stranger, no matter where he would go, he knew everybody, and everybody knew him.

During the drought of the 50's, a couple of professional gamblers learned how well known Johnny was and came out to Sonora to make him a wager. They wanted to bet a large amount of money that he wasn't personally acquainted with President Eisenhower.

Johnny told them, "That's easy." So they chartered an airplane, flew to Gettysburg, lit on the golf course and were walking toward a group of men gathered around a green. One of these men came to meet them, put his arm around Johnny, asked about his well-being and the drought in Texas. It was Ike.

The two gamblers refused to pay the bet. They said, "We are not through with you yet, we want to double the amount of money and bet that you are not personally acquainted with Pope Pious IV." Johnny said, "You're on!"

So they boarded an airliner, flew to Rome, took a taxi out to the Vatican. There, in a huge courtyard with multitudes of people, Johnny told them, "You can't go inside with me but if you see me on that balcony with the Pope in a little while, will that be enough to satisfy you that the Pope and I are acquainted?"

They indicated that it would be.

Sure enough, after some time passed, Pope Pious IV, with Johnny Hamby at his side, appeared on the balcony above them. By this time the two gamblers were getting nervous (apprehensive).

They asked some of the people near-by, "Is that really Pope Pious IV?"

Their answer was, "We are not sure if that's Pope Pious IV, but that fella standing next to him is Johnny Hamby, the Sutton County Trader."

Bill Stewart

The youngest of nine children, John F. (Johnny) Hamby moved to Sonora from Menard on his twenty-first birthday, August 12, 1922. He was a barber and worked at his brother's shop. Then, almost five years later on April 17, 1927, Johnny married Miss Johnnie Stanley of Sonora. Her father, John Martin Stanley operated the general store at Juno, then a thriving little community.

After his marriage to Johnnie, Johnny entered the livestock commission business and became widely known in the career he would pursue for the rest of his life. He knew no strangers, made friends easily and some called him Sonora's ambassador of good will.

But you can't guess what they named their son when he was born March 14, 1934.

Okay, you win. With the arrival of John Stanley Hamby, they became known as "the three Johnnies".

Guess you could say they had an enduring sense of humor.

Both Johnny and Johnnie were known for their generosity and compassion, and found a warm spot in the heart of Sonora that remains today.

He won the nomination for Constable of Precinct One in the 1964 Democratic Primary but died on October 9, 1964, less than a month before the general election. Regardless, Sutton County displayed its heart-felt admiration by electing him to the office posthumously.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please, print this in your next "Letters to the Editor".

What's the matter Sonora!? The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater had the worst weekend ever. Saturday night, June 15th, there were only three Sonora/Sutton County families represented. What you missed was Tumbleweed Smith and some of our best local talent on Friday night; and on Saturday the CWDT brought in the Nutcracker Dancers of the San Angelo Civic Ballet and The San Angelo Jazz Band.

There has been a committee of people who have worked their tails off since February, trying to get this thing coordinated and find the talent to entertain you, and keep it within a realistic boundary in dollars and cents. You wouldn't believe that paperwork it takes.


On top of that, they have cut their prices so that the whole family (I just found out that senior citizens get into the show and can have a meal for \$6.75) can get in and enjoy storytelling and musicians, poets and dancers, and a

whole bunch of other things we don't ordinarily get to see. I bet some of you have never seen some of these kinds of entertainers before.

Look we need the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater to show tourist and visitors our heritage, one of which I'm mighty proud. Whether you realize it or not, you need Dinner Theater, too. By creating interest in our area, we grow and our financial structure is strengthened. That attracts more interest and we benefit further. Yes, I know the dinner theater is only a little thing but when you put a little thought to it and then the pencil, well, you just need to see for yourselves.

Here we are, in the heart of the birthplace of the American cowboy, the world's most enduring folk here, and it seems as though we are just going to let the opportunity to share our part of it slip right through our fingers. I hope not.

Look, the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater needs your support. That's not asking too much; is it? L.P. Bloodworth



**Biscuits' Crumbs**

By Biscuits O'Bryan

## How the cow ate the cabbage

Ain't that just a dandy expression, especially the way it's used?

If that ain't in your vernacular, it's used in such expressions as, "I'll show him how the cow ate the cabbage!" That means, "I'm gonna let him know what I think about that, 'cause they paint word pictures, which is what we try to do when we write poems, but I also like it because it mentions one of my favorite kind of green stuff - cabbage!"

Some folks say they don't care much for cabbage, but that's probably "cause they've only ate cabbage boiled in plain water or moked up in one of them real sweet slaws, and if I had to eat cabbage like that, I wouldn't like it either. So I thought I'd tell you about some ways to fix cabbage for fussy eaters. "Course I once heard this kinda high fallutin' feller talk about cabbage as peasant food, but that's okay, too, 'cause us peasants eat pretty good, even without them fancy sauces t cover up the flavor of poorly fixed meat. And cabbage is almost always one of the cheapest things you can get at the store. A head of cabbage will feed a right fair number of folks, unless you fix it like this, in which case you'll be lucky to have enough to feed four from a big cabbage.

**Biscuits' Braised Cabbage**  
Quarter a large cabbage, cuttin' out the core then chop it real coarse heat a stovetop Dutch oven a couple of minutes toss in 3 pieces if bacon, chopped stir real good when the bacon is about 3/4 done, toss in a medium onion, chopped and serrano pepper, seeded and chopped fine when the onion's clear, throw in the cabbage add 3 Tablespoons water and put the lid on let it cook over medium high heat for 3 or 4 minutes stir, after seasonin' with salt and pepper then cook a little longer if need be. That cabbage, with a big slab of

cornbread, makes a right fair meal all by itself, especially if you have a bottle of green chile petine pepper sauce to sprinkle on the cabbage and some real butter for the bread.

"Course, in these days of healthy, fat-free dinin', that may be a bit too greasy for your taste, but I doubt it. You'll never know 'til you try, will you? But another, maybe kind of healthy way to fix cabbage is:

**Mexican Cole Slaw**  
Quarter, core, and slice real fine a head of cabbage toss in a finely chopped onion, a small can of chopped pimientos season with salt , pepper, and dash of garlic powder, all enough mayonnaise (you can use the fat-free kind) to hold the salad together without smotherin' it. this is better served at room temperature than chilled, but either way works.

If neither of them two receipts suit you, you're bein' hard to please, and amnye you ought to try some cabbage rolls or stuffed cabbage, but they're lots more work. Talkin' about that slaw made me think of a kind of lettuce salad I really like that's a reak easy one to whip up.

**Biscuits' Favorite Green Salad**  
take however much lettuce you need, dependin' on how many you're feedin' (I like the buttercrunch best), wash and dry it real good put it in a wood salad bowl that's been rubbed good with a clove of garlic 'til most of the garlic's rubbed off on the bowl add chopped onion, chopped hard boiled eggs, and diced avocados salt and pepper it, then dress it with most any dressin' (I like plain ol' mayonnaise myself)

Well, I got plumb carried away with receipts, and it sure has made me hungry. I reckon I'd better mosey on over to the ice box and see what I can dig out for supper. Hope you have a good'un. Y'all keep on cookin'.



