

School Board sets tax rate; discuss drug issues and traffic problems at schools

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora ISD Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2004. Board members present were Dean Dermody, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields (President), Scott Jacoby and Tom Payton. Sutton County Tax Assessor/Collector, Rex Ann Friess reported that the 2003 taxes are 99.4% collected. Business manager Diane Jacoby explained the new look of the financial reports that should be easier to read. The board approved the payment of \$1,156,278.53 in bills.

Cafeteria manager, Dora Gonzales gave the year-end report for the 2003-2004 school year, explaining that salaries in the summer months, when no income is received causes the cafeteria to operate in the red. Many of the employees have worked for the school for a long time, thus putting them on the high end of the pay scale. Gonzales explained that she has cut hours as much as possible to still operate well. The purchase of the new accounting system for the cafeteria last year also cost a lot, but so far is proving to be a good investment. There are still a few charging problems, but not near as many as in the past.

Jacoby gave the quarterly investment report, stating the interest rates are up slightly.

Dr. Myers, Construction Superintendent Mike McGee and Architect John Williams gave a construction report. Williams explained that they were getting closer to completing the Rock Building, with the painting to start this week. More unforeseen problems with the roof fascia at the Elementary School caused another delay, but there are less and less surprises and the project gets nearer to completion. Williams reported however, that the contingency fund is almost depleted, and there was still about \$40,000 needed for upcoming contingency allowance items. Change orders would be needed to complete the project. McGee informed the board that they need to select a representative that could approve change orders up to a set amount, because it would not be feasible

to wait until the next meeting to make the necessary changes. He stated that the projected completion date, as of now, is mid October.

Williams answered questions as to why there were so many unforeseen problems, stating they were in the process of preparing a spreadsheet that would explain all problems that came up. McGee told the board that he is confident that the sub-contractors have saved money by finding and repairing many of these unpredicted problems, so as to not have to turn around and fix them at a later date. Dr. Myers agreed that everyone concerned with the project has done a good job.

Board President Fields called a public hearing to order, to discuss the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Each year Texas rates each district on financial integrity, that deals with how the school manages money, staffing ratios, etc.. Myers explained that a superior rating consists of two or less "no"s on a questionnaire. Sonora only had 1 "no" because of the bond project, so received a superior rating for the last two years. This information was sent home with all the children for parents to review.

A public hearing was then opened to discuss the proposed tax rate for 2004-2005. Board president, Fields stated that proposed rate consisted of \$1.50 for the purpose of maintenance and operations and \$.0962 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts to make the total rate \$1.5962. Fields pointed out that 38 cents of the maintenance and operations tax rate represents taxes for maintenance tax supported debt, that is to be treated as debt and not for operations. There were no comments from visitors, so the public hearing was closed. A motion was then made by Favila to adopt, by ordinance, the 2002 Sonora ISD Tax Maintenance and Operating rate of \$1.50 and Interest and Sinking rate of .0962. The motion was seconded by Payton, with Dermody, Favila, Jacoby and Payton voting "aye" in favor. Voting no

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Donaldson sworn in for second term as EMS Retirement Fund Trustee



Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner swears in Kyle Donaldson.

Kyle A. Donaldson has been reappointed by Governor Perry for his second 6 year term as a trustee of the Texas Statewide Emergency Services Personnel Retirement Fund.

He was first appointed by Governor George Bush in 1997 for a 6 year term.

Kyle and his fellow board members manage the retirement funds for the statewide fire departments, paid and volunteer, and the EMS personnel.

City clean-up scheduled for Saturday; three free trips to landfill for Sonora utility customers

The City of Sonora has designated Sonora Clean-up on Saturday, September 25, 2004, to allow customers to discard items otherwise difficult to dispose of in regular refuse service. Customers may deliver material to the Trash Collection Site located at the end of South 1st Street Sinaloa (old Landfill Site). Industrial Containers will be available for customers to dispose of their trash. Do not dump any trash on the ground.

On September 25, 2004 fees will be WAIVED for three (3) trips to the trash collection site, for customers who pay a monthly trash col-

lection bill to the City of Sonora. A current utility bill must be presented.

Customers who make more than three (3) trips or do not pay a monthly trash collection fee will be charged the following.

Minimum \$5.00; Over 100 pounds \$.05 a pound.

Items that will **not** be accepted:

1. Oil Filters
2. Petroleum products and by-products
3. Explosive Materials
4. Medical Waste
5. Liquid Waste

JV White Cuts Down Colorado City



Zadrian McGee (54) and Aaron Gaytan (70) back up, Nick Peña (17) as he takes down a Colorado City Wolf.

Photo by Danni Price

By Nancy Glascock

The freshman Colorado City Wolves traveled to play the JV White Broncos last Thursday at Bronco Stadium. The Wolves won the toss and deferred to Sonora. Sonora had one of only two three and outs on the opening series. Alonzo Peña boomed a 40 plus yard punt to put the Wolves at their 20 yard line.

The Wolves made one of only five first downs for the game on their first offensive series. The Wolves brought the ball up to their 45 yard line and on fourth down decided to go for it. A Bronco defender tipped their quarterback's pass and caused it to be incomplete.

The Wolves took over on Colorado City's 45. Sonora gave the ball right back to the Wolves when a Victor Vaquera pass was tipped and picked off by a Wolf defensive back at the Colorado City 26 yard line. On this series, Aaron Gaytan and Edward Garcia sacked the Wolf quarterback six yards behind the line of scrimmage. Riley Sanchez, Joe Lugo, and Marcus Perez all contributed defensive plays to make the Wolves punt from their 21 yard line. The short punt only went 20 yards, and Sonora took over on the Colorado City 40 yard line.

Vaquera rushed three times, and then scored the first touchdown on his fourth carry. Gaytan kicked the PAT and the Broncos led 7 to 0 with 2:47 left in the first quarter. JT Downing and Zadrian McGee sacked the quarterback and hurried him twice to force the Wolves to punt again. Vaquera returned the punt to the Colorado City 49 yard line. Alonzo Peña moved

the ball 16 yards, Vaquera for 26 yards, and Nick Peña took the ball in for the JV Broncos' second touchdown. Gaytan split the goal posts for a 14 to 0 score.

On the next Colorado City possession, Morgan Martinez hurried the Wolf quarterback, and Nick Peña sacked him on two plays. The Wolves were forced to punt again. Gaytan broke through the line, hurried the punter, and the punt only traveled 20 yards.

For the next JV White team touchdown, Alonzo Peña made something out of nothing by reversing his field and picking up Sanchez blocking to score from the 31 yard line. Again, Gaytan's PAT kick was good to make the score 21 - 0.

Fidel Acevedo, Juan Dominguez, and Tanner Jones stopped CC's next offensive series in three plays. After the CC punt, Riley Sanchez came in as quarterback. The offense never missed a beat. His hand-offs and option tosses to Nick Peña resulted in the next Bronco touchdown. Gaytan kicked the PAT making the score 28 to 0.

Vaquera, Downing, Hunter Lawson, Spencer Hall, and Mark Holman made short work of Colorado City's last offensive possession of the first half. The JV Broncos went into the locker room with a 28 - 0 lead.

The Wolves went three and out on their first possession of the second half. Nick Peña caught two Vaquera passes in the next Sonora series, the last of which was for the team's fifth touchdown. The snap from center wasn't handled cleanly. Gaytan got to try his

running skills, but the Wolves caught him short of the goal line. The Broncos led 34 to 0 with 6:29 left in the third quarter.

The Wolves got their third first down of the game on their next series.

Lugo stopped them on their next third down and the Wolves had to punt again. Vaquera received the punt. On the first down he kept the ball and ran for a first down. Nick Peña then took the ball to the 23. Vaquera scored his second TD of the game with a 23 yard run to the end zone. The PAT was no good; but the score was now 40-0 with 44 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Wolves were three and out the next time with the ball. Hall, Vaquera, and other Sonora defenders made CC punt again. Sonora then scored its final TD early in the fourth quarter. Nick Peña made the TD and Gaytan's PAT kick was good to make the score 47-0.

The Sonora coaching staff continued to substitute to give the freshmen reserve players valuable real game experience in the fourth quarter. On the next Wolf possession, they started with good field position and made two first down and their first touchdown of the game. The Sonora defenders stuffed the Wolves' attempt at the two-point conversion. The final score of the game was 47-6 to make the JV White team 2-2 for the 2004 season. The freshmen play this Thursday in Sonora against the freshman Ozona Lions.

Show your spirit at Bronco Homecoming

by Storie Sharp

Homecoming is a time for Broncos past and present to come together and show their spirit. This year's Homecoming festivities began with "Spirit Week" at the high school, with each day designated for some crazy backing for the Broncos. Crazy hair day, hat and glasses day, twin day and more gave the kids a fun way to express their spirit.

On Friday, The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Sonora I.S.D. have joined together for the 2004 Homecoming Parade. The parade will start at 3:00 p.m. in front of the car wash on Concho Ave. Line up begins at 2:30 p.m.

