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## Filing deadlines draw near for City Council positions

The last day to file an application for a place on the City of Sonora Council position ballot is March 7, by 5 p.m., and the last day for a regular write-in candidate to declare candidacy is March 14, by 5 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on April 20 and will continue until May 3. April 29 is the first day to accept applications for voting by mail ballot and application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 6.

Two aldermen positions will be on the 2005 ballot.

Terms will expire for Alderman Smith Neal, Ward 1, Alderman Fred Perez, Ward 2.

The last day to file for the Special Election to fill an unexpired term in Ward 2, currently held by Laurie Garza, is April 6.

Terms are for two years, and candidates can pick up application packets at City Hall during regular business hours.

Election day is May 7, 2005.

It is very important for voters to have either their voter registration card or a photo I.D. to make the vote count!

## Bronco Golf Team wins Sonora Invitational

The Bronco Boys Golf Team excelled at the 2005 Sonora Invitational, held on February 21, 2005. Good weather held out for the boys and Sonora took first place with a team total of 307. Shooting for Broncos were Stetson Perez: 39 - 36 = 75; Trent Reiner: 36-36 = 72; Cullen Parker: 38-42 = 80; Embre Smith: 41-39 = 80 and Mason Martinez 44 - 41 = 85.

Iraan finished second, shooting a two-day total of 314, followed by Junction with a 354, Bracketville with a 355, and Ballinger with a 361. Ozona and Eldorado tied for sixth with a 375 and Rocksprings rounded things out with a 387. Individual medalists for Sonora were Morgan Martinez: 49 - 46 = 95; Swade Draper: 46 - 44 = 90; and Steven Barthelemy: 47 - 53 = 100. Congratulations to all these golfers, and may this be a good start to a great year.

## City Cleanup Rescheduled

The City of Sonora Community Cleanup that was scheduled for Saturday, February 26, has been rescheduled due to bad weather. The Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 5. For more information contact City Hall at 387-2558.

## San Angelo Stock show Heifer results

Sonora 4-H students did well with their heifers at the San Angelo Stockshow last week.

Jack Turney placed 3rd and 5th with his Angus heifers.

Kaija Valkonen placed 6th with her Brangus heifer.

Alex Lang placed 2nd and 5th with her Angus heifers.

Maddie Lang placed 3rd with her Angus heifer.

For more Stockshow results see page 5 and 6.

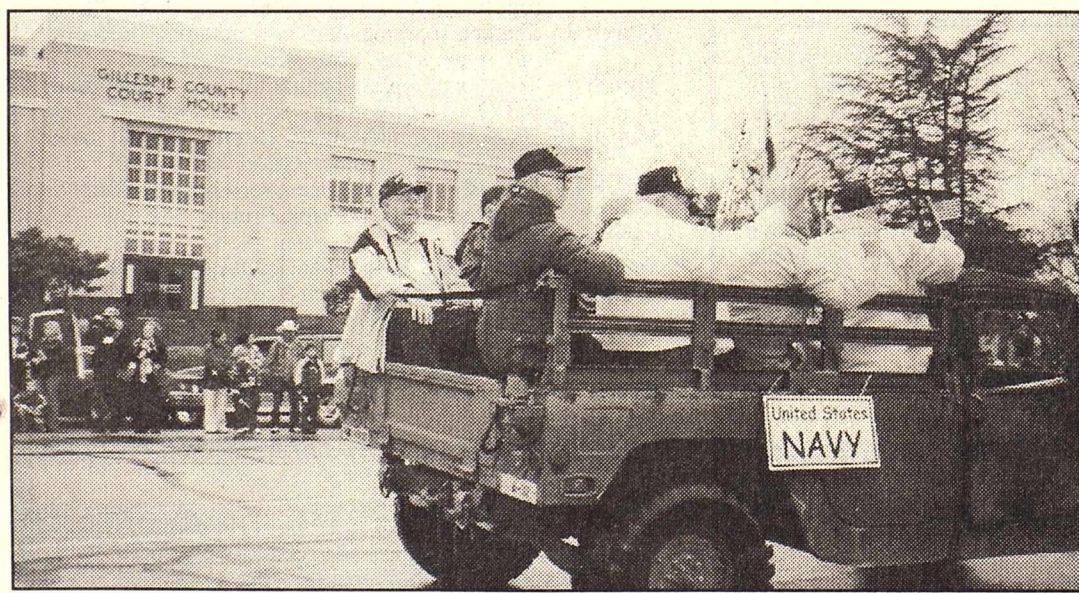
## Proud family shows support of John Cunningham



Gail Cade and Clay Barrow tie up a yellow ribbon.

John Cunningham may not be from Sonora, but his family proudly says that Sonora adopted him. That's why a Yellow Ribbon was added to the Old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Lawn last week, to show support of one of our own. Cunningham is on his second tour overseas, having been in the Marines for about 12 years before retiring and joining the Army Reserve. Soon after he joined, Operation Iraqi Freedom began and he was called to duty again. John is the son-in-law of Clay Barrow and the nephew of Clay and Gail Cade, all of Sonora. His wife, Shirley, waits for him in El Paso, TX. Barrow said that Cunningham has been stationed between Kuwait and Baghdad, and will hopefully be home in about a month, at which time Sutton County will join him to remove his yellow ribbon.

## Mallie Turner joins Iwo Jima commemorative celebration held in Fredericksburg



Mallie Turner (left corner of truck) rides in a special parade in Fredericksburg, TX.