Connie (Consuela) Herrera thanks the crowd on the courthouse lawn for their warm reception, as a friend of hers listens in the background.

## Prison facility: Would it be beneficial to Sonora?

Recently representatives from Team Management Services were present at the City Council meeting to present a "Proposal for services to assist the city in obtaining a state prison from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice" to the council.

The economic impact of such a facility can be tremendous for a town the size of Sonora, however the residents must let the Council know what their feelings are toward the facility. The Team Management Service would assist Sonora in the political effort of such an undertaking, as well as help with presentations locally in meetings of church groups, Lions Club, schools, civic organizations, and any other entity interested in further information regarding the facility. They would also work directly with TDC, state officials, etc.

Residents of Sonora are encouraged to direct their questions, concerns, and approval to the members of the City Council. The City of Sonora needs to pull together if they want to support the possibility of the new facility.

This facility would be good for the economic growth of Sonora, and Team Management Services pointed out that a prison facility is one of the cleanest industry possibilities available now. The fee for the proposal and presentation for a facility would be \$60,000.00.

Does Sonora want to consider this possibility of economic relief? Contact one of the council men/women if you have any questions and to let them know your thoughts. City Council members are James Trainer, Preston Love, Margaret Cascadden, Butch Campbell, and Lemuell Lopez.

# NEWS OF SAFETY

## GE Coffeemaker Recall

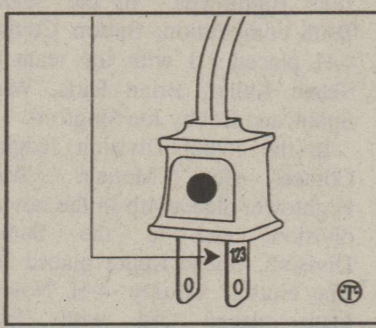
### Program Offers \$10 Each for Old Products

To protect the public against a fire hazard caused by some automatic drip coffeemakers manufactured before April 28, 1984, The General Electric Company, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, is voluntarily recalling certain GE brand and Universal brand units.

GE has received approximately 400 reports of coffeemakers overheating. In some instances, the coffeemakers caught fire, and there have been serious injuries and allegations of a few deaths and substantial property damage.

No units made after April 1984 are involved in the recall. As an incentive, GE is offering owners \$10 for each recalled unit returned. The \$10 check will be mailed when a unit is received by GE.

To find out if your coffeemaker is one of those involved in the recall, read both the catalog number on the bottom of the unit and the three digit date code number stamped on the outside of the metal blades of the electric plug. If the blade number is 418 through 600, the coffeemaker is *not* involved in the recall. Also, Space Maker Drip Coffeemakers (catalog numbers that include the designations SDC1, SDC2, and SDC3) are *not* involved



Your coffeemaker's three-digit Date Code Number is permanently stamped on the metal portion of the cordset plug.

in the recall. If the coffeemaker is a recalled unit, consumers should call toll-free 1-800-443-9000.

GE will give consumers with recalled coffeemakers pre-paid mailing cartons. In the carton will be instructions that will tell consumers how to arrange for convenient pick-up.

Retailers are being urged to call 1-800-GE-POSTER to receive display materials that will help inform customers about the recall.

The recalled coffeemakers are not repairable, and owners should unplug the unit and stop using it immediately.

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# Community Calendar

## June

**Friday-21st:** The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater featuring Joe Lane & Alan Damron. Gate opens at 6:00, Mal served at 6:30 and show begins at 7:00 at the Caverns of Sonora.

**Saturday-22nd:** The CWDT featuring "Ol Rivers" & Christine Albert.

**Thursday-27th:** 4-H Club lamb draw at the Rousellot Ranch 6:30 p.m.

**Friday-28th:** 4-H Style Show at the Depot 6:00 p.m.

**Friday-28th:** Annual Nursing Home BBQ will be held at Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home & Hospital from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## July

**Thursday-4th:** "An Appreciation of 215 Years of Freedom" July 4th Celebration at the Sutton County Courthouse.

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## Senate Bill 351 discussed in School Board meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session Tuesday, June 11.

Board members present were: Donald Patton, President, Jesse Bustamante, Jim Garrett, Gary Hardgrave, Becky Johnson, Gloria Lopez, Michael Smith, and Superintendent, Charles Russell.

The meeting was called to order by President Patton and the invocation was given by Superintendent Charles Russell.

The minutes of May 6, May 14, and May 22, 1991 were unanimously approved as written on motion of Gloria Lopez and a second by Jesse Bustamante.

There being no visitors, President Patton moved to item 5 on the agenda. In the absence of Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess, Superintendent Charles Russell stated that the tax collection rate stood at 98%.

In the Superintendent's report, he commented that summer repairs were proceeding on schedule and he commended the custodial force for the outstanding job they were doing. He also stated that Director of Maintenance Smith Neal, Maintenance Supervisor Wes Henson, and he had met and decided that all air conditioning repairs could be done by the district's maintenance staff rather than letting the work out for bids.

The Superintendent continued his report with information about a board training workshop in San Angelo June 20 and 21. He stated that there would be several workshops in July dealing with Senate Bill 351 and he encouraged board members to take advantage of these workshops so that they would have as much information as possible about the implementation of County Education Districts which have been mandated by the bill.

In regard to Senate Bill 351, the Superintendent stated that inservice

for teachers had been cut from 40 hours to 20 and that the plan was very flexible.

He mentioned that a parent had been to see him and was interested in getting local companies to donate seat belts for school buses, although the state does not mandate that buses have seat belts. He told the board that he would have more information for them at a later date.

District enrollment figures for the conclusion of the school year were listed as follows: Primary 255, Intermediate 255, Junior High 224, and High School 290 with a total of 1,024.

As required by law, District Counselor Jeryl Fields was present to summarize all test results for the 1990-91 school year. She stated that the scores were at or above the state average with the exception of 9th grade in which all sections (math, reading, and writing) were below the state average. She informed the Board that remediation classes would continue through the next school year. Mrs. Fields was thanked for her excellent presentation.

The Superintendent informed the Board that funding was available in the budget to buy a laser printer. He stated that the printer currently in use was worn out and that this particular type of printer would save the district untold amounts in printing costs alone. The Board unanimously voted to award the bid of \$1650.00 for a Hewlett packard Laserjet III to Computerland. Motion was made by Jim Garrett and seconded by Jesse Bustamante.

The Board unanimously voted to award the bid of \$16,236.75 for a school car to Cecil Atkisson Chevrolet. Motion was made by Jesse Bustamante and seconded by Gloria Lopez.