In order to promote the spirit of homecoming and invite different classes, groups, clubs and organizations throughout Sonora and Sonora ISD to sponsor a float in the parade. It does not have to be anything fancy, just fun!

If you are interested and would like to enter a float, please contact me or Renee Casey at the high school or the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office at 325-387-2248.

We also welcome ideas and volunteers to make this a true district wide effort to make this a great homecoming parade.

The parade will turn up Main Street and end in front of the Sutton County Courthouse with a Pep Rally. All retired cheerleaders are invited to join the current cheerleaders to lead the school song and a "2 Bits" cheer.

The Homecoming game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at the Bronco Stadium, where the Mighty Broncos will take on the Reagan County Owls (a Preview of the Reagan County team can be seen on page 5). The halftime show will include music by the Mighty Bronco Band and the crowning of the 2004 Homecoming Queen (see all the Homecoming court and queen candidates on page 5).

Future Bronco Cheerleaders will also take to the field at halftime, showing off the jumps and cheers they learned Saturday morning at Bronco Cheer Camp, hosted by the Bronco Cheerleaders.

Don't miss this opportunity to show the Mighty Sonora Broncos their town is behind them and welcome home all the visiting Broncos.


It's High School Rodeo Time


The Region II High School Rodeo will be in Sonora on September 25-26, 2004. Approximately 100 contestants will be competing at the Sutton County Arena. Competing for Sonora will be Sonora High School Senior, Laramie Hall in the Team Roping and Steer Wrestling; S.H.S. Junior, Steven Duhon in the Steer Wrestling; S.H.S. Sophomores Dustin Duhon in the Steer Wrestling and Craig Leonard in the Calf Roping.

Come out on Saturday and Sunday to watch some of the top High School Rodeo athletes compete in our backyard.

Sonora has been very supportive of having this event return to our community and we thank you for all that you continue to do to make it bigger and better.

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank my family in Sonora, Texas. Thank you to all the people who have asked about me in the recent loss of my husband, Ron. I really appreciate the thoughtfulness of everyone in my hometown.

Thank you,
Kathy Sharp Morris

On behalf of the Bawcom family, we want to thank you for the wonderful cards, loving prayers, encouraging visits/phone calls, and beautiful flowers we received while I was in the hospital. Words cannot express the meaning of your support to our family in our time of need. Your support and prayers have given us the strength to fight through this unfortunate event in our lives and it has meant the world to us just knowing that you care. We greatly miss everyone in Sonora and we wish you all the best. Thanks again for everything that you have done for me and my family.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Bawcom and family

The Bronco Booster Club would like to take this time to thank all the many individuals and businesses who so generously support all of our fund raising endeavors. The aid that you graciously give to the Booster Club provides potential opportunities for students within the SISD system that otherwise would not be possible.

A special "thank you" to the Devil's River News for their continuing assistance with all of our publicity needs. We also appreciate the effort that is put into each week's edition regarding and pertaining to all of SISD sports and extracurricular activities. We truly appreciate and applaud all that you do!

The support of this community is always constant, respected, and valued more than you know.

Sincerely,
The 2004-2005 Sonora Bronco Booster Club

School Lunch Menu • Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - Pancake on stick, orange juice.
Tues. - Breakfast burrito, orange juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon roll, orange juice.
Thurs. - Muffin, ham slice, apple juice.
Fri. - Toast with jelly, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Chili dog, pork & beans, orange wedges, peanut butter cookie.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, sliced peaches, hot roll.
Wed. - Soft beef taco, cheese, salad, pinto beans, cake with icing.
Thurs. - Beef & cheese Mac, green beans, rosy applesauce, hot roll.
Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, vegetable salad, fresh fruit, Jell-O with topping.

Senior Center News

Sept. 27 - Bingo.
Sept. 28 - Volunteer to help out at Sr. Center. Call 387-5657.
Sept. 29 - Kooking with Kelly, Nutrition Education at noon.
Oct. 1 - Run errands and pay bills.

Senior Center Menu


Sept. 27 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, oven French fries, carrot salad, fruit cocktail.
Sept. 28 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, tossed salad, roll, oatmeal cookie, milk.
Sept. 29 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, bread, apricots & banana mix, milk.
Sept. 30 - Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls, cake with strawberries, milk.
Oct. 1 - Polish sausage, sweet potatoes, cabbage, corn bread, pear halves, milk.

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Engagement

Weaver and Walsh to wed in May



Mrs. Nora Dempsey and Mr. Carl Weaver of Sonora, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Carla Weaver to Bonner Walsh. Bonner is the son of Ms. Maggie Davis and Mr. David Walsh of Sonora, Texas.


Carla is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School. She graduated from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, in 2001 with a degree in political science and earned her law degree from The University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas, in 2004. She is an associate at Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C., in Dallas, Texas, specializing in tax law.

Bonner graduated from Sonora High School in 1996 and earned a degree in physics from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, in 2001. He is currently a second year law student at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas.

The couple is planning a May wedding in Cozumel, Mexico.

**Texas Tales Told By
Tumbleweed Smith**

The Goat Lady of McCulloch County—



Tumbleweed Smith
Suzanne Gasporotto raises goats near Brady. She has developed a strong voice for calling goats. I was standing next to her on the front porch of her home when she yelled to some goats at least 300 yards away. The piercing sound shot across the meadow like a lightning bolt. The goats heard her and started walking toward the house.


Suzanne got her first goat in 1990 at an antique auction. "They had a novelty item for sale. It was a box with a live goat in it. I bought the little white goat which was about two months old. I didn't know if it was a boy or girl and really wasn't sure how to tell the difference. Turned out it was a little female. Because I don't like the terms Billys and Nannies, I named her Billie." She got another goat and named him Bob. They had a kid, Bonnie Bell. Now Suzanne has lots of goats. "I have about 600 adults and about a hundred and eleven kids on the ground."

She raises meat goats. "The demand far exceeds the supply. If every goat in this country, meat, milk or hair of every breed were slaughtered, it could not meet the demand." Five years ago, some stores in San Antonio put out a call for goats. "The HEB stores in San Antonio alone were looking for 700 goats a week and they couldn't find anyone to provide them." She says goat meat is healthy. "It has less cholesterol and lower calories. It rates better in every category than even chicken or turkey."

Suzanne has a goat camp in October which attracts people from all over the country. The week ends with a goat barbecue. "It's about educating people. I'm interested in seeing an American meat goat industry develop. We import hundreds of thousands of tons a year of frozen goat meat from New Zealand and Australia. We can't begin to supply what we need. We're not yet on the ground floor of the industry. We're in the basement."

Suzanne did real estate leasing in Houston for 27 years. Now she loves the country. You couldn't get her back to the city. "I lived in a town house. Never had a pet in my life until 1988." She says there's nothing cuter than a baby goat. "I say they have springs in their legs. When they get to be about two or three days old they discover that their legs work together and they jump in the air and they turn about a hundred and eighty degrees and drop down. And they're so pleased with themselves." All of Suzanne's goats have names. She has a system for naming them. "The babies have names starting with the first letter of their mom's name."

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. In Valley Mills, when I was young, we were told we had to keep our bedroom windows closed and locked or we could be kidnapped and taken to Mexico to be sold into slavery. Mother used to say that Dorothy Harris had been abducted in this way and killed in Sonora. Do you have any information on this story?

A. Some people change the truth to protect themselves from criticism. Here is the true story of Etidorpha "Dorothy Judy" Harris and Nelson McNeill as printed in the Devil's River News of May 28, 1921 with the following headline, **THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE.**

Dorothy Harris and Nelson McNeill, Pursued by Dick Harris, His Wife, and His Son, H. S. Harris, from Valley Mills, Bosque County, Meet Death Near Sonora Saturday.

Coroners Verdict: Dorothy Harris Died of Gunshot Wounds Inflicted by Person or Persons Unknown. Nelson McNeill Died of Knife Wounds in the Neck, Self Inflicted.

Dick Harris and H. S. Harris, Charged with Assault With Intent to Murder, Nelson McNeill, Give Bond to Await Action of Grand Jury, Which Convenes in October.

Saturday, May 21st, an elderly man and woman and a young man ate dinner at the Commercial Hotel. After dinner the man showed Mrs. McDonald the photo of a girl and asked if she had remembered seeing her. She was his daughter and had run away from home and that they had come in search of her. The car she was in was supposed to be a Buick roadster, State License No. 389628. Mrs. McDonald had called Deputy Sheriff Merck and while she and the father were talking, a traveling man who had overheard the conversation, noticed a Buick roadster coming down the street with one front casing off, and called out, "there's a Buick an it has the number." The occupants of the roadster had evidently intended stopping at the City Garage on the corner opposite the hotel, but at the same time they were discovered must have recognized the people on the hotel gallery or their car, for the driver put gas to his car and left town out Concho Avenue, east, the way they were headed when they turned the corner to enter the garage. The people at the hotel got into their car and gave chase. Deputy Sheriff Merck followed in his car immediately after. The cars left town about

1:30 and before three o'clock word was received that a young woman had been killed and a young man thought to be dying in the Joe Wyatt pasture about 11 miles southeast of town.