Sonora's Mallie Turner was recently a part of The National Museum of the Pacific War and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation celebration, honoring those who fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima. The special event was held in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the battle and was held in Fredericksburg from February 17-21, 2005.

The battle was one of the greatest amphibious assaults in history. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief Pacific, gave his own personal tribute to those who fought there when he served, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

Turner, a member of USNC's 70th Construction Battalion Seabees, took part in some of the highlights, including a "Public Tribute to the

Heroes of Iwo Jima" memorial service, with Keynote remarks by the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General Michael Hagee, a Fredericksburg native. Fox News personality and author of "War Stories: Heroes of the Pacific," Oliver North, also spoke. Other special guests for the day were Hershel Williams, one of only three living Medal of Honor recipients from Iwo Jima, and Medal of Honor Recipient, Jeff Deblanc, a Marine fighter ace.

The commemoration included two large-scale living history reenactments of the capture of Mount Suribachi and the two flag raisings and a heroes' Parade down Main Street. The very special honorary event was held in conjunction with Presidents' Day.

The Pulitzer Prize winning photo of Marines raising the

American flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima has become an enduring image of bravery and heroism that is recognized around the world. The invasion of Iwo Jima, a small island located 660 miles south of Tokyo, occurred from February 10 through most of March 1945. Iwo Jima was strategically important as an air base for fighter escorts supporting long-range bombing missions against mainland Japan. Over 250,000 men and 900 ships were involved in the amphibious operation. So fierce was the battle that more U.S. Marines earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, our country's highest award for valor, on Iwo Jima than in any other battle in American history.



## Early morning fire destroys home

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department responded to an early morning structure fire at 1:15 a.m. on Monday, February 28, 2005.

A neighbor to the 103 Oak Street home reported the fire after being awakened by his barking dogs. He looked out to see flames coming from the house, located next to the Carquest store. The volunteer firemen and women worked until after sunup to extinguish the flames and did an excellent job in keeping the fire from spreading to adjoining homes.

The homeowners, John McLellan of Junction, TX and



103 Oak Street is lost to early morning fire.

Jan King of El Paso, were not in the house at the time of the fire and were in the process of selling it this week.

Sonora Fire Marshall Carl Teaff reported that it is believed

that old electrical wires caused the fire and it was probably smoldering for some time before the alarm went out.

No injuries were reported.

## Commissioners conduct general business

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2005. After general business of approving minutes and financial reports, Commissioner Mike Villanueva reported that he had been talking with Ed Carrasco of the Headstart program and wanted to see about waiving the fee for the Sutton County Slab to hold a bicycle parade to raise money for a troop in Iraq. Sutton County Judge Carla Garner stated that the program is part of the Concho Valley of Governments, so could be considered for exemption. The commissioners agreed to waive the rental fee.

Judge Garner reported that a large hole had been dug in the street near the courthouse to reach a water tap for the sprinkler system. Judger Garner also reported that the removal of acoustic panels in the courtroom resulted in the finding of some fair size cracks in the wall. An engineer reported that the cracks were probably caused by the growth of a large root from the tree at the corner of the building. Temporary patching will be done.

A plat for the Estes North Ranch Subdivision was reviewed and approved for filing in the clerk's office.

The commissioners reviewed an agreement with the Sonora I.S.D. regarding the lighting at the baseball and softball fields. Any new improvements will be discussed at a later time, including a proposal to light the girl's softball field.

The Commissioners

opposed a resolution asking for appraisal caps regardless of Market Value.

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher presented a racial profiling report required by the State of Texas. The report gave the number of stops made last year, including searches, categorized by race and gender. Sheriff Fincher also requested to send jailer, Ty Fincher, to Deputy Certification school. Matt Routh recently completed the certification. Allowing Ty to attend would make him available when more personnel were needed. The money will be budgeted from the Training fund. The commissioners approved the class. With no further business the Commissioners were adjourned.

## Kathy Knight has recipe for success in San Angelo



Kathy Knight proudly shows off her Best of Show Blue Ribbon.

The Sutton County 4-H and FFA students aren't the only Sonora talent that won big at the San Angelo Stock show & Rodeo. Kathy Knight participated in the Creative Arts Division and cooked up the winning recipes in several categories.

Knight's Apricot Butter Bars took Best of Show, for earning the most points and ribbons in the Baked Foods Division. The special award she won was a Big Mouth Food Processor.

Kathy entered nine items in eight classes and received six blue ribbons. She won a first place for her Italian Cream Cake, Butter Meltaway Cookies, Butterscotch Baseball Cookies, Pumpkin Bread, Pecan Roll Candy and the Apricot Butter Bars.

Kathy won three red ribbons for Apple Raisin Bread, Peanut Butter Fudge and Apricot Ripple Pound Cake.

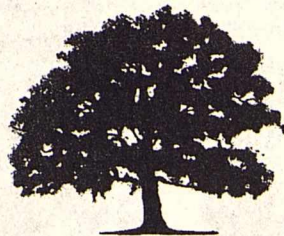
Kathy has always loved to bake and make jams and jellies. She started entering the Creative Arts with her goodies several years ago. Best of Show was always a goal she strived to achieve. Winning this award was a great surprise.

Kathy's grandson, Bryce Smith, became interested in the shows and has entered the last three years. This year Bryce received two white ribbons and an Honorable Mention. He was really proud because he entered eight items and received eight ribbons.

Sonora is lucky to have the duo of dessert masters. Now we just have to convince them to share those goodies with the rest of us more often. Congratulations to both Kathy and Bryce.