After a motion from Michael Smith and a second by Jesse Bustamante, current bills in the amount of \$205,043.45 were unanimously approved for payment.

A public hearing on the use of federal Chapter I and II funds for the 1990-91 fiscal year was declared open by Board President Patton, who asked for any comments on the subject. There were none and the public hearing was then declared closed.

The Superintendent presented the rough draft of the 1991-92 budget, excluding revenues. He commented that it represented only one-tenth of a 1% increase and that there would be budget workshops for the Board before any action was taken.

The Board was in agreement that it would be much more practical to give Athletic Director Bob Bellard the authority to award athletic bids, rather than bringing each individual bid to them. The motion was made by Michael Smith, seconded by Gloria Lopez, and carried unanimously.

The Superintendent informed the Board that recent federal legislation had mandated that school districts which receive less than \$15,000 in federal vocational money must co-op those funds. The Board unanimously voted to join the Region XV Federal Vocation Co-op for the 1991-92 school year for vocational services provided. Motion was made by Jim Garrett and seconded by Jesse Bustamante.

Although the appointment of County Education District board members had been scheduled for this point on the agenda, the Superintendent informed the Board that he had learned that such action could not be taken until Governor Richards has signed the bill into law. He commented that after the bill has been signed, he would call a special meeting to elect said board members. The Superintendent then gave an overview of all information dealing with Senate Bill 351 and the mandated County Education District.

The revised 1991-92 school calendar, which is in compliance with the TEA requirement for a 180

day instructional school year, was unanimously adopted on motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Jim Garrett.

The bid for the second phase of a 2 year plan to complete repairs required by the State Fire Marshal were awarded to Commercial Sound and Electronics in the amount of \$6,759.00 with the completion dates of 9/1/91 for the Intermediate School and 1/1/92 for the New Gym. Motion was made by Gary Hardgrave, seconded by Jesse Bustamante and carried unanimously.

The 1991-92 Campus Improvement Plans for each district campus were distributed to the Board. The Superintendent commented that each plan addressed the areas of reading, writing, and technology and he asked the Board to review the plans before final adoption takes place in July.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt TASB Update 39 after a motion from Gary Hardgrave and a second by Becky Johnson.

There being no comments from the Board, President Patton announced that the Board was going into executive session according to its right to do so under the provisions of Article 6252-17, V.A.T.S., Sec. 2(g) to discuss personnel matters and that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session and voted unanimously to have the Gifted and Talented Program administered by the principals of each building, to make Janet Patton responsible for the G/T entrance and exit meetings held in January and May, and to have the G/T Newsletter developed at Junior High School. Motion was made by Jim Garrett and seconded by Gloria Lopez.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. on motion of Jesse Bustamante and a second by Gloria Lopez.



Sam Perez, "1991 Senior Father of the Year".

## Senior Center Announces 1991 Father of the Year

Sam Perez was selected to represent the Sutton County Senior Center as the 1991 Senior Father of the Year. In addition to his sash, he received a gift certificate from Fide's Chevron for a free car wash, \$10.00 worth of merchandise from Victor's Auto Parts, a cap from Location Builders, a lifetime pass to the Caverns of Sonora, and a KC for two & Onion rings from the Sutton County Steakhouse. Two other lucky dads also received gift certificates from the Steakhouse.

The entertainment was delightful! The children from Busy Bee Day Care danced to the song "Sap, Sap, Sapo" about a frog. The decor was in step with frogs and green balloons abounding.

The energetic little bees were: Tori Valliant, Trapper Valliant, Travis Valliant, Kayla McBride, Frank Wiff, Claire Thorp, Magdalena Ramirez, Dani Matthews, Michele Weingart, Embre Jay Smith, Felisha Gamez, Clinton Mayo.

Each dad present also received a



"Sapo-Sapo" as these Busy Bee students perform for the special Fathers Day Luncheon at the Senior Center.

### Beer Brewers Battle Under-Age Drinking

"Good beer is properly aged. You should be too." That's the message from a leading beer brewer that's educating young people about why teens shouldn't drink alcohol at all.

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This ad may make many young people think twice about choosing to drink alcohol.

Alcoholism is a serious problem among teenagers, studies show. That's why leading beer companies sponsor public education campaigns to discourage young people from drinking. For instance, during the 1991 Spring Break season in Florida, Miller Brewing Company lined the roads with a billboard reading "Good beer is properly aged. You should be too. If you're under 21, don't even think about it."

Beer companies have taken action in various ways, including providing booklets to bars and hotels that help bartenders identify fake out-of-state drivers' licenses.

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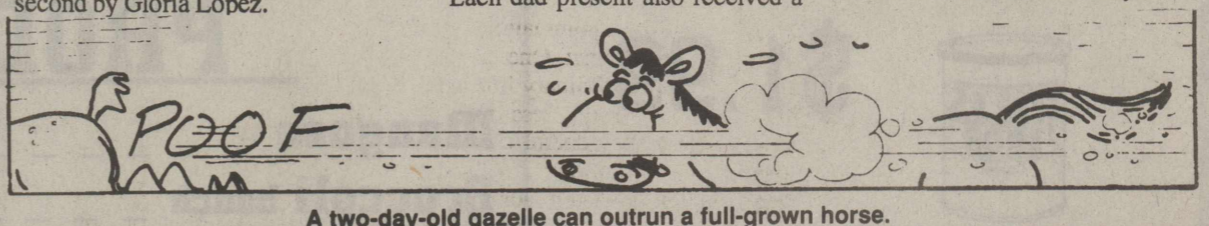
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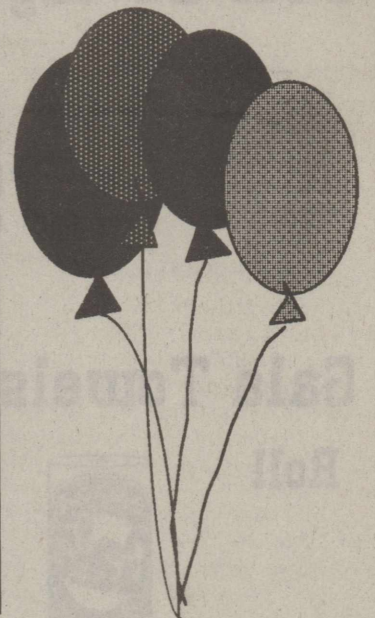
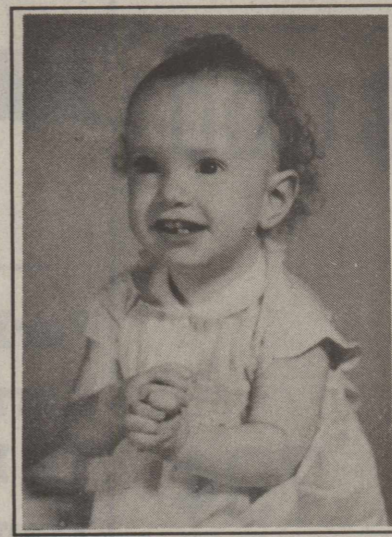
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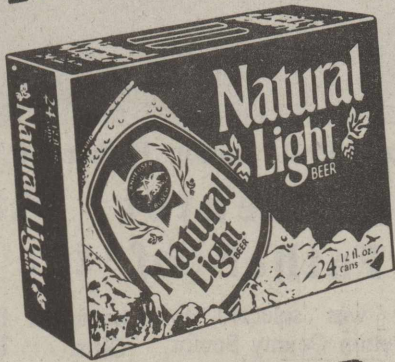
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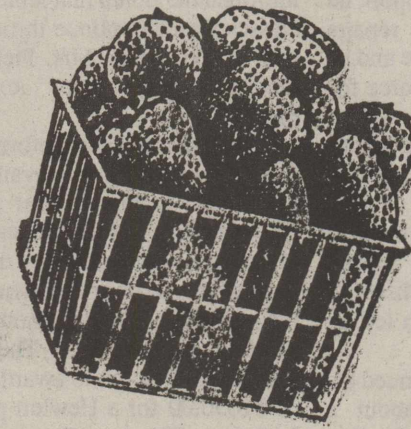
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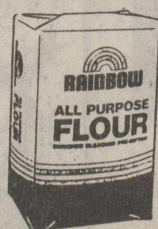
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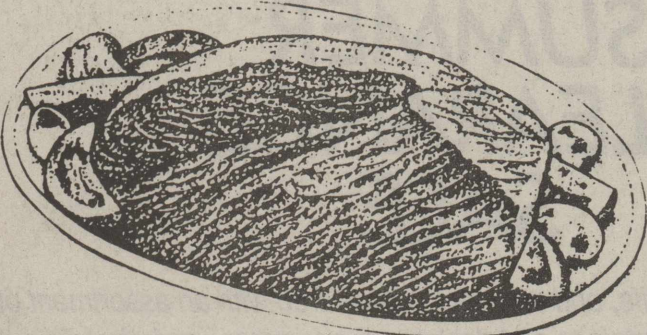
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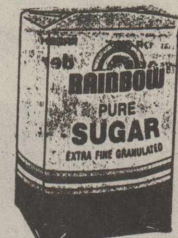
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## Sutton County EMS offers courses

The Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor public CPR courses and First Aid courses during the summer.

The first aid class will cover medical illnesses such as heart attack, stroke, diabetic emergencies, and accidental injuries and their treatment. Among the list of skills presented, you will learn what to do for choking victims, how to stop major bleeding, and bandaging and splinting with materials you have available to you at home. This class is highly recommended for parents, teachers and others who work with children, but is a valuable course for anyone

interested in saving lives and reducing the effects of sudden illness or injury.

Remember the time to learn First Aid is BEFORE the emergency occurs. The first aid course will be six hours long and the cost will be \$30.00 per person.

The CPR course is a three hour course and will be \$10.00 per person. Upon completion of this course, you will be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and rescue breathing for adults. You will also learn what to do for choking victims. Classes will be scheduled as followed:

CPR Course	June 25 (Tuesday)	7pm to 10pm
CPR Course	June 26 (Wednesday)	1pm to 4pm
CPR Course	June 27 (Thursday)	9am to 12 noon
CPR Course	July 30 (Tuesday)	7pm to 10pm
First Aid Course	July 2 (Tuesday)	9am-12pm*1pm-4pm
First Aid Course	July 16 & 17 (Tu. & W.)	7pm to 10pm
First Aid Course	July 23 & 24 (Tu. & W.)	7pm to 10pm

To enroll for one of these classes please contact the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service at 387-5132.

## 4-H does well at State Round-up

Sutton County made a fine showing at the State 4-H Roundup in College Station during June 4th, 5th, & 6th.

April Spiller was the recipient of an \$8,000 Houston Livestock Show Scholarship. Julie Jones and Shawn Wallace placed 1st in the Sheep and Goat Method Demonstration contest with a demonstration entitled, "From Fleece to Fabric." Team coach was Lolabeth Jones.

Sutton County's Wool Judging team placed 2nd and qualified to

judge in the National Wool Judging contest in Sonora. Team members included: Brian Faris (4th high individual), Bobby Mogford (tied for 5th high individual), Wade Spain (9th high individual), and Amy Patton. Team coach was Preston Faris.

The Range Judging team from Sutton County placed 5th with team members: Shane Keller (2nd high individual), Eric Geske, Adam Mirike, and Tracy Crites. Team coach was Tom Payton.



Julie Jones and Shawn Wallace, took 1st place Sheep & Goats at the State Round-up



Brian Faris, Bobby Mogford, Wade Spain and Amy Patton took 2nd in Wool Judging and Evaluation at the State Round-up.

## Paisano Baptist Encampment

The 71st consecutive year of camping at Paisano Baptist Encampment got off to a good start this week with 225 West Texas Youth Congress members meeting at the historic encampment grounds located mid-way between Alpine and Marfa, at mile high Paisano Pass. Jerry Fortune, coordinator for the youth camp, reported that the group was having a wonderful time in the cool, rainy Davis Mountains, and that it was one of the finest groups of young people ever assembled for the West Texas Youth Congress. The camp will continue through Friday, June 14.

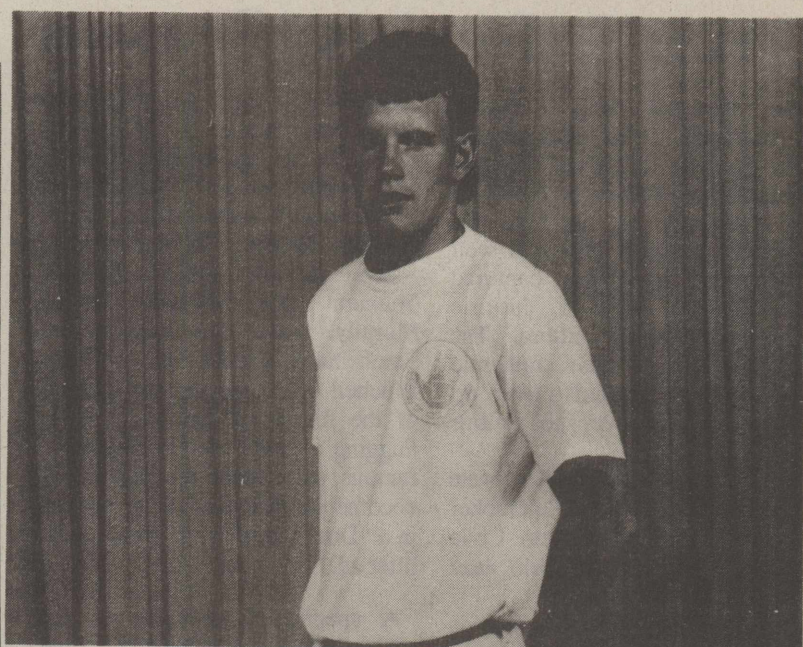
The Paisano Girl's Mission Camp will meet July 8-12, with Donna Carrol, Kermit, as director. The camp, for all girls of school age, will focus on mission study, Bible study, worship, and recreation experiences. Girls from all across the Trans-Pecos Region will attend.