The news of the elopement had spread and when the report of the killing came in, excitement was at its height. Deputy Sheriff J. L. Cook, Justice of the Peace H. B. Balch, Dr. A. G. Blanton left immediately for the scene of the killing and the next chapter was when Sam McKee and his son Frank McKee arrived in town. Mr. McKee said he was coming to town, when on the Joe Wyatt ranch near the 11 mile rock, he was stopped by a woman, about 50 years of age, who distractedly cried for help, saying "they have killed my baby girl."

Mr. McKee, seeing a wrecked car, thought it was an automobile accident and asked where her baby was. She pointed to his left of the road and about 100 yards from the road he saw a body lying on the ground and what he took to be the heads of two men squatted near by. The woman's story was confusing but he gathered that there had been a fight and a young woman had been killed. He thought it was his duty to notify the officers and did so by crossing the country to the Joe Wyatt headquarters ranch and telephoning into town. Just as they were leaving the woman he saw two men running from where the body was supposed to be. He did not go to the body. Mr. McKee did not see or hear the shooting. There was only the wrecked car on the road near the scene when they came by.

Will Wyatt and Will Word, not having heard of the elopement, but seeing a man who had been arrested that morning for having violated the traffic regulations, get in his car and follow Mr. Merck out of town, got in Wyatts car and took the trail thinking to prevent Mr. Merck from abuse.

On reaching the forks of the roads, about 7 miles from town where the right goes to Bonds and the left to Lost Lake and the Llanos, the Wyatt car took the Bond Road and when nearing the 11 mile hill, were met by a young man in a Hudson who said he wanted the officers as in a fight with a bootlegger, his sister had been killed and the bootlegger seriously injured. Wyatt told him "you have not had a fight with a bootlegger, but with one of the best old men in the country" (meaning Mr. Merck) Wyatt got into the Hudson and Word started to come back to town for the officers but the jitney was hot and in a short time Mr. Merck, who had gone up the Lost Lake road and finding he



Josephine McDonald, proprietress of the Commercial Hotel.

had lost the trail, had returned to the Bond road, came along and Word got in the car with him and they arrived at the scene of the tragedy in a few minutes after the Hudson car. Deputy Sheriff Cook, Justice of the Peace Balch, Dr. A. G. Blanton, and many others were soon on the ground.

The strangers at the scene were Dick Harris and wife, of Valley Mills, and H. S. Harris of Caddo, his son. They told of the fight and stated that the dead woman was their daughter and sister, Elizabeth Dorothy Harris of Valley Mills. They accused her companion, a young man named McNeill also of Valley Mills, with having killed her and who after attempting suicide and being disarmed, had jumped up and ran away. The Coroner and Doctor began the examination of the wounds in the dead girl's body and in turning the body over found the "Butt Plate" of a shot gun. Dick Harris said he had fired one load of buck shot at McNeill and had hit at him with the shot gun. The gun was found in one of the cars with the stock smashed. The wounds in the girl were found to be: One in left breast, passed through lung and came out below the left shoulder; one entered in front of the left hip and ranged around coming out

he back; the other and fatal wound entered the neck back of the right ear, broke the neck and was taken out of the left cheek. The wound to the breast was powder burned. The body was brought to town and taken to San Angelo to be prepared for burial. Most of the people returned to town with the body and were here some minutes before the Harris' arrived. No charges had been made against the Harris family and they were the objects of attraction at the Commercial Hotel. The officers and citizens posse remained out all night looking for McNeill. (To be continued Next Week)

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County History send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.net. You may call us at the office at 387-5084 on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings or at my home at 387-2855 on other days.

Memorial Donations were received this week in memory of Faye McClelland by Charlotte Wilson and in memory of Merton and Pearl Lee Shurley by Jack K. Shurley. We have also received donations to the general fund from people paying their dues and will acknowledge these when all the dues are in.

Judge gives Legislature 1 year to fix school finance system

State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox
AUSTIN - A Travis County district judge last week ruled the state's school finance system is unconstitutional.

Judge John Dietz said Texas' funding of schools is inadequate and the \$1.50 cap on local property taxes causes districts to lack meaningful discretion on setting tax rates, which is unconstitutional.

But the judge's ruling that the state's \$30 billion school funding formula must go will not be executed fast. Dietz gave the Legislature a year to come up with a better system before his order takes effect.

The state has said the case will be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. Gov. Rick Perry said last week he would call a special session immediately if the leadership told him it had come up with a plan for a passable bill.

Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano), chair of the Senate Education Committee, said she thinks waiting for the state's highest civil court to rule on the matter would be ill-advised.

"The ruling didn't alter my opinion that we need fundamental changes in our school finance system," she told The Dallas Morning News. "We cannot continue to fund public education on the backs of local property taxpayers."

Bottom line: For the time being, no matter Judge Dietz' ruling, the status quo continues.

New chief justice named...

Gov. Perry has named Wallace Jefferson the new chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

The San Antonio jurist became the court's first African-American justice in 2001 on an appointment from

Perry and is the first African-American chief justice. Jefferson won election in 2002.

Jefferson replaces Tom Phillips, who recently retired after 16 years on the court.

Mini-civics lesson for those not familiar with the court: In Texas, the Supreme Court is not quite like the U.S. Supreme Court, which is the ultimate court of appeal for both civil and criminal cases. The Texas Supreme Court has that status only in civil cases. Criminal cases going to the highest state level are heard by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Child diabetes prevention efforts get boost...

Texas' portion of a \$8 million settlement of a federal anti-trust lawsuit involving the sale of George Foreman grills - \$585,000 - will go to the child diabetes prevention efforts of the Texas Department of Health Services, Attorney General Greg Abbott announced last week.

The program will use the funds to educate children and parents in proper nutritional habits to prevent childhood diseases such as diabetes.

The settlement stems from a multi-state antitrust action filed in May 2003 against Salton Inc.

Antiquities Code turns 35...

Texas' biggest treasure find, the discovery of a Spanish galleon lost off Padre Island in the spring of 1554, resulted in a state law that will have an impact on any future treasure caches found in the state.

The Antiquities Code went on the books Sept. 1, 1969 and gives the state control in protecting all cultural artifacts from traditional treasure such as gold or silver to prehistoric stone tools and weapons.

For more information, check the Texas Historical Commission's Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

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Main Street Traffic

Main Street Program promotes Sonora at Texas Downtown Association Convention

by Mary Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has been busy working on Homecoming 2004 and the upcoming Fall Festival.

We will have several out-of-town booths for the Fall Festival and there will be lots of entertainment on the Main Stage, as well as the crowing of Mr. & Miss Fall Festival 2004 and the annual Storybook Parade. The Annual Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We want to extend a big welcome to all of the participants in the High School Rodeo that will be in town this weekend. There will be approximately 100 contestants and their families attending the event.

Rodeo performance will begin on Saturday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Cowboy Church service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 26 and the rodeo competition will begin at 11:00 a.m.

High School Rodeo Association President, Steve Duhon of Sonora, and Student President Laramie Hall of Sonora invite everyone to come out and support your local cowboy or cowgirl.

Last week I traveled to Austin to attend a Texas Downtown Convention Selection Board meeting. I have been promoting the new motel coming to Sonora and the other wonderful motels in our community.

"Sonora is a small community with a lot going for it," said one of the architects from Dallas, Texas. He also told the story of Eaton Hill Wildlife Trails and how we, as a community, are unique in that we have wildlife trails for travelers to stop and take a little time to enjoy nature. We are becoming the small community with the best 9-hole golf course and a heritage of the Wild West. Sonora is the small community with a big heart.

Some of the Texas Downtown Association judges came from Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Abilene and Irving and were looking at the Texas Downtown Award Projects for 2004. Again, Sonora was brought up as a community that was on the winning small town list because we have had four Texas Downtown Award winning projects in the past six years. Many of the finalists for the TDA award projects this year were the larger cities in Texas. The judges all agreed that the small communities were unique and great places to visit. I quickly invited them to visit our community!

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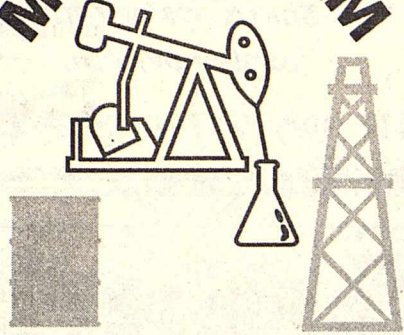
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Cross Country teams brings home medals from Ballinger

submitted by Kellie Crain

On Saturday, September 18, the cross country teams traveled to Ballinger to compete in the third annual Bearcat Classic Meet. Sonora was very successful, leaving the meet with a total of 15 medalists.