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## Obituaries

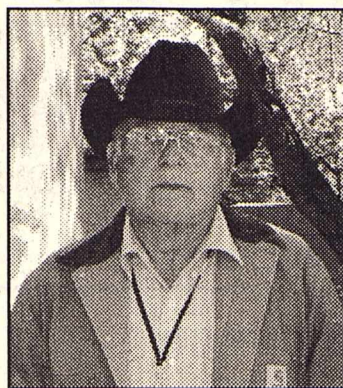
### L.P. Bloodworth, Jr.

L.P. Bloodworth, Jr., 82, passed away at his home in Ruidoso, New Mexico, on February 20, 2005 and arrived in Heaven a split second later. He was born to Lloyd P. Bloodworth and Ida Halbert Bloodworth on July 2, 1922 in Fort Worth, Texas. Early years were spent in El Paso, Texas, where he excelled in athletics and attended Texas College of Mines on a football scholarship.

Pearl Harbor ended his college days, as he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in December 1942, and was later assigned to the now famous 490th Bombardment Squadron, "The Burma Bridge Busters". He was deployed to the CBI (China, Burma, India Theater) as a bombardier and navigator.

After the war ended, he managed the family ranch in Sonora for a time. Drought years of the 50's proved too tough to ranch, so he moved his family to Los Lunas, New Mexico and farmed alfalfa, became a lawman and later became Superintendent of the New Mexico Boys Ranch. He returned, with his family, to Sonora in 1957 and resumed operating the family ranch while under the employment of El Paso Natural Gas Company, retiring after 20 years of service. Ranching then became his full time occupation and remained his first love until his death.

He is survived by sons, Lloyd P. (Buck) Bloodworth III and wife Susan; Lee C. Bloodworth and wife Darlette of Sonora, Texas; Bert R. Bloodworth and wife Carolyn of Midland, Texas; Christi D. Berger and wife Sherri of Irving, Texas; and Larry Joe Berger of Austin, Texas. Grandchildren: Brandon Bloodworth and wife Christin of Winchester, Virginia; Graham, Thomas, and Hilton Bloodworth of Sonora, Texas, Cole Bloodworth and wife Megan, and Allen Bloodworth of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by a brother, Basil Halbert "Hal" Bloodworth and wife Ruthie of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and a sister Elizabeth J.



"Bettye Jo" Reinhardt of Fabens, Texas, and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his gracious companion, Muriel Stickles of Greenville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn Rice Bloodworth, who died in 1991, and by Nancy Berger Bloodworth, whom he married in 1973. She died in 1998. His sister, Kidie Mae Dennis, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died in 1973.

He was active in the Masonic Lodge and was Master of Dee Ora Lodge #715 in Sonora, Texas. He served his community and his maker through his obligation to masonry and to his God.

He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25 at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora, Texas. Masonic graveside services were performed at the cemetery after the service.

Pallbearers were Bob H. Byrd, Jr., Dick Byrd, Robert Sol Mayer, David Fisher, Seco Mayfield, Mickey Sharp, William Drake "Bill" Karnes, and Tim Thorp.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack H. Sharp, Bob Teaff, Ralph P. Mayer, Stanley B. Mayfield, Bob H. Byrd, Sr., W.L. "Bud" Whitehead, and Carl Hugh Teaff.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 75219-9982.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home of Sonora, Texas.

### Elizabeth Applewhite

After a lengthy battle with Alzheimers, Elizabeth Applewhite went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 21, 2005. Church services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, at the Ozona Methodist Church, with burial following in the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Elizabeth was born September 22, 1920, in San Angelo, TX and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Coose of Juno and later Ozona. Reared and educated in Ozona Public School, she graduated from Draughon's Business College in San Antonio, TX. She attended classes in the summer and took correspondence courses during the winter months while working as secretary of Ozona Public Schools for Superintendent C.S. Denham.

In March of 1951, she began her 38 1/2 year career at the Crockett County Water Control. Lib was a woman of many talents. She didn't just work for the water district when she began. The office was shared by Bright Baggett's Insurance Agency, and Lib worked for him, too. She also helped with the Red Cross. Lib was a very active helper in her community.

Lib met and later married the love of her life, Charles Applewhite, on March 14, 1946 after he came to Ozona as a surveyor with National Geophysical. He later became a partner in the Ozona Butane Co. for over 40 years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996.

After retirement, they were Helping Hands volunteers and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Lib was known for her love

of life, positive attitude and her love of the Lord. She was a devout member of the Ozona Methodist Church. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie; a son, Johnny Childress; a grandson, George Austin Preston; her parents Modenia and Steve Coose; and a sister Jo Nell Corder.

Lib is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Richard Preston of Eldorado, Texas, a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Shelly Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas, and a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Kip Nichols of Hamilton, Texas.

Grandchildren include Trey and Hunter Preston; Clifford and Emily Nichols; Derek Nichols; Randy Moore and Shannon Moore; Amberlie Applewhite; John Clayton and Megan Childress and Courtney Childress. Great-grandchildren include Charles Russell Childress and John Cole Childress.

She is also survived by a beloved sister, Willa V. Baggett of Peach Tree, Georgia; three brothers and sister-in-law, Gene Applewhite, Alex Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas; Billie and wife, Mae Applewhite of Grandbury, Texas; several nieces, nephews and cousins and a life-long friend, Dorothy Friend of Ozona, Texas.

A very special thanks goes to the Schleicher County Nursing Home and Hospice of San Angelo for the loving care of our mother. Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

### Rebecca "Becky" Gandar

Sonora- Rebecca "Becky" Gandar of Houston and formerly of Sonora passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2005 in Houston. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She is survived by four sons, Jerry Paloma, Canuto "Cono" Palomo, Israel Palomo, and Daniel Palomo all of Houston.