The Boy's Mission Camp, with Bob Steakley, Odessa, as director, will be July 15-19. All school age boys will attend this camp, with the older boys involved in a

"wilderness camp", and the younger boys in the normal camp activities at the main Paisano buildings.

The 71st paisano General Encampment will be July 28- Aug 2, with about 2000 from all over the state and beyond, expected to attend. The program personnel will be the same as last year, with Dr. Levi Price, Jr., El Paso, and Dr. Buckner Fanning, San Antonio as preachers. Music will be led by Ed Whittner, and Dr. Foy Valentine will teach the morning Bible class, and Dr. Alta Ada Williams the afternoon group.

For information about any of the camps, contact Rev. Jim Stephen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sonora, who is Paisano Vice President for programs or call Rev. Lloyd Conner, VP for Publicity at (915)762-2019 or (915)762-2293 (Home).



Shane Keller 2nd High Point Individual in Range Evaluation at the State Round-up.

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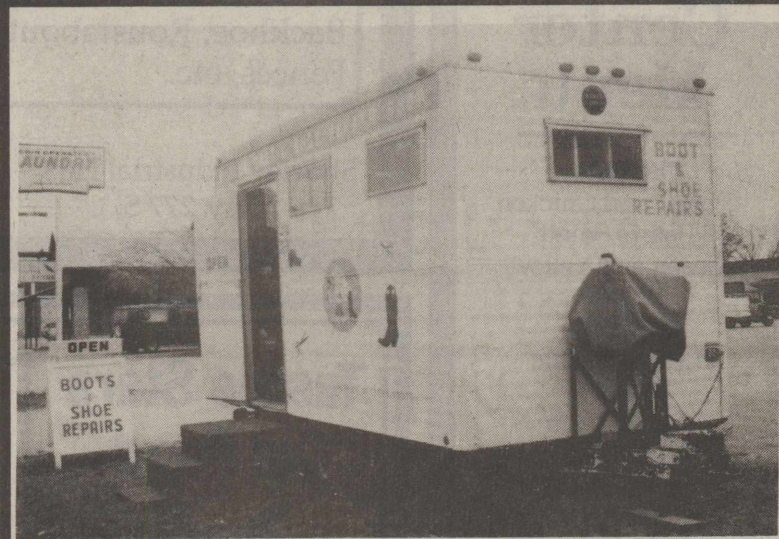
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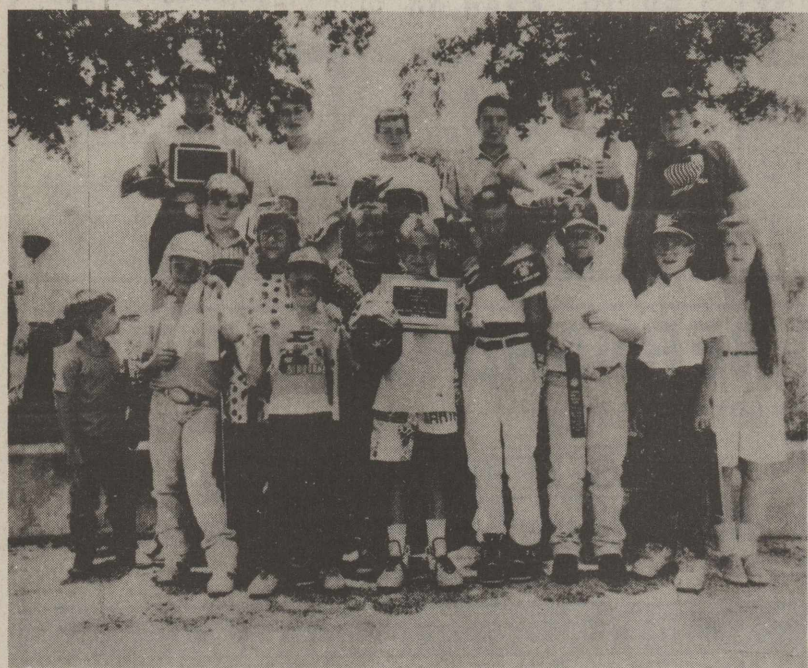


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Sutton County 4-Hers' placed 3rd in the National Wool Show and took sweepstakes for Best All Around Club in the Wool Competition, held here last week.

## CHURCH GUIDE

The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Presbyterian  
Worship Service-11:00 am  
Church School-9:45 am  
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice-Wed. 7:30  
Communion first Sunday of each month  
Lewis Allen, pastor

Sonora Tabernacle  
United Pentecostal  
Sunday School, etc.-10:00 am  
Prayer Meeting-6:30 pm  
Evening Worship-7:00 pm  
Prayer Meeting-6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service-7:00 pm  
Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor

Church of Christ  
Bible School-10 am  
Worship-11 am  
Sunday Night-6:30 pm  
Wednesday Night-7:00 pm  
Don Jones, pastor

Hope Lutheran Church  
Sunday School-10:00 am  
Worship Service-11:00 am  
Thursday:  
Adult Bible Class-8:00 pm  
Charles Huffman, Pastor

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Saturday night Mass 7 pm English  
Sunday Mass  
8 am Spanish  
11 am English  
Holy Day Mass 7 pm  
Rev. William DuBoisson

Primera Iglesia Bautista  
Sunday School-9:45 am  
Worship Service -11:00 am  
Training Union-5:00 pm  
Evening Service -6:00 pm  
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm  
W.M.U.-Sunday-2:00 pm  
Between Santa Clara & Chestnut

Templo Jerusalem Asamblea de Dios  
St. Ann's Street  
Sunday School-10:00 am  
Sunday Evening Serv.-5:00 pm  
Wednesday Serv. -7:00 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting -7:00 pm  
Daniel Diaz de Leon, pastor

New Life Assembly of God  
306 N. 4th Street  
Sun. Worship 10:30 am  
Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm  
Weds. Study 7:00 pm  
Daniel Timmerman, pastor

Jehovah's Witness  
310 St. Ann's  
387-2679 or 7-3947  
English Meeting  
Public Talk-10 am Sun.  
Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday  
Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed.  
Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday  
Bible Study-7:30 Monday  
Spanish Meeting  
Public Talk-1:00 Sunday  
Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday  
Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tues.  
Service Meeting-8:15 Tues.  
Bible Study 7:30 Thurs.