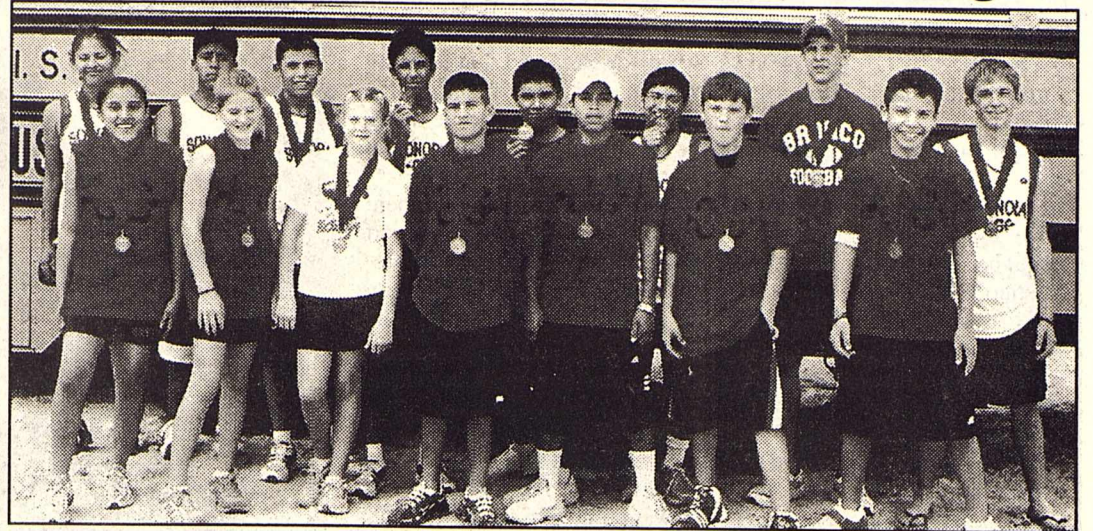
The varsity boys placed second as a team. Individual results were as follows:

Nicolas Favela - 6th, 18:52; Antonio Torres - 10th, 19:57; Ty Love - 12th, 20:29; Jacob Ibarra - 13th, 20:51; Colton Moore - 15th, 21:05; Filemon Garza - 19th, 22:28; J.T. Downing - 21st, 22:33.

Junior Varsity runners were Andrew Barthelemy and Alonzo Peña.

The varsity girls' results were as follows: Alexie Ortiz - 20th, 15:00; Amanda Word - 27th, 15:48; Jennifer Gonzales - 30th, 16:09; Erika McClintock - 31st, 16:17; Felisha Gamez - 32nd, 16:51; Emily Butler - 37th, 22:05.

The eighth grade boys placed fourth as a team. The results were as follows: Domingo Reynosa - 5th, 13:10; Uvaldo Ramos - 14th, 13:55; David Lane - 15th, 13:56; Ricardo Rodriguez - 32nd, 15:26; Amilkar Hernandez -



Sonora Cross Country Medalists in Ballinger - Back row: Alexie Ortiz, Jacob Ibarra, Antonio Torres, Nick Favela, David Lane, Filemon Garza, Ty Love, Colton Moore. Front row: Brittany Hernandez, Bethany Berry, Keeli Taylor, Nuno Ramos, Domingo Reynosa, Kris Agüero, Irving Fuentes.

34th, 15:39; Reggie Hernandez - 35th, 15:42.

Vickie Torres was our only eighth grade girl to compete. She placed 30th, with a time of 17:26.

The seventh grade boys also finished fourth as a team. The results were as follows: Chris Agüero - 1st, 13:46; Irving Fuentes - 2nd, 13:52; Will Anderson - 23rd, 15:34;

Mario Oliden - 30th, 16:12; Cody Peña - 35th, 17:25.

The seventh grade girls had enough runners for two teams. The White team placed third and the Red team finished ninth.

The results were as follows: Bethany Berry - 13th, 15:30; Keeli Taylor - 15th, 15:47; Brittany Hernandez - 17th, 15:51; Cassie Krieg - 22nd, 16:13; Alejandra Reynosa -

24th, 16:23; Ashley Brown - 34th, 17:08; Monica Sanchez - 38th, 17:32; Amy Hernandez - 46th, 18:02; Alyssa Favila - 47th, 18:05; Meredith Earwood - 49th, 18:16; Sarah Hernandez - 54th, 18:46; Sara Gillit - 64th, 20:13.

After a very successful meet, the cross country teams are looking forward to competing in Mertzon on the 25th.

Scouts promoted at Court of Honor

Sonora's Boy Scout Troop 19 recently held its Court of Honor on September 13, 2004. A Scout Court of Honor recognizes Scouts who have been promoted, and who have earned Merit Badges.

As part of the Court of Honor, Scouts from Troop 19 received promotions they had recently earned. Tyler Creek and Michael Stephens each were promoted to First Class Rank.

Ross Crites, Ryder Crites, Tyler Edmondson, Shane Love, Manuel Paredes and Mikael Samaniego were all promoted to the Life Scout Rank.

Merit Badges were also awarded to those Scouts fulfilling all the respective requirements.

Tyler Creek - Archery, Climbing, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness and Shotgun Shooting;

Ross Crites - Communications; Ryder Crites - Communications; Tyler Edmondson - Citizenship in the Nation, Cooking,



Back row: James Bean, Tyler Creek, Manuel Paredes, Mikael Samaniego, Tyler Edmondson. Front row: Marcus Gamez, Michael Stephens. Not present: Ross Crites, Ryder Crites, Shane Love, Paul Faz, Mark Holman, and Colton, Moore

Manuel Paredes - Communications, Wilderness Survival, and Woodcarving; Paul Faz - Climbing and Fishing; Mark Holman - Citizenship in the World and Communications; Colton Moore - Citizenship in the Community;

Chamber Chatter

SONORA Chamber of Commerce

Working to increase tourism

by Ruthie Bounds, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

I had a wonderful and informative time last week at the Texas Tourism Industry Association Summit. I learned many things that will apply to Sonora and the tourism opportunities available for our area. Texas tourism is a billion dollar industry, and growing again after being flat since September 11, 2001. I met some very knowledgeable people and visited with some friends from other tourism workshops. I will be reporting more details to you in future articles.

This week the Shepherd Publishing Company that is printing our Sonora Chamber of Commerce Book will be calling to follow up on advertisements for the directory. A gentleman named Tom Baird may be calling some of you to check on your listing for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Community Guide. If you would be interested in seeing an example of this Community Guide, please stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. We have a copy of a Community Guide from one of our neighbors; ours will look very similar, except of course, the pictures and information will be based on our wonderful community. Lonnie Longmeyer was in the office working on the Community Guide while I was at the TTIA summit last week, but Tom Baird will be contacting members and prospective members by phone.

Don't forget the Sonora High School Rodeo this weekend. Saturday the rodeo performance will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Arena. There will be church services at the arena at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning, and the Sunday rodeo performance will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Come on out to the Sutton County Arena and watch young people participate in the truly American event of rodeo. High School Rodeo is one of the great organizations that teach, promote, and instill responsibility, leadership, and work ethics in our young people. We are extremely proud of all of the Sonora High School Rodeo Team and want to take this opportunity to welcome all of the out of town contestants.

Sonora High School is celebrating Homecoming this Friday. Don't forget the parade and pep rally downtown Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Then come cheer for the Broncos to beat the Reagan County Owls at Bronco Stadium beginning at 7:30 pm. GO BRONCOS!!!

I want to thank Storie Sharp our Chamber Board President and Publishing Editor of Devil's River News for writing my article last week and helping the office staff. It is great to know that you have people you can rely on to help out no matter what.

Students of the Week



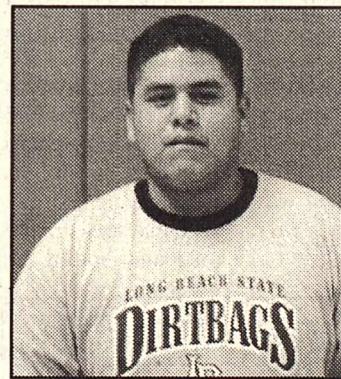
Sara Baggett

Sara Ann Baggett is the 17 year old daughter of Lannie and Cathy Baggett. She loves hanging out with friends, playing golf, going to church, and working.

Sara's favorite subjects are English and web-mastering. After graduation Sara plans to attend Howard College to work on her basics.

Zadrian McGee is the 14 year old son of Martin and Geneva McGee. He is currently enjoying his freshmen year. Zadrian lists football as his sport and Parenting and Family Development as his favorite course.

After graduation he would like to pursue a career in the military, with the Marines as his choice for branch of service.



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2004 Homecoming Court and Queen Candidates

Freshman Duchess



Kaci Chavarria

Kaci, daughter of Jami and Raul Chavarria, is active in Drama, Debate, basketball, golf, track and youth group. She enjoys acting and sports; her favorite teacher is Mrs. Casey and favorite class is Debate. Kaci's most memorable times at S.H.S. are "moving here."