### Robin Lisa Vela

Robin Lisa Vela of Sonora passed away Thursday, February 25, 2005 in San Angelo. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following at Sonora Cemetery. Robin is survived by her mother, Mary Lou Gutierrez of Sonora, son Anthony Benjamin Vela of Sonora, daughter Alyssa Vela of Sonora; three brothers, Jessie Vela of Lytle, Texas, Eulio Vela of Sonora, and Joe Vela of California; four sisters, Toni Vela of Odessa, Roseann Samaniego of Grand Prairie, Rebecca Castillo of Sonora, and Connie Castillo of Sonora.

Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home

### Senior Center News

**March 4** - Lynne Alexander Benefits Counselor from AAA available for questions!  
**March 7** - Bingo!  
**March 8** - Sterling Life Insurance Co. - noon  
**March 10** - Crafts anyone?

### Senior Center Menu

**March 7** - Beef stew with veggies, green beans, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, pudding, milk  
**March 8** - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, roll, green salad, cherry cobbler, milk  
**March 9** - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, tossed salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk  
**March 10** - Pork chops with gravy, noodles, carrots, tossed salad, bread, applesauce, milk  
**March 11** - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings, milk

**NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.**  
**\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.**  
**\*Menu is subject to change.\***

## Community Calendar

**March 7**  
Relay for Life Team Captain Meeting - First National Bank - 5:30 p.m.  
**March 9**  
Lenten Luncheon - Noon - St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall  
Devotional Speaker - Rev. Michael Dinio of St. Ann's Catholic Church  
**March 7 - 11**  
Spring Break

The Community Calendar



**March 14**  
Sutton County Commissioners Court - 9:00 a.m.  
Sutton County Annex Building

**March 15**  
City Council Meeting - 2:00 p.m.  
City Hall

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## Ask the Historical Society

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

Generous memorials were received from Lawrence J. and Martha Jo Finklea in memory of the following: Jimmy Condra, Vernon Humphreys, Nick Shurley, L. P. Bloodworth.

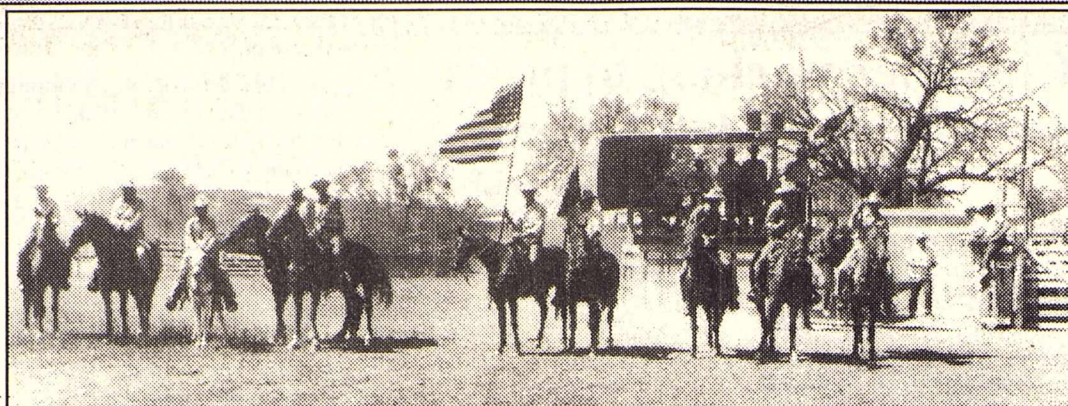
A while back I ran this photo but today I came across the following article in "The Devil's River News" July 29, 1949-John Wards Give Picnic And Roping-Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and son, John Allen, were hosts Saturday afternoon and night to more than 150 people at the Ward ranch for roping and a barbecue supper. The roping was the first for the new arena which the Wards have built near the house.

Masters of Ceremonies for the event were H. V. "Buzzie" Stokes and George D. "Sally" Chalk, and judges were Rip Ward, John Fields, Andy Bode and Hub Hale. B. M. "Bustie" Halbert served as arena director, John Ward as flag man and George Allison of San Angelo as timekeeper.

The afternoon's events included jackpot, match and team roping, goat roping, goat milking and goat hair-pulling, Brahma steer riding and a girls' foot-race.

Two performers, Bud Halbert and John Allen Ward, tied for honors as the meet's top participant.

This photo has a note that says it was taken on July 4, 1947 at the Casa Piedra Ranch, 3 miles West of Sonora, TX. Mounted horsemen, left to right: John A. Ward III, John A. Ward Jr., "Busty" Halbert, unknown, "Nasty" Taylor, Bubby Chalk, Uncle Elmer, Wayne Ogden, L. P. Bloodworth, Bud Halbert (on white burro), Joe Hull. Dismounted horsemen: "Warty" Alley, Sid Awalt, Glen Richardson. In the Grandstand: Rip Ward, Albert Ward (announcer) and three rodeo hands. The photo was taken by Boyd Lovelace. Some other type of competition was held on this date.



Roping at the Ward Ranch, 1947.

**Q.** Was Wayne Martin's body ever brought back for burial in the US. I couldn't find it in our cemetery?

**A.** Yes but he wasn't buried in the Sonora Cemetery. "The Devil's River News," August 5, 1949 - Reburial Services for Sgt. Wayne L. Martin are to be held in Del Rio Monday afternoon, August 8, from the Doran Funeral Chapel. Services will be at 4 o'clock and interment will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Del Rio.

Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Martin, was a native of Sonora being born here May 4, 1924. He moved to Ozona with his parents at an early age, and from there to Del Rio, where he attended high school.

He enlisted in the USAAF at 17 years of age, and was assigned to a B17 squadron. He was turret gunner and crew chief at the time of his death on February 3, 1945. His plane was shot down on a bombing mission over Berlin on that date, and Martin was declared missing in action.

It was after the end of the war that Martin's fate was established, his grave then being found by an American Graves Registration detail in a Prisoner of War cemetery west of Berlin, in the Russian occupation zone.

He was awarded the Air Medal, Purple Heart and ETO Medal during his years of service. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Miss Marjorie Martin and Mrs. Lester Kessel, both of Fallbrook, California, and relatives in Sonora, including Mrs. Harvey Morris, aunt, Mrs. R. L. Hallum, aunt, John Green, uncle, and

Mrs. Alfred Cooper, cousin. Both grandmothers, Mrs. J. W. Martin and Mrs. J. M. Puckett, also survive.

**Q.** Who won the 1949 game between Junction and Sonora and who were the players?

**A.** The players for Sonora were Bittle as B, Kring as B, Berlanga as B, Henderson as B, Drennan as LE, Caldwell as LT, Odom as LG, Howell as C, McKee as RG, Anthony as RT and Galindo as RE. Junction had Evans as B, Warren as B, Brite as B, J. Crumbley as B, J. Brown as LE, Guthrie as LT, Schoolcraft as LG, Schaefer as C, Harriss as RG, Whitlock as RT, and Blackburn as RE. It was noted that Harriss weighed 210 and Whitlock weighed 220 and returning backs Brite and Crumbley, gave the locals quite a workout last year. "The Devil's River News" of October 14, 1949 reported that Junction Rally Gives Eagles Win Over Broncos 20-13. Snapping back in the last few minutes of the game with two quick touchdowns, the Junction Eagles indeed proved themselves "the Broncos, stumbling blocks" by pasting up a 20-13 decision Friday night at Sonora stadium.

The Broncos went right to work in the first quarter scoring as the result of two passes, Henderson to Kring, and a line plunge by Berlanga. The try for point failed. The Eagles came back in the second quarter after working the ball down to the one. Evans went over, then charged over again for the point, making it 7-6 when the half ended.

Junction's heavier, more experienced line made rough going for the Broncos in the third quarter, but they managed to hold on and in the fourth quarter, with about 8 minutes to go, Henderson romped over to put Sonora back in the ball game, 13-7.

The Broncos got possession of the ball again, but couldn't gain. A pass, intended for Galindo, was intercepted by Crumbley who ran 33 yards for the score. Try for point was good. A few plays later, Evans clinched it when he went right through the middle for 42 yards and the final score.

Sonora's passing was excellent in spite of the interception. Henderson had 8 completions out of 14 attempts. Junction failed to connect on two tries. Penalties cost the Broncos 30 yards to Junction's 20.

In the same issue I found a little note that the school wall on the West side of the elementary building was to be torn down due to a drainage problem on that side of the building.

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@sonorax.net. You may call us at the office Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings 325-387-5084 for assistance with rentals, with questions regarding local history or just stop in at 307 Oak Street, right next to the Meirs Home Museum. We have items on display in the offices, an archival storage area and will be happy to take you on a tour of

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Lauren Whiteside bride-elect of Anthony Renfro  
Ashley Henson bride-elect of T.J. Harris  
Jesse Crain bride-elect of Ryon West

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## Legislators roll dice with casino gambling bills

### State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - If the prospect of legalized casino gambling in Texas amounted to a poker game, no one's shuffled the cards yet, but the seal's been broken on a new deck and the ante's on the table.

That happened Feb. 24 when a Republican house member and a Democratic senator filed legislation calling for a vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow up to a dozen casinos in Texas.

As many as seven casinos could be located in major metropolitan areas, two on the coast and three wherever they had the best opportunity of improving the community's economy.

Measures filed by Rep. Charlie Green of Fort Worth and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston will need a two-thirds vote in both chambers and the governor's signature, but if that happens, Texans will get to vote on Nov. 8 to create a Texas Gaming Commission that would license and regulate casinos.

Even if voters approve a constitutional amendment, final authority to open a casino would rest on a local option election. In announcing their resolutions, the two lawmakers said casino gambling would bring in some \$2.1 billion a year for the state and another \$730 million for local governments. Neither legislator offered odds, but both said they think they have a shot at getting the amendment on the ballot.

Rep. Kino Flores (D-Mission) earlier filed a bill that would allow 24 casinos in the state, still contingent on approval of a constitutional amendment.

**End of line for Railroad Commission?**

The Texas Railroad Commission had its start in 1891 during the administration of Gov. James Hogg. One hundred fourteen years later, a name change could be coming down the track. Rep. Corbin Van Arsalde (R-Houston) has filed House Joint Resolution 42, a measure that would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to rename the regulatory agency the Texas Energy Commission. Rep. Buddy West

(R-Odessa) has filed a similar piece of legislation, House Bill 1078.

The two lawmakers would like to see the agency renamed because it doesn't have much at all to do with railroads these days. It did when it was created, but oil and gas regulation long ago eclipsed the RRC's role with railroads.

**Traffic program hits red light...**

Garland city officials say using cameras at intersections to discourage drivers from running red lights has resulted in a 20 percent decrease in the dangerous offense.