St. John's Episcopal Church  
404 NE Poplar  
Holy Eucharist-Wed. 7:15 p.m.  
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Morning Prayer M-F 6:30 a.m.  
Sunday School -9:45 am  
The Rev. Monte Jones, Rector

First Baptist Church  
Sunday School-9:45 am  
Morning Worship-11:00 am  
Church Training 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship -7:00 pm  
Wednesday Service -7:00 pm  
Rev. Jim Stephen

First United Methodist Church  
Sunday School-9:45 am  
Worship-10:55 am  
KHOS 92.1 FM-11:00 am  
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Kent L. Kepler, pastor

New Hope Baptist Mission  
708 SE Crockett  
Sun. morning bible Study-10 am  
Sun. morning Worship-11 am  
Sun. evening Worship-7 pm  
Weds. Childrens Bible Study-7 pm  
Dana Floyd, pastor

Visit the Church of your choice this Sunday.

# CWDT Begins Season

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater began its 5th season Friday at the Caverns of Sonora. Friday evening's entertainment consisted of L.P. Bloodworth, Jim Fish, and Tumbleweed Smith. Smith, a well known radio personality, captured the audience with a historic program on cowboy culture. The Wild Bunch (in their authentic costumes) were on hand to liven up the evening, however no serious incident occurred.

Saturday evening guests were entertained by the Nutcracker Dancers of the San Angelo Civic Ballet and The San Angelo Jazz Band.

Upcoming entertainment is certainly something you don't want to miss. Friday you can hear Sonora's own Joe Lane. Alan Damron, folksinger extraordinaire, will be the musical entertainment Friday evening. He has regularly shared the stage with such artists as Willie Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith, Bill Staines and Pete Seeger.

If you listen to KHOS, then you're sure to have heard the voice of 'Ol Rivers on the Atkission Chevrolet commercials. Saturday evening you certainly don't want to miss the impersonations and western humor of this delightful

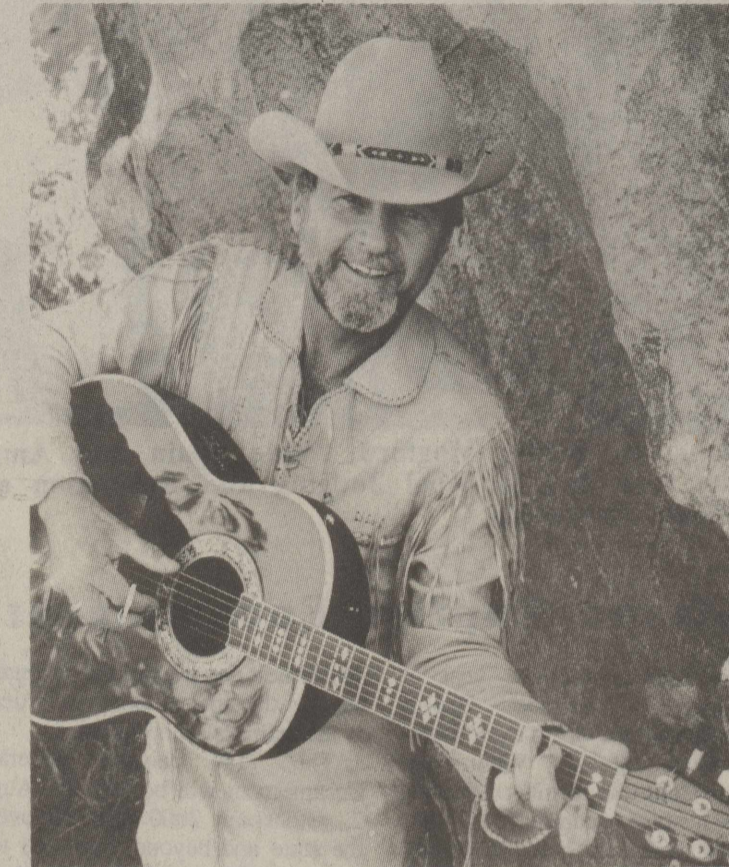
entertainer. Then sit back and enjoy the music of Christine Albert, an up and coming country and western singer. Albert has appeared with such artists as T. Graham Brown, Steve Wariner, Asleep at the Wheel, Dwight Yoakum and Michael Martin Murphy. Since 1988 Texas and the South have known her as "The Bluebell Girl", singing the praises of the renowned ice-cream while hugging a jersey cow in Bluebell's famous ad. Most recently she's become the first woman to appear in a "Don't mess with Texas" anti-litter ad.

A special performance of the theater will be held Monday, June 24, at the Amphitheater. The show will begin at 7:30, however no dinner will be served. Biscuits O' Bryan, Jim Fish and L.P. Bloodworth will start off the show with storytelling and cowboy poetry. Musical entertainment will then be provided by The Ross Family Gospel Singers.

The cost of the special showing will be \$4.00. What more could you ask for Sonora? An entertaining show and a delicious meal catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse, all at prices that you can afford.



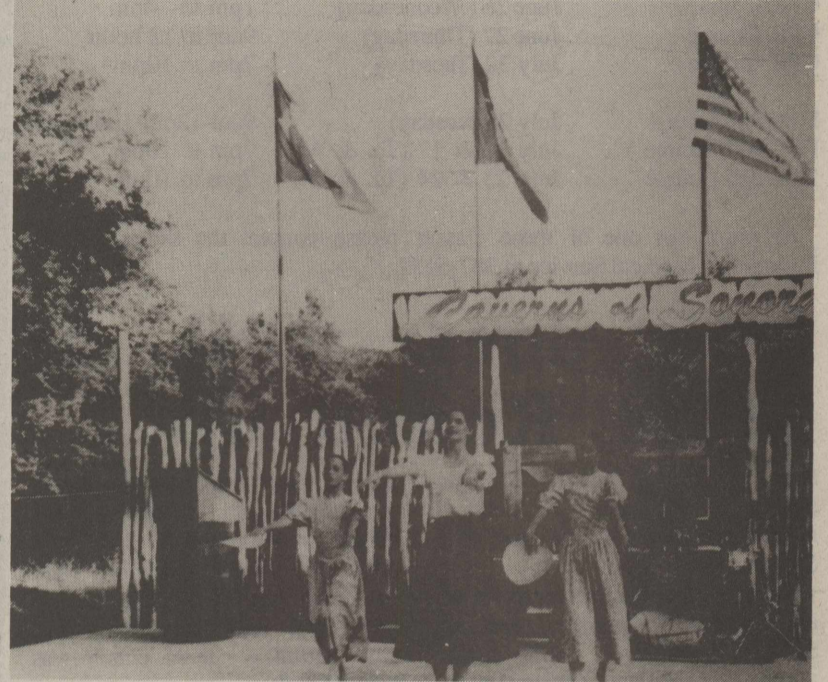
CHRISTINE ALBERT



ALLEN WAYNE DAMRON



Tumbleweed Smith kept the guests entertained Friday as the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater kicked off its 5th season.



The Nutcracker Dancers of the San Angelo Civic Ballet performed beautifully Saturday at the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater.