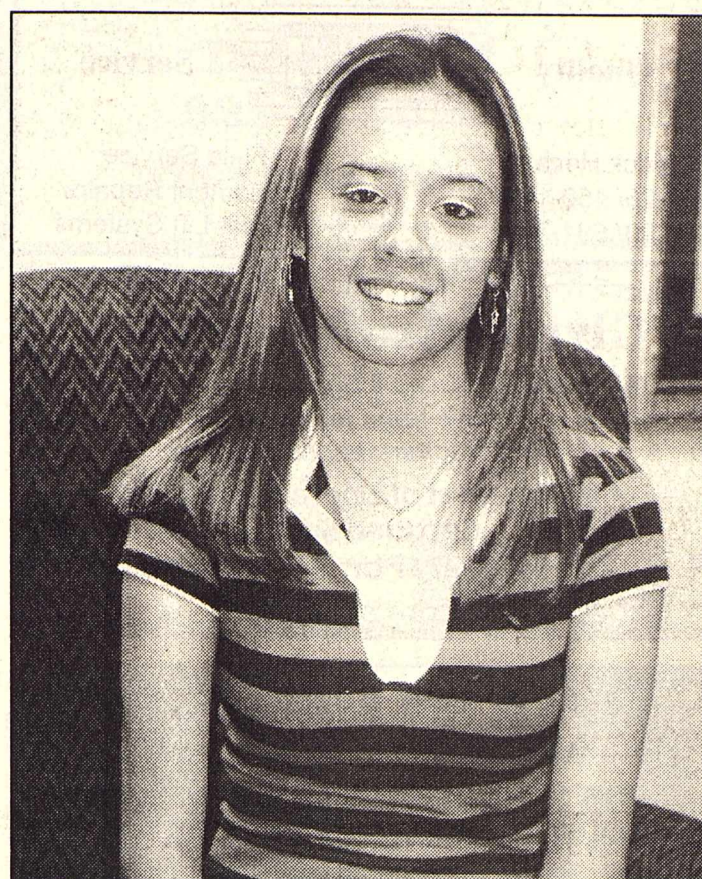
Sophomore Duchess



Kayla Fields

Kayla, daughter of Tryon and Cindy Fields, is active in cheerleading, basketball, softball, track and one-act play. She enjoys spending time with her family, listening to music, dancing, hanging out with her friends, participating in sports and one-act play; her favorite class is theater. Kayla's most memorable times at S.H.S. were the play-offs in softball last year.

Junior Duchess



Julie Nicole Villanueva

Julie, daughter of Harvey and Wilma Villanueva, is active in N.H.S. and Spanish Club and is the Junior Class Treasurer. She enjoys being friends with everyone; her favorite teacher is Coach Dukes and her favorite class is PALS. Julie's most memorable times at S.H.S. are when she is hanging out with friends.

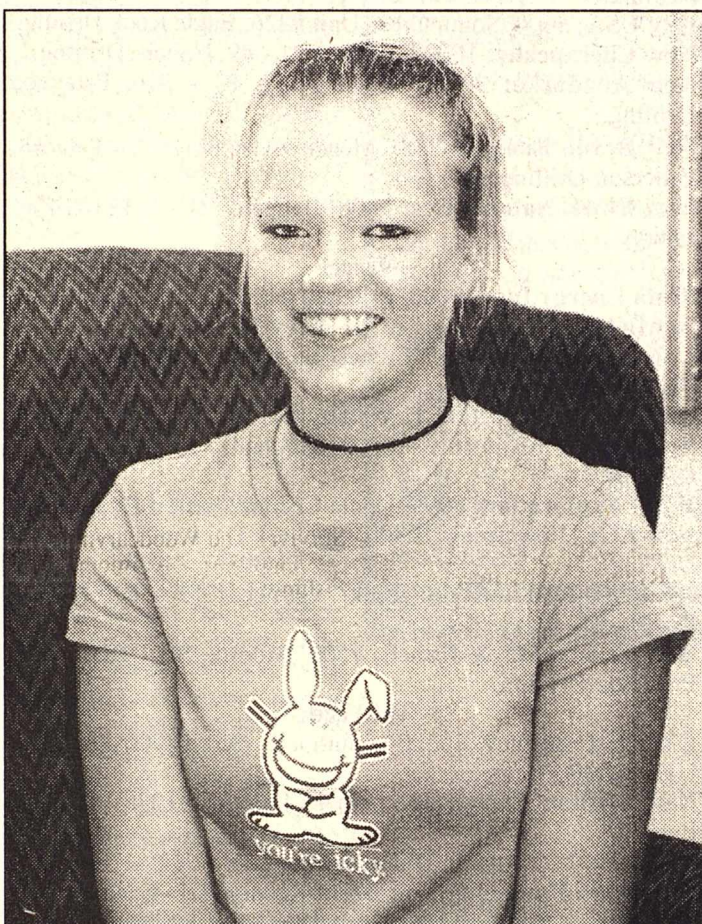
Queen Candidate



Sara Baggett

Sara, daughter of Lannie and Cathey Baggett, is active in golf, PALS, yearbook and youth group. She enjoys going to church, being with her family, hanging out with her friends, and golfing with family and friends; her favorite teacher is Coach Patton and her favorite class is Yearbook. Sara's most memorable moments at S.H.S. were her first day to attend, activity period and meeting her crazy friends.

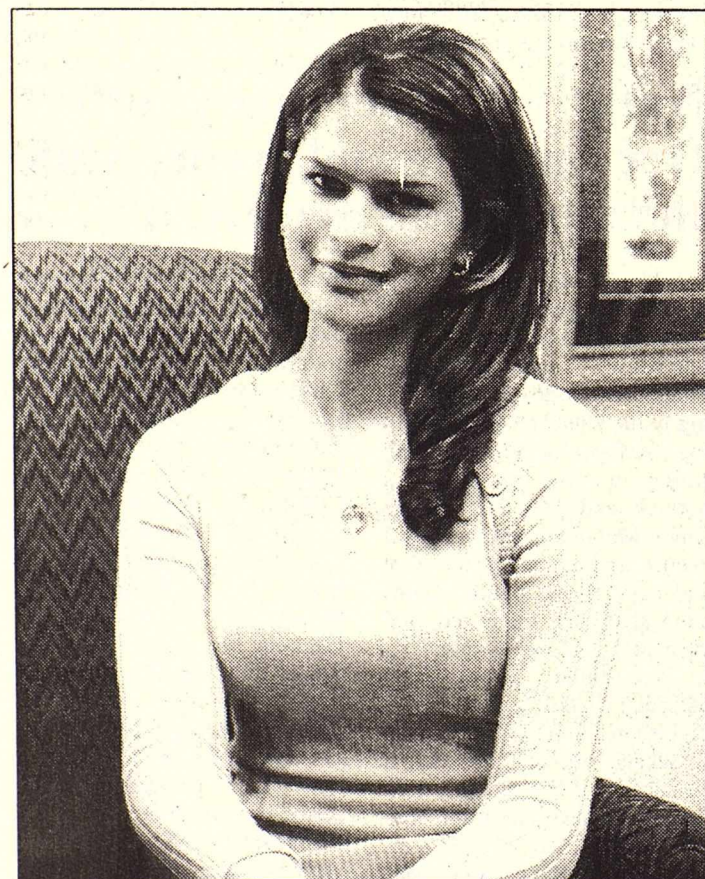
Queen Candidate



Tara Green

Tara, daughter of Russell and Diana Green, is active in Debate and Tennis. She likes animals and enjoys talking on the phone and having fun with her friends; her favorite teacher is Mrs. Haydon and her favorite class is A.P. Biology. Tara's most memorable moment at S.H.S. is when she fell flat on her face walking into the building.

Queen Candidate



Erika McClintock

Erika, daughter of Ruben and Nelda Yorba, is active in varsity cross country, varsity track, the Broncos Spirit Crew, Spanish Club, NHS, and has been the class treasurer for 4 years. She enjoys hanging out with her sister Sandra, listening to music, reading, spending time with friends and family, traveling and being a Certified Nurses Aid; she likes all of her teachers, past and present. Erika's most memorable moments at S.H.S. were watching the Broncos win the 2000 State Championship and all the times spent with the S.H.S. class of '05.

Queen Candidate



Chelsea Seaton

Chelsea, daughter of Herbie and Lisa Seaton, is active in cheerleading, basketball, tennis, Debate, PALS, NHS and Drama. She enjoys acting, cheering, and attending concerts; her favorite teacher is Ms. Casey and her favorite class is Debate. Chelsea's most memorable moments at S.H.S. were late night rehearsals for one-act play and 7:00 a.m. cheerleading mornings.