But the House on Feb. 24 passed on first reading House Bill 1347, a measure by Rep. Gary Elkins (R-Houston) that would make the red light enforcement tool illegal in Texas.

Elkins argues that the presence of the cameras, which photograph the license plates of vehicles going through an intersection after a light has changed, increases rear-end crashes and has more to do with municipal revenue-generation than safety.

The House member from

Garland, fellow Republican Joe Driver, says using the cameras lowers the number of collisions and saves lives.

The House will have to vote on the bill one more time before it goes to the Senate.

## Making history fun



Monica Traylor and Emily Newton prepared for the San Angelo Stockshow Parade on Saturday, February 19. Monica and Emily are members of the Confederate Rose, a historical education organization.

### Happy Birthday

**March 3**  
Hannah Allison, Zeke Gamez, Zac Kerbow

**March 4**  
Carter Law, Irma DeHoyas, Matthew Glasscock, Zack Wall, Joe Flores, Joe Espinosa, Sherrie Taylor, Rashel DeLuna

**March 5**  
Eric Espinosa, Albert Chavez

**March 6**  
Rachel Lira, Micaela Moore, Skylar Kuresetch, Jarrett Crain, Makayla Galindo, Matthew Young, Lisa Herring, Alex Gonzales

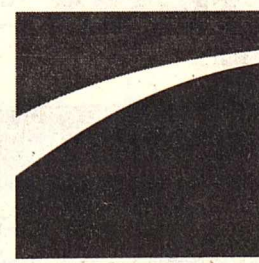
**March 7**  
Reggie Hernandez, Lacy Webb, Billy Bob Galbreath, Felicia Sentena

**March 8**  
Kellie Berry, Rosalba Chavez

**March 9**  
Jason Alaman, Jamayra Ramirez

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### Chamber Chatter

## Chamber working to promote hunting in Sutton County

Sonora Chamber of Commerce is working on a DVD to advertise hunting in Sonora and Sutton County. We could use any photographs or videos that you might have of hunting or the wildlife in the area. It will be much easier if the photos are digital or can at least be electronically transmitted to our office. Once we have the photographs or videos, they will become the property of Sonora Chamber of Commerce and we will use them for advertising and promotional purposes. The Sutton County Game Dinner Association travels to Houston every year for the "Hunting Extravaganza." They hand out over 1000 pamphlets full of information about Sonora, including the Hunting Guide Lease Listing, area motel and restaurant information, land for sale, retailers with hunting supplies and services and any other pertinent info. We would like to have a DVD about hunting for them to display in the booth while they are handing out information. We would also

like to spice up the hunting lease guide pages of our website with some photographs. If you would send us some of your photos and you have a lease listed with us, we will try to get your picture associated with your listing.

The hunting business is big business in Texas, and more and more, people are just as interested in photographing wildlife as harvesting it. If you or anyone you know is offering photo hunts, please let us know. We would love to list these on our website as well. Let's not miss the shot at exposing the rest of the world to our wonderful resources in Sonora and Sutton County.

Please send your photographs by e-mail to soncoc@sonoratr.com. We are really looking forward to having these on our website and the DVD about hunting in Sonora. You may visit our website at [www.sonoratr-chamber.com](http://www.sonoratr-chamber.com) <<http://www.sonoratr-chamber.com>>.

## The Glory of Texas



by Representative Henry Bonilla

This week marks a special occasion for our great state. It is the anniversary of our state's independence from Mexico. On March 2, 1836 a convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount. While the founding fathers of Texas prepared the document, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico. In near-freezing weather, in an unfinished building, the convention voted in the early morning hours of March 2nd to unanimously accept the resolution. Ultimately, fifty-eight members signed the document. And thus was born the Republic of Texas.

The declaration sent a sign to Mexico that Texans would no longer live under what many of them regarded as a tyrannical rule from a distant source. It was testimony that Texans were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. And fight they did.

Four days after signing the document, William Barret Travis and 184 brave men concluded their gruesome battle against more than five thousand Mexican troops. The odds were against the Texas volunteers, but they were determined to stay the course and fight until the end.

When the battle was over, only 15 people - mostly women and children - were spared. Familiar names like Davey Crockett, James Bowie and Juan Badillo lost their lives that fateful day. These brave souls did not give their lives in vain. The casualties that the Texas forces mounted against Mexico, and the time lost in reducing the Alamo cut short Mexico's campaign. It gave Sam Houston just enough time to perfect his plans for the defense of Texas and enabled him to win the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This victory spelled a final freedom for Texas.

In the saga of Texas history, there is no period as distinctive as Texas' struggle for independence. The period's heroes are remembered in the names of cities and towns, streets, plazas and public buildings. The Lone Star flag, inherited from the original Texas Republic, still flies proudly throughout our state.

I'd like to leave you with a quote by Sam Houston just before the Battle of San Jacinto. "We view ourselves on the eve of battle. We are nerved for the contest, and must conquer or perish. It is vain to look for present aid: none is at hand. We must now act or abandon all hope! Rally to the standard, and be no longer the scuff of mercenary tongues! Be men, be free men, that your children may bless their father's name."

Texas Independence Day is an occasion for all Texans to stand proud and remember the men who stood up for their rights and fought for their freedom. God Bless Texas!

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This past Monday morning at 1:00 a.m. a house in my neighborhood caught fire. Waking up to the smell of smoke and thinking my own house was on fire is something I will never forget! On no account will I ever overlook how hard the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department worked to save the house and how diligently they fought to keep the flames from my home and others in my neighborhood. As I watched in horror, it struck me how dangerous their job is and how they risk their lives on a regular basis! It became apparent that this group of men and women were as dedicated to saving property and lives as any big town "salaried" fire department. I kept telling myself, "Wow, they're just volunteers! They aren't even getting paid for this!"