L.P. Bloodworth presents the "Glad you're here bag" to Louise Briggs from Howland, Maine, Saturday night at the CWDT.

In America there are two classes of travel—first class, and with children.

ROBERT BENCHLEY

### Senior Center Menu

**Thursday:**  
Oven-Fried Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Green and Yellow Squash  
Hot Rolls  
Lemon Bisque

**Friday:**  
Baked Ham  
Candied Yams  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Melons  
Sugar Cookies

**Monday:**  
Pepper Steak  
Hot Rice  
Spinach  
Hot Rolls  
Tossed Salad  
Lemon Pudding w/topping

**Tuesday:**  
Chicken Creole  
Corn  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Pear w/cheese  
Rice Crispies Squares

**Wednesday:**  
Enchiladas w/cheese  
Pinto Beans  
Zucchini Squash  
Crackers  
Tomato Slices  
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**Thursday:**  
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# The importance of sealing an abandoned well

Submitted by the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, Mike Smith, mgr.

Why must abandoned wells be sealed?

In 1987, the plight of little Jessica McClure drove home the importance of caring properly for abandoned wells. For 36 hours, the nation worried as rescuers worked desperately to free Jessica from an unsealed abandoned well. The fact is, unless proper precautions are followed, abandoned wells are a public safety hazard.

Children and small animals falling into abandoned wells is not as common as such wells becoming potential routes of groundwater contamination. An old well can allow runoff water to flow directly down to the aquifer, often carrying fertilizer and crop protection chemical residues into the groundwater. The bypasses the natural filtering and degradation that takes place as these materials move through the soil.

Groundwater quality may be endangered also if an abandoned well connects two aquifers of different quality, such that exchange of water occurs between an important drinking water aquifer and another water-bearing zone which has poor water quality.

Often, people who construct a new well try to "save" money by not properly plugging the old well. They don't realize, however, that the new well and their drinking water - can be contaminated by an old well a quarter of a mile or more away. Not much of a bargain!

The basic concept governing the proper sealing of abandoned wells is the restoration, as far as feasible, of the subterranean relationship of ground to water that existed before

the well was drilled and constructed. Merely capping the well is not enough to prevent it from becoming a problem. Instead, the well must be sealed - or plugged - to be made safe and sound.

Objectives in sealing a well

In sealing an abandoned well, several objectives must be met:

- Elimination of a physical hazard.
- Prevention of groundwater contamination by surface runoff contaminants.
- Prevention of groundwater loss from artesian or flowing aquifers.
- Prevention of the mixing of desirable and undesirable underground waters.

How are abandoned wells properly sealed?

Sealing begins by removing any pumping equipment and clearing any obstacles and debris that have entered the well. When obstructions have been cleared, the well can be sealed by filling with cement from the bottom of the well to within two feet of the surface. The well casing should be cut off below the surface, and the hole filled with soil.

Other procedures are used to seal large-diameter wells, if special geologic conditions exist, or if special techniques were used in constructing the well. When sealing a well, it's important to fill it with a material that is less permeable to water than the native soil and rock. Otherwise, water can migrate between water-bearing layers and possibly degrade high-quality water with lower-quality

water. When cement is not practical because of volume and expense, clay or a mixture of sand and bentonite might be used to fill the hole and restore natural conditions as closely as possible.

You should call your municipal, county or state government and your water management district for any specific regulations regarding well abandonment in your area.

How can I find out if I have an abandoned well on my property?

There are several sources of information to help you determine if you have an abandoned well. They include:

- Former property owners or neighbors, who may remember well locations.
- Well drillers, who may be able to say where they drilled a well no longer in use.
- Old photos, which may show destroyed windmills, houses, barns or other buildings where wells might be found.
- Fire insurance plan drawings, which might contain records of old wells.
- Government agencies or surveys, such as a state department of natural resources, water resource departments, water management districts or geological surveys.

Will I recognize an abandoned well?

Abandoned wells may be difficult to identify. The most obvious evidence of an abandoned well is a pipe sticking out of the ground. A well casing typically will be metal pipe that is 1 1/4 to 6 inches in diameter. A larger-diameter, dug or

bored well may appear as a ring of concrete, tile, bricks or rocks 12 to 36 inches or more in diameter.

More often, abandoned wells are less obvious. A depression in the ground may indicate that a well has been buried. A wet area may be a sign that an artesian or flowing well was never properly sealed.

Windmills are often located over an abandoned well. An old shed may be an abandoned well house. A broken or inoperative hand pump is probably connected to a well that should be sealed.

Wells often were drilled in the basements of houses. A pipe sticking out of the floor could be a well casing. A common place for wells was under the front step, and a glass block fitted into the top step is a good indication of such a well.

Who can help with sealing an abandoned well?

If there is an abandoned, unsealed well on your property, contact a water well contractor to arrange for sealing. Ask for references. If you need help in finding a contractor, check with community

health services agencies, county or city health departments, planning and zoning offices, or soil and water conservation districts or your local underground water conservation districts.

# Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

## Summer Fruit Salad

- 1 Dole Fresh Pineapple
- 2 Dole Oranges, peeled, sliced
- 2 Dole Bananas, peeled, sliced
- 1 cup halved Dole Strawberries
- 1 cup seedless green Dole Grapes

### Strawberry-Banana Yogurt Dressing:

- 1 ripe Dole Banana, peeled
- 6 Dole Strawberries, halved
- 1 carton (8 oz.) vanilla yogurt
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar or honey

### Orange-Banana Yogurt Dressing:

- 1 Dole Orange
- 1 ripe Dole Banana, peeled
- 1 carton (8 oz.) vanilla yogurt
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar or honey



food processor, combine all ingredients and blend until smooth.

**ORANGE-BANANA YOGURT DRESSING:** Grate peel from 1/2 orange. Juice orange (1/3 cup). In blender or food processor, combine orange peel and juice with remaining ingredients. Blend until smooth.

*Per serving: 143 calories, 2.3 g protein, 1.7 g fat, 32.7 g carbohydrate, 15.3 mg sodium, 3.6 mg cholesterol*

**Prep Time: 20 minutes**  
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# Bible School Update

The Episcopal - Methodist - Presbyterian Vacation Bible School began Monday with 44 students in 5 classes.

Teachers and helpers for this year's VBS are: 3&4 year olds, Wanda Nixon, Lora Hale, and Casey Thorp; Kindergarten, Julie Jones and Pamela Armke; 1st & 2nd grade, Carol Mayfield, Katie Burge, and Sandra Adamson; 3rd & 4th grade, Karen Voight, Sharon

Holman, and Junior Odom; and 5th & 6th grade, Chere Fitzgerald and Casey Fitzgerald.

Glenna Chadwick is keeping the nursery this year and Sheryl Hall is leading the music and singing. Becky York is coordinating refreshments and Shawn Wallace is directing recreation.

The theme of this year's Bible School is "Sharing God's Love".