Bronco Football Preview: Reagan County

By Nancy Glasscock
First District Game

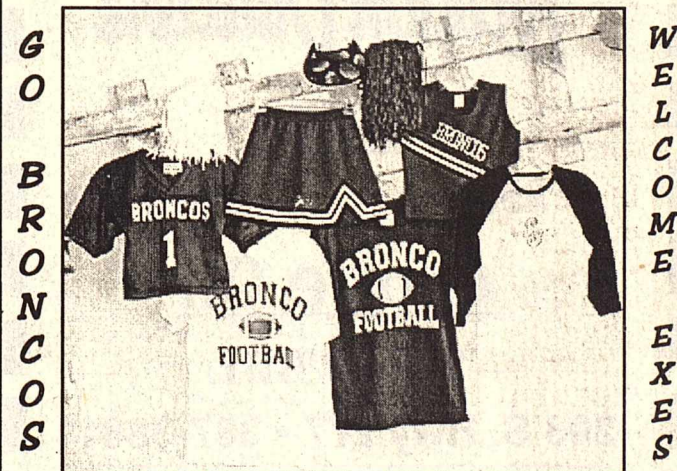
It's time for the road to the playoffs to begin for the 2 and 1 Sonora Broncos. First up are the Reagan County Owls who are also 2 and 1 in non-district this season. The Owls have defeated Coahoma 14 to 6 and Stanton 14 to 7. McCamey's Badgers won 25 to 2 at home against the Owls. Last year, the Owls were 6 and 4 (2 and 3 in district).

The Owls, like the Broncos, run the spread offense. The Owls two quarterbacks are senior Matt Armstrong and sophomore Brandon Pullig. Basically, whoever has the hot hand and is able to move the offense down the field, takes the snaps. Reagan County runs the spread, the Power I and whatever they can get to work. "I call offensive plays that used to work against me when I was a defensive coordinator," said Owl offensive coordinator Jimmy Randolph. Senior Andrew Carrasco and Junior Joey Garcia (who plays both ways) handle most of the rushing for the Owls.

Another former Sonora Bronco coach, Karl McCormack, is the Owl's defensive coordinator. They run the high school standard 4 - 3 defense.

Their middle linebacker, Joey Garcia, is their leading tackler. This Homecoming game begins at 7:30 at Bronco Stadium.

Homecoming 2004



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Annual San Angelo Sheep Festival offers fun day of learning

by Sandy Whitley, TSGRA Secretary

September 25, 2004 is the day of the 2nd Annual San Angelo Sheep Festival, also known as the Sheep Run. Last year's event was so successful that several other organizations have attached their wagon to our star. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m., immediately followed by the "moving" of the sheep from downtown San Angelo into the Fort Concho parade ground. Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers will have sheep shearing and sheep dog demonstrations as well as demonstrations on making felt bead bracelets, embellished felt and how to use "Ewe Mulch," the wonderful needle-felted landscape fabric. We will also have an area for kids to make wooly worms and wooly mustaches. The participants in the Lamb Cookoff will be spread out along the parade ground, with other demonstrators and vendors on the porches of Barracks 5 & 6. Lamb chops, cooked and frozen, will be available for sale.


The Archeological Fair will also be held on the Fort grounds at the same time, and there will be many hands-on activities for young and old alike, including a flintknapper making arrowheads. The San Angelo Rotary Club has scheduled its annual Shrimp Fest for September 25, and the Fine Arts Museum will have arts and crafts and vendor booths, as well as a lamb cooking demonstrations. The Downtown San Angelo Association will have the Baa Baa Blues Festival, which will include activities downtown and music at the River Stage, and the Girl Scouts will have a canoe race.

September 25th will be a full day of fun, focusing primarily on lamb and wool and the rich history of the industry in San Angelo. At one time San Angelo was the inland wool capital of the world. While they no longer hold that title, a large amount of wool is produced in Tom Green and their surrounding counties and the Edwards Plateau. Come join us and learn more about our industry.

A special feature for the kids will be "Learning for Loot," a questionnaire featuring 17 questions about the industry. The answers will be posted prominently around Fort Concho, and those children answering all questions may put their entry in a drawing for two \$50 savings bonds.

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers, applied for and received a matching funds grant for the Lamb Promotion Board for our portion of this event. We have been working with the other organizations for months to make this an event to be proud of. There were over 3,000 people that attended last year and we hope to double that amount this year.

Using Pre-emergent Herbicides To Prevent Weeds in Lawns

 For control of spring and summer weeds, a second herbicide application should be applied around Feb. 15th.

There are several different pre-emergent herbicides that can be applied for good weed control. Your garden supply store will have various types to choose from. These herbicides can be used on Bermudagrass, St. Augustine and centipede grass. There are some things to keep in mind. Do not apply these herbicides to newly seeded lawn. Use caution when applying near flower beds or gardens. Read the label on the herbicide to determine the rate to apply. The label will give precautionary statements to guide you in their use.

Also, water is the key to making pre-emergent herbicides work. Be sure the herbicide is watered well immediately following application. One word of advice - do not wait too long before applying the pre-emergent herbicide. Once the weed seed germinates, the effect of the product decreases significantly.

For this and related information, visit our website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

Although it is not a "cure all" step, utilizing a pre-emergent herbicide can be a part of a good lawn maintenance program. Pre-emergent herbicides are chemicals that prevent germinating weeds from establishing in the lawn. These herbicides control annual grass weeds by inhibiting cell division in the young root system. The failure of the root system to develop results in the death of the young seedling weed shortly after germination.

A pre-emergent herbicide should be applied around mid-September before emergence of winter weeds. Pre-emergent herbicides provide control for such broadleaf weeds as carpet burweed, chickweed, henbit, clover and many more. Annual grass weeds routinely invading turfgrass areas include crabgrass, goosegrass, foxtail, barnyardgrass, fall panicum and annual bluegrass. The herbicide should be active in the soil for 30 - 45 days or longer, depending on the product used.

Nature Conservancy offers free camping and events while the mountains are green!

The Friends of the Davis Mountains Preserve will host an open weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 24-26, 2004, featuring guided and self-guided hiking, self-guided birding, trail riding, a cast iron cooking potluck and camping on the Davis Mountains Preserve. All events and camping are free and open to the public. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Friday and close at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Scheduled events on Saturday include a guided Mt. Livermore hike at 8:00 a.m., a horseback ride at 9:30 a.m., a discussion of the monthly live flora sampling process and how that data is used at 5:30 p.m. and camp cooking demonstration at around 6:30 p.m.; Sunday events include unguided hiking, a mountain bike ride at 10:30 and a horseback ride at 9:30 a.m.

Overnight primitive camping is available and free, with camping areas within a short distance of the parking area. A fire ring and barbecue pit are available for campers for potluck grilling or sampling cast iron camp stove cooking.

Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Texas, the 32,000-acre Davis Mountains Preserve on Hwy. 118 near Fort Davis is a spectacular representative of a "sky island" ecology, providing home to animals and plants that live nowhere else in Texas and some found nowhere else on Earth. The preserve was part of the historic "U Up, U Down" McIvor Ranch until the Conservancy acquired it in 1997.

Early registration is encouraged, as participation in some events is limited. Four-wheel drive vehicle may be needed for Mt. Livermore hikes.

Call Crawford Marginot (432) 426-2390, ext. 1 or email cmarginot@tnc.org, to register. The Conservancy's website is www.nature.org.

Do Well, Be Well with diabetes

Diabetes program is a hit with participants

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension

When Cecil McCormick of Hawley was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes (formerly called adult onset diabetes) eight years ago, "I argued with them about it," he said. "I told them, naw, it was just because I'd been eating a lot of sweets. The nurse told me to get over there and take the (blood) test."

After that, he began facing life with diabetes.

The problem wasn't getting or accepting the diagnosis, said his wife, Lucille. The problem was the lack of readily-available information to educate them about how to live with diabetes. "We had not really had too much education on diabetes," she said. "We had been to one counselor and she gave us a menu (plan)."

Other than that * and McCormick's visits to his doctor every three months * the McCormicks were almost on their own.

Beverly Farnsworth of Abilene had a similar experience about five years ago when she received her diagnoses of type 2 diabetes. "I was in the hospital for knee surgery," she said. "That's when they told me I had it (diabetes). But they didn't tell me much else."

She does remember a nutritionist who "came in and gave me an 1800-calorie diet and said I'd probably want to monitor my blood sugar."

Mrs. Farnsworth said she figures her doctor thought she got a lot of information on diabetes from the hospital, and the hospital personnel probably thought she was getting the information from her doctor.

Unfortunately, she was learning about how to live with diabetes from neither.

That's why last summer the McCormicks and Mrs. Farnsworth signed up for the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program in Taylor County. This new diabetes education program from Texas Cooperative Extension was taught by Lynda Fogerson, county Extension agent for family and consumer sciences.

"That first class, I had 64 (participants)," Fogerson said, adding that she had been expecting somewhere in the neighborhood of 25. Thirty-five of these participants attended all 12 sessions at all six class meetings, she added.

The program consists of 12 one-hour sessions which can be taught according to a schedule that works out best in that county. Fogerson's classes were taught two at a time over a six-week-long period. Over in neighboring Nolan County, she said, County Coordinator Judy Gully taught six classes on two consecutive Saturdays.

Because the response to the pilot program was so overwhelming, Fogerson said, "I had 46 people on the waiting list; I had to turn them down for the first class." All 46 were invited to attend when the program was presented a second time that fall.

The McCormicks can understand why so many people wanted to attend. The classes were full of vital information on living with diabetes, Mrs. McCormick said. "I got a lot out of it. There were a lot of good speakers," including a pharmacist, a dietitian and a physical therapist.