As I sit here today, saddened by the family's loss, I am reminded of how lucky we are here in Sonora to have the Volunteer Fire Department and the EMS. Without the services of these fine volunteers my neighbors and I would have had one heck of a mess on our hands! Our garden hoses were no match for these flames! Once again, thank you Sonora VFD for a job well done!

Sincerely,  
Kelly L. Thorp

### Thank-you notes

Robert, Candy, Kodi and Koda Davis would like to say thank-you to everyone who were so supportive during our recent stay at Shannon Medical. Koda was born prematurely and had to stay in the hospital for 12 days. Your prayers, calls, visits and overall show of love and concern made the scary time more bearable. Koda Joy Davis is now home and is doing well and is looking forward to meeting her friends in Sonora. Thank you again and God Bless you all.

The Robert Davis Family

## Eating Healthy and Affordably American Dietetic Association Translates Food Costs into Dollars and Good Sense

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

Many people want to buy healthy foods, but does it seem that "healthy" and "inexpensive" are often mutually exclusive terms?

"There is a big misconception that eating healthy - including lots of fruits, vegetables whole grains, lean meat and low-fat dairy products - is beyond people's budgets," says registered dietitian Dawn Blatner, a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association.

"If you price out the cost of eating for one day, it is truly less expensive than most people probably think it is. For a 2,000-calorie meal plan, it costs approximately \$6.69 per day. If you're a vegetarian, it is slightly less at approximately \$6.33."

"What most people may not realize is that there is a wide variety of choices in each group of foods, so you never have to be bored by limiting yourself to one type of food," Blatner says. "As long as you aren't eating more than the recommended serving amount, your cost per day to eat healthfully should be no more than \$7."

Blatner offers healthy yet inexpensive examples of food choices:

**FRUITS** (fresh, frozen or canned in light juice) - berries, an orange or juice, grapefruit, banana, apple, peaches or mixed fruit, watermelon, plum, melon, pear, raisins or other dried fruits  
**VEGETABLES** (fresh, frozen or canned with no salt added) - fresh spinach, tomato, broccoli, bell pepper, canned string beans, frozen broccoli, cauliflower, collards, romaine lettuce, carrots, sweet potato, peas, squash, turnip greens, onions, okra, kale

**GRAINS** - oatmeal, cold whole-grain breakfast cereal, whole-wheat or whole-grain bread and crackers, whole-wheat pasta, brown rice, popcorn

**PROTEIN** - beef, chicken, pork, turkey, fresh or frozen fish such as cod, tuna, salmon, catfish and eggs

**ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN** - tofu, black, garbanzo, pinto or kidney beans, black-eyed peas, hummus, nuts, seeds, peanut butter

**DAIRY** - low-fat or no-fat milk, yogurt, low-fat cheese; mozzarella, Swiss, American, provolone, cheddar, ricotta, Parmesan

**NON-DAIRY** - soy milk, soy yogurt, soy cheese

"It's great to know that the food choices for healthy eating are endless, as are the health benefits of enjoying a variety of foods all in moderation," Blatner says.

Source: <http://www.eatright.org>

**Kodi Ann Davis is happy to announce the early arrival of her baby sister**  
**Koda Joy Davis**  
she was born February 14, 2005 at 11:18 a.m.  
Koda weighed 4 lbs 10 ozs and was 16 3/4" long

Proud parents are  
**Candy and Robert Davis**

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## Scouts Hit the Trails on Eaton Hill



left to right: (Garett Jaeger, Tiger Cub), Cande Tobias, (Zipriana Tobias), Delyse Jaeger - Eaton Hill, Phillip Stephens, Garrett Smith, Damien Castro, Stephen Dominguez, Jan Stephens - Den Leader, Jesse Amador, Joseph Martin - Wolf Top; Blake Esparza, Jason Alaman, Jonathan Martin

submitted  
On Tuesday February 22nd, the Sonora Boy Scout Pack 19 Webelos hit the trails on Eaton Hill. The hike was designed to fulfill the requirements of earning the Webelos' naturalist badges. The boys studied poisonous plant identification, plant use, migratory bird flyways, bird identification and poisonous snakes.

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# Sutton County Wool Judging Teams travel to area contests



Shawna Faris, Madison Myers, Colton Moore, Hunter Jennings, Bailey Joe Pennington, Sterling Love, Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Emily Earwood, and Zachary Leonard.

**submitted**  
Sutton County 4-H Club fielded three wool judging teams in the contest held in conjunction with the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. A total of 29 teams and 106 individuals competed in the wool judging event. Team #1 members were Emily Earwood, Craig Leonard, Laura Martin, and Colton Moore. Team #2 members were Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Meredith Earwood, and Cash Jennings. Team #3 members were Hunter Jennings, Stella Ingham, Sterling Love and Bailey Joe Pennington. Team #2 finished 7th place and team #3 placed 8th. Savannah

Leonard had an excellent score of 632 points and finished 5th high individual.

Judging contestants also competed at contests held during the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Team #1 members were Steely Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Emily Earwood, and Craig Leonard. Team #3 members were Colton Moore, Bailey Joe Pennington, Sterling Love and Hunter Jennings. Team #3 members were Zachary Leonard, Stella Ingham, Gunter Pennington, and Madison Myers. Team #1 finished 1st in the mohair judging contest, 1st in the combined scores of mohair and wool. Team #3 fin-

ished 5th in the mohair contest, 9th in the wool contest and 7th in the combined contests. Team #3 placed 9th in the mohair judging. In individual overall points, Emily Earwood placed 1st, thus winning a \$500 scholarship. Savannah Leonard was 5th, Steely Ingham finished 6th followed by Craig Leonard in 7th.