# Forty-four enter scramble

Forty-four golfers participated in the Thursday scramble on June 13th. Entrants were divided into 9 teams. The team of Lance Leatherwood, Joe Moore, Jane Archer, Ricky Day, and Savell Shannon shot 7 under par to take first place. There were three teams at 6 under so a putt-off was held to determine second and third places. Second place went to the team of Steve Thorp, Allan Prather, Wes Henson, Brian Crosby, and Tressa Henson. Joe Ramirez, Virgil Burge, Ron Woodard, Manuel Munoz, and Glen Ivey won third. The other team at 6 under was Bob Harris, Ed Price, Freddie Virgen, Durwood Neville, and Wanda Neville.

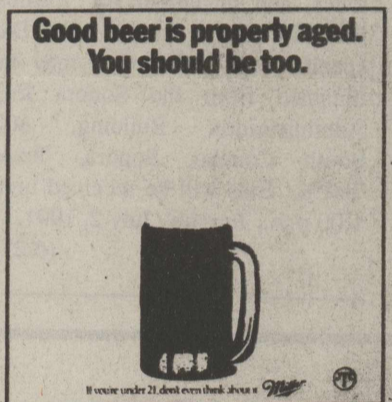
Other teams and scores were as follows: Erasmo Lumberras, Randy Sparks, Mike Dillard, Jimmy Crowder, and Susan

Crowder at 5 under. DeVoe Smith, Kyle Donaldson, Bill Savell, Harvey DuRussell, and Norm Rousselot at 5 under. Ray Don Roe, Jim Covington, Stacey Reiner, Harold Martinez at 4 under. Gregg Tedford, Mike McBride, Juanita McBride, Trey Preston, and Jerry Northcott at 4 under. Steve Tackel, Frances Tackel, Ben Jeter, John Barker, and Buddy Brown at 3 under. The next scramble will be June 20th.

In the three man select shot tournament on June 8th, Jesse "Dingo" Ortiz of Sonora made a hole-in-one on the par 3 number 2 hole. Also, in that tournament, the longest drive on hole number 6 was won by Joe Arzate, Jr. of San Angelo. Closest to the pin on hole number 9 was won by Stacey Reiner of Sonora.



King Louis XVI popularized the cultivation of potatoes in France by wearing potato flowers in his buttonhole.



# Lady golfers compete in Big Lake

On June 8th, several Sonora ladies competed in the Big Lake Two Lady Select Shot Tumbleweed Tournament. Paige Ragsdale, and her partner, Karrie Self of Rankin, took first place in the Thirs Flight with an 85. The duos of Frances Tackel and Ebbie Sutton, and Tressa Henson, adn Laura Woodard, both shot an 82 and were in the Second Flight competition, but did not place.

# Sonora couples win at Ozona

Several Sonora couples were winners at the recent Ozona Country Club's couple's tournament on June 15th and 16th. Allan and Patti Prather shot 148 in the Third Flight and won a scorecard play-off to take 2nd place. Steve and Frances Tackel Tied with Mike and Marla Percifull with a score of 137 in the First Flight and won the scorecard play-off to take 2nd place with the Percifulls winning 3rd.

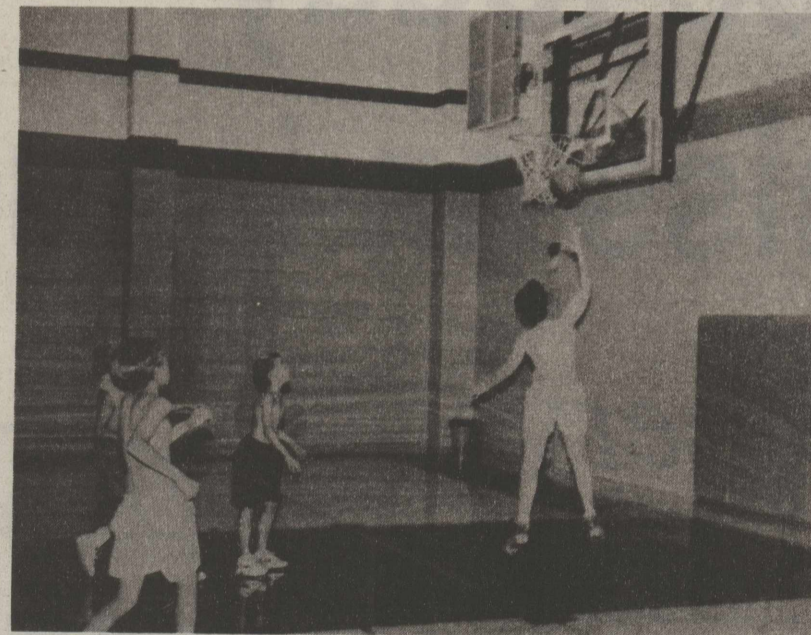
# Nursing home to hold annual Barbecue

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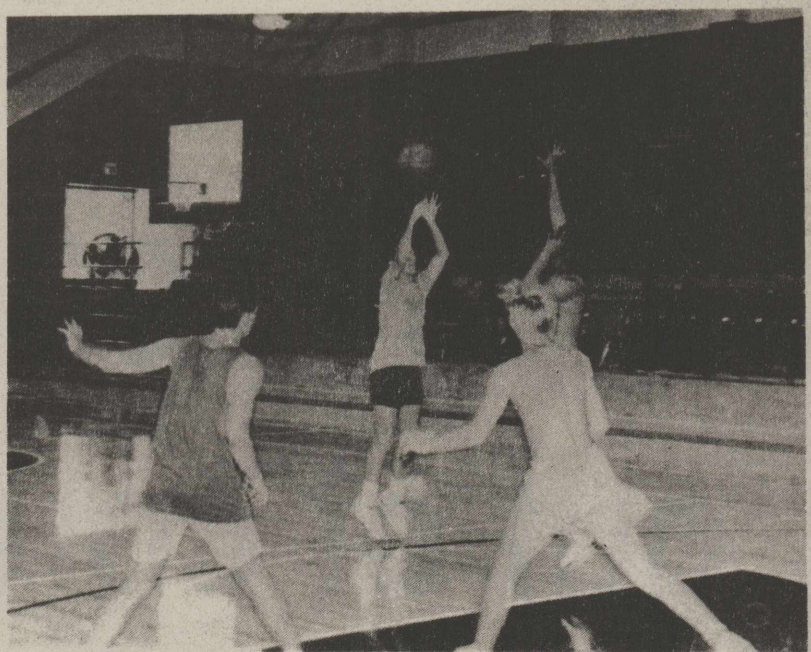
Staff members and friends of the nursing home residents will be serving the meal.

All funds raised are for the residents of the nursing home and will go to pay for items to provide (solely) for the residents of the nursing home.

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Josh Hunt shoots a lay-up in last week's Devil's River Basketball camp. This week is 4th-6th Boys & Girls and June 24th will be 7th-9th girls.



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