"I had my eyes wide opened when I took the classes Lynda taught!" agreed Mrs. Farnsworth. In the hospital her diabetes was described as "borderline," she added, but "in Lynda's classes I learned there's no such thing as 'borderline' * you either are (diabetic) or you aren't!"

At first learning about the

life changes she needed to make * in such areas as nutrition, exercise and monitoring * seemed overwhelming. Mrs. Farnsworth said. "It just seemed like everything I heard in the first session (the first hour of the class), I had questions on, and when I came back for the second session, they were answered."

McCormick especially appreciated the information from the physical therapist, he said. "What I really learned was how to take care of my feet." Because diabetes can affect circulation, many people with diabetes need to take special care of their extremities.

Mrs. McCormick learned how to help her husband take better care of himself.

For her * since she is in charge of the family's meals * the most important aspect of the series involved nutrition. Before attending the series on diabetes, she said, "we had never had any training on serving size. I thought I was doing it right, but I found out I wasn't."

Mrs. Farnsworth said she too is still getting used to new eating habits, because "it's a different way of doing almost everything that I was used to," but she's getting there.

Since attending the program, Mrs. McCormick said she's learned how to cook with much less sugar and fat, to serve more vegetables and to indulge her sweet tooth in a much healthier way. "There's a lot of sugar-free stuff on the market now, and that helps a lot!"

And she appreciates the healthy and tasty recipes, designed for a life with diabetes, that were given out during each of the 12 sessions of the program. "We had recipes every week, and someone would make the recipes for all of us to sample," Mrs. McCormick said. Their favorite? "The trail mix * we are a 'junk food' family," she said with a laugh. "The banana pudding was marvelous too. Of course, my husband liked all of it."

McCormick's diabetes is milder than many cases, he said. "I didn't have to have insulin. I can control it with diet and exercise."

He works out at a health club three times a week, goes for walks * now that he wears special shoes to protect his feet * and goes swimming, given the chance.

He also watches his weight, his wife said. Adjusting his diet for his new health needs wasn't difficult, Mrs. McCormick said. "He did lose weight when he got off all the sweets and fats and stuff. The first year (of healthier eating), he lost 35 pounds. I ate the same things he did and didn't lose a pound!"

Even though they had both lived with McCormick's diabetes for eight years before attending the classes, they both feel better now that they have learned more about it, they said.

"I was real impressed" with the program, McCormick said. "I think every diabetic ought to go to these (classes). Even if they know everything about it (diabetes), they should go because they will always learn something new."

Mrs. Farnsworth agreed. Participating in the program "made me feel like I can handle it, I can do it," she said. "It doesn't have to be something that's going to take me down."

The Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program will begin for Sutton County residents on September 21st. For more information contact Kelly Thorp, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 387-3604.

Bringing common sense back to our legal system



Congressman Henry Bonilla

Whether you realize it or not, frivolous lawsuits have touched your life.

Maybe you've never sued or been sued, but it is estimated that each and every one of us pays at least a thousand dollars a year in higher prices directly related to lawsuits.

Lawsuits have become very popular in modern America. In the last three decades, the number of federal lawsuits have nearly tripled. It's hard to believe some of the lawsuits are real. For instance, a New York woman was using a knife to separate a package of frozen hors d'oeuvres she bought at the grocery store. The knife slipped and she cut her hand. With the help of a trial lawyer, she sued. She sued the grocery store, she sued the knife manufacturer, she sued the package.

Or take the man who, after enjoying a few drinks at a Colorado wedding reception, went to use a pay phone outside. While on the phone, he lost his balance, fell over a railing and landed in the stairwell below. He broke his neck and is now paralyzed. Guess who he sued? Was it the hotel where the reception was located? No. Was it the host of the reception? No. He sued the phone company and actually won more than a million dollars.

Trial lawyers will tell you that they are there to protect the little guy from big, rich, evil corporations. They tell you that businesses can afford to pay millions of dollars in punitive damages, even if they were not

directly at fault for someone's misfortune. The truth is that million-dollar awards come out of your pocket in the form of higher prices. The truth is that most of those million-dollar awards go into the pockets of trial lawyers.

Just the threat of frivolous lawsuits means higher prices for just about everything. As much as \$500 may be added to the price of your new car because of litigation costs. Add \$20 on the price of a step ladder. If you have a baby, you can figure about \$500 will be added to your hospital bill to pay for liability costs. This is the real problem of lawsuit abuse.

There is good news: The House of Representatives passed legislation this month to curb frivolous lawsuits. The legislation will make it harder to file the frivolous lawsuits and will make it harder on attorneys who file the suits. This will encourage people to pursue lawsuits only when they have a legitimate case.

The legal reforms the House passed are designed to unclog our judicial system so it serves the right people. Our judicial system should serve the citizens, not the trial lawyers.

Vendor applications still being accepted for Davy Crockett Fall Festival in Ozona

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is making plans for the 12th Annual Davy Crockett Fall Festival. The annual festival and fund-raiser has been scheduled for Saturday, October 2, in conjunction with Homecoming weekend.

This year activities will actually begin with the Homecoming parade on Friday, October 1, at 2:30 p.m. The Pep Rally will be at 3:00 p.m. and the Homecoming game begins at 7:00 p.m. Those interested in entering the parade can contact the CCCSD at 392-5501.

The Davy Crockett Fall Festival will again be held at the Convention Center Fair Park next to the Rodeo Arena. Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. Arts and crafts, food and beverage and activity booths will be open to visit until 5:00 p.m.

Admission into the festival is \$1 per person. There will be games throughout the day for both the young and young at heart. The sidewalk chalk art, blind man's wheelbarrow race, sack race, the lemon role, hula hoop contest, tortilla throw and the water balloon contest are just a few activities that will be available. Enjoy a ride around the park in a French Vis-a-Vis Carriage. There will be a giant slide, rope ladder climb and obstacle course. Try your arm at dunking the Sheriff! You can sign up for the washer-pitching tournament or enter the second annual Auto Show to win \$100. There will be a Marionette Puppet Theatre (this ain't no hand in the sock puppet) featuring five shows beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Following the festival will be a street dance from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., featuring the Band Los Tejanos. They are known in West Texas as the premier Tejano band but also play country, rock, and Top 40's music. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for 12 and under and 6 and under are free. Bring your own lawn chair, cooler (cans only), snacks and be prepared to dance the evening away!

The Chamber of Commerce is still accepting booth applications. Anyone interested in having a booth at the festival should call 392-3737. Deadline to reserve a booth is Monday, September 27th. Booth fees are \$60 for a 10x10 space; water and electricity \$10 extra.

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Up On Eaton Hill

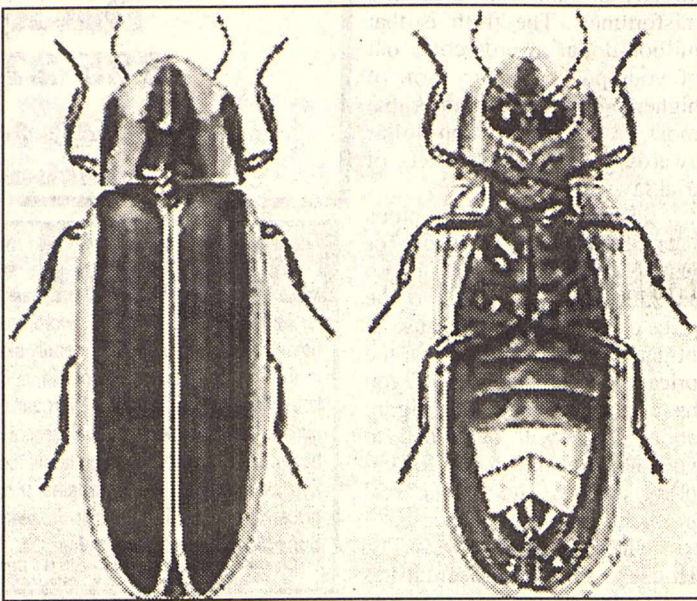
Bioluminescence Bonanza

by Delyse Jaeger

"Look! A shooting star, no wait... that's a firefly!" My son recently asked to be shown the big scorpion in the sky and as I pointed out the tail of the constellation, what at first appeared to be a meteor shower flitted across our plane of vision. Refocusing, we discovered the actual source of illumination in motion: Lightning bugs - the magical little lanterns of the night. Twinkling bug lights may well surpass a meteor's streak in terms of complexity and the ability to elicit fascination even amidst today's technologically saturated humanoid. You decide.

Beginning with the obvious, these little insects - beetles actually, are able to create light inside their tiny bodies and control the pulse and intensity of their abdominal beacon! Light produced by a living organism through a chemical reaction is called "bioluminescence" and is most common in deep-sea creatures. A mouthful, bioluminescence describes an incredible process only recently reproduced in the laboratory. (Think glow sticks and other glowing carnival kid magnets) The firefly light itself is unique in that virtually all of the energy is emitted as light, compared to a light bulb that gives off 10% light and 90% heat. For the firefly, this flashing flare serves as a calling card for the mating season. The male of each of the numerous species emits a specific light pattern recognized by his female counterpart, who responds with her specific glow. However, some devilishly deceptive females will mimic another species light pattern, tricking the unsuspecting male and devouring him upon arrival. This behavior is termed "aggressive mimicry". Well I guess so.