Shawna Faris coached the wool and mohair judging activities of Sutton County 4-H Club. Congratulations to Shawna and the 4-Hers she coaches. They will now begin preparation for the 4-H district contests to be held in April in Kerrville.

## Texas Brigades offer fun learning experience

**by Ethan West**  
Looking for something to do during the summer besides watch TV? I wasn't either when my mom talked me into signing up for the Buckskin Brigade Wildlife Camp. The camp was 4 1/2 days of intense, hands-on experiences about deer, habitat, conservation and anything else one could think of to learn about the white-tailed deer. Each day began at sunrise and ended in the wee hours of the following morning. We found no time during the long days and short nights for becoming couch potatoes or getting into mischief. In addition to the knowledge and experiences we brought from this camp, we, as Buckskin cadets, also developed confidence in ourselves and were provided the resources to share our experiences and our newfound knowledge of wildlife and conservation with the rest of the world.

The Texas Brigades motto "Tell me, I forget. Show me, I understand." is evident in every aspect of the camp. We spent most of the four days being involved in hands-on activities such as performing a necropsy on a white-tailed deer to learn about the anatomy. We showed up to the camp not knowing what to expect and, before we knew it, we were getting down n' dirty with the intestinal region of a deer. This was a little out of my daily routine. I don't usually get up in the morning and perform a necropsy. The necropsy is only one of the dozens of fun and interesting activities that we did at the camp. This is what makes this camp so unusual. We did things that we normally wouldn't do while just hunting and cleaning a deer. We also learned easier techniques to use when cleaning that big trophy buck. Not interested in the white-tailed deer? There are also other camps besides the Buckskin Brigade. There is the Bobwhite Brigade, Feathered Forces, and the Bass Brigade.

Since I attended the camp, I have done public presentations, had my articles published by major magazines and newspapers, and am earning points toward some pretty nice scholarships.

So...don't be a lazy bum this summer and sit on the couch watching cartoons and soap operas. Get on the internet, print out an application at [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org), fill it out, send it in, wait for an acceptance letter then get ready for one of the most memorable 4 1/2 days you will ever experience. For more information, check out the website or call Helen Holdsworth at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-332-3560.

## Stacy Sanchez chosen as Lions Club Student of the Month



Lion Ann Kay introduces Stacy Sanchez as the Sonora Downtown Lions Club Student of the Month.

Stacy Sanchez is the Sonora Downtown Lions Club student for March. Sanchez, a sophomore at S.H.S., is the daughter of Mari and David Sanchez. She is active in debate and is the one-act stage manager. Sanchez also enjoys softball, tennis, and basketball. Her favorite class is debate. Congratulations to Stacy Sanchez.

## Nature Conservancy offers free camping and events

Need something for the whole family to do over Spring Break? Join the Friends of the Davis Mountains Preserve for a long open weekend on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday March 10-14, 2005, featuring self-guided and guided hiking, a backpacking overnight, self-guided birding, trail riding (BYOH - Bring Your Own Horse), a 4-wheel-drive tour, 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 Thursday and close at 4 p.m. on Monday.

Scheduled events on Saturday include unguided birding and hiking, a horseback ride at 9:30 a.m., a backpacking overnight beginning at 9:00 a.m., a 4-wheel-drive tour beginning at 1:00 p.m., and camp cooking demonstration beginning around 4 p.m. Scheduled events for Sunday include a guided Mt. Livermore hike at 8:00 a.m. 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 is available for campers for potluck grilling or sampling cast iron camp stove cooking. No other open fires will be permitted. Participants are encouraged to bring food, water, weather-appropriate clothing, hats and sun protection. Cameras and field glasses will come in handy for most events. Horseback riders must bring Coggins test documentation. Four-wheel drive vehicles must have a low range in the gear transfer.

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 "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.

## Students of the Week

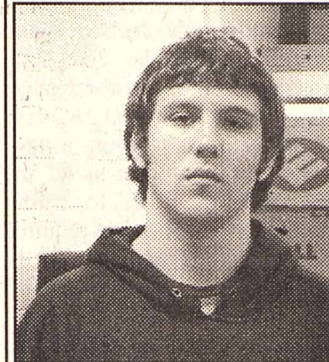
Maricela Moreno



Maricela Moreno is the 17-year-old daughter of Patricio and Lucia Moreno. The Sonora High School junior was born in Monterrey and moved to Sonora in August of 1997. Her hobbies include reading books and playing basketball. Her favorite subjects are chemistry, math, history and nursing.

Maricela is still unsure of what she would like to do after graduation.

Josh Lindsey



Joshua Ryan Lindsey is a 16-year-old junior at Sonora High School.

Joshua was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico and moved to Sonora in November of 2004.

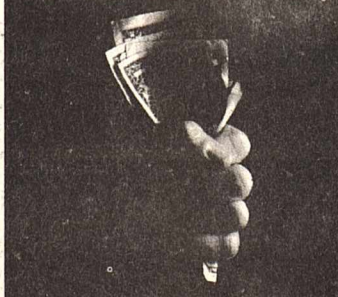
Josh enjoys playing bass guitar, playing on his Sony Play Station, and hanging out with friends. Josh's favorite