On the benevolent side, scientists have discovered signifi-



The common firefly has dark brown wings with yellow edges and a black and orange head.

cant applications for the rare chemicals encased within the tiny abdominal cavity of the lightning bug. The component chemicals are luciferin and luciferase, which are affected by oxygen and ATP to produce cold light. Here is the amazing part. All living cells contain ATP (adenosine triphosphate) at fairly constant levels. When injected with the firefly's chemicals, an organism's naturally occurring ATP will react and produce a quantitatively measurable light. And the kicker is, diseased cells contain different levels of ATP than do healthy cells, thus producing a different reaction. The results are indicative of the organism's condition. For instance, researchers can detect cancer cells using this technique. Other applications include the study heart disease and muscular dystrophy, and to detect bacterial contamination of water, milk and other foods. The firefly's chemicals have even been used to detect the presence of ATP in outer space! Astounding. Controversial and far less important, scientists

have also produced glowing green mice and at least one luminous rabbit through genetic modification using lightning bug genes.

Like horny toads, fireflies stir fond memories of youthful summer nights for most of us. Unfortunately, glow bugs appear to be on the decline. Entomologists believe they prefer proximity to moisture, so perhaps a colony or herd will make Eaton Hill their permanent home.

From child's play to molecular biology, the mystical lanterns of the night enrich our lives in ways enormously disproportionate to their diminutive size.

Eaton Hill is currently in pre-fall splendor with colorful grasses, late season wildflowers and shrubs in bloom. It's a perfect time to hit the trails, and please let me know if you see any fireflies! See you on the Hill.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

Texas Big Time Hunts Offer Premier Opportunities

AUSTIN, Texas — The Lone Star State boasts some of the finest hunting anywhere in the country, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Big Time Texas Hunts offer hunters a chance to experience the best of the best.

The Big Time Texas Hunts program offers the opportunity to win one or more top guided hunts with food and lodging provided, as well as taxidermy in some cases. The crown jewel of the program is the Texas Grand Slam hunt package, which includes four separate hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals — the desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, mule deer and pronghorn antelope. There are several quality whitetail hunt packages available, as well as opportunities to pursue alligator, exotic big game, waterfowl and upland game birds.

Entries for the Big Time Texas Hunt drawings are \$10 each and are available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

They may also be purchased online for the first time www.tpwd.state.tx.us/dreamhunts or by phone (800) 895-4248. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may purchase, and entries may be purchased as gifts for others. Purchasers must be 17 years of age or older.

Proceeds from the Big Time Texas Hunts are dedicated to providing more public hunting opportunity and to funding wildlife conservation and research programs in Texas. Last year, more than 80,000 entries were received.

The deadline to apply for this year's Big Time Texas Hunts is Nov. 6. Winners will be announced later in November.

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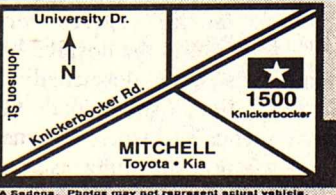
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was Tryon Fields. Absent and not voting were Jesse Bustamante and Barbara Jennings. The motion carried.

While reviewing the Board of Trustees Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Code of Conduct, Favila asked if her observing the morning traffic situation was in violation of SOP. After talking over the situation it was decided that her observations were not in violation, because she was not "micro-managing" she was just watching to see what improvements could be made. The board agreed to continue using the current SOP and Code of Conduct. They also reviewed the Superintendent Evaluation Procedures and Evaluation Document. Everyone was in agreement that no changes needed to be made at this time.

Special Education Director Stefanie Taylor presented information regarding a contract with Medicaid Finance and Consulting Services which would collect Medicaid reimbursement for related services provided to students in the district. This would help offset expenses for the physical therapist, speech therapist, etc. She explained that the service had more personnel to tend to this task, and could possibly collect three times the amount that is currently being collected. The service would get a percentage of the collections as their fee. This will be no additional cost to the district because currently the Special Education Secretary does the job on weekends and evenings for the same percentage. The board approved a contract with Medicaid Finance Consulting Services.

High School Principal, Raul Chavarria presented a list of names for the textbook committee for this year. This committee will consist of Donna Benson, Michael Kissire, Molly Morris, Reggie Williams and Diann Keller. These teachers will select textbooks for the 2005-2006 school year.

Dr. Myers gave information regarding the second reading of Update 73. He said that there are some wording changes that he would like to see made and he wanted to meet with all the prin-

cipals to review these before adopting all the policies.

A transfer student from Eldorado was approved.

Dr. Myers went over the Chapter 41 agreements with May ISD, Paint Rock ISD and Winters ISD.

In his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Myers said that enrollment is up from last year at this time, standing at 987. Attendance is down and he stressed concern with this problem. Dr. Myers said that they would continue to monitor this situation and see what could be done to help improve the attendance. For August Maintenance, Dr. Myers reported the ice machine at the cafeteria, the air conditioner at the Vocational Building and the washing machine in the field house had all been damaged by lightning and had to be repaired. A new air conditioning system has been put in the Network Operations Center to keep the district's servers at the correct temperature to operate correctly. Gym floors at the high school and middle school have been resealed. The roof repairs at the middle school are complete, tennis courts nets have been purchased and work will have to be done on the chairs in the high school auditorium. Dr. Myers informed the board that the roof at the band director's house had been patched, but that eventually some major repairs would have to be done soon.

Dr. Myers stated that traffic issues around the Elementary School Complex were still a major concern but that he and the other administrators were still monitoring the situation and working to come up with the best plan for everyone, that ensures the safety of all the kids. He said there had been some improvements since the first day and that he expected the traffic would lessen with the completion of the drive through at the Rock Building. He also reported that the City of Sonora is considering installing "no left turn" signs (with the exemption of school buses).

Dr. Myers reported that a small baggie of a white substance had been found at the High School and tested positive for cocaine. Drug dogs were brought in to the school, and he stated that they were continuously promoting drug awareness and education. He said he was very angry about this problem and would continue to push drug education to all ages, hoping to reach the young ones as well as the high school age. He reported that the staff was being taught how to spot drug use. He

stressed that he and Mr. Chavarria were very angry about this and the district would prosecute to the fullest extent if they found who the drugs belonged to. He stated that at a previous meeting the board had indicated that various methods and procedures were the tools they wished to employ regarding drug problems and that it was a serious area of concern that was being addressed on a daily basis.

The board discussed this topic at length. Member Dermody stated that he had done further reading on the matter of drug testing and that some school districts were leaning toward it. The board discussed this, along with the legal ramifications of issues such as hearsay versus search and seizure. Dermody stressed that he wants the administration to keep searching for ideas with the emphasis on catching someone. Everyone agreed that this was an issue that needs to be continually addressed, and more information will be obtained regarding the issue of student drug testing.

Dr. Myers reported that he would be attending the annual TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas from September 18 through September 20.

Board member Favila stated that she had witnessed parents verbally abusing staff members who were taking care of traffic duty. She emphasized that the staff members were present to guide the students and protect them from harm and that she was appalled by the behavior of these parents. She stressed that the staff is not paid to take this from our parents. She also said that these parents are not setting very good examples for the district's students. She concluded her remarks by thanking the Elementary Staff for taking good care of our students.

President Fields informed the board that he would be meeting with Dr. Myers the following week in order to formulate a plan for addressing change orders and he requested that board members contact him in the next few days with their opinions and input regarding the matter. Fields also reported that the Dominion Company's website stated that all drilling operation would conclude in early 2007. He stated that unless drilling began in the eastern portion of the county, the board, in the future would need to consider how to address the loss in enrollment since enrollment is directly proportionate to the drilling program.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

F.Y.I.

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There will be a "Retired SHS Cheerleaders" float for all past Sonora High School cheerleaders. If interested, meet in front of the elementary school Friday at 2:00.

All past Bronco Cheerleaders are invited to lead the "Two Bits" cheer and the school song at the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 24, 2004. For more information contact Renee Casey or Jerrilyn Miller at 387-6533.

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Sonora students 'meet at the pole'

Sonora high school and middle school students joined other teenagers in prayer around the world on Wednesday, September 15 to observe the 15th annual See You at the Pole (SYATP), a grass-roots prayer event that began in Texas in 1990, bringing students to their school flagpoles to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families.

During the past 14 years, millions of young people have



lifted voices, bended knees and joined hands to pray for their schools as part of See You at the Pole™—National Day of Student Prayer, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries.

In 2003, more than 2 million teenagers met for See You at the Pole™ (SYATP) in all 50 states.

"Ascend: Clean Hands. Pure Heart" is the 2004 theme.

quoting from Psalm 24:3-4, which explains that only those with "clean hands and a pure heart" may enter into God's presence, describing that place as "the hill of the Lord" or "His holy place."

See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated and student-led movement that started in the Ft. Worth suburb of Burleson, Texas, in 1990.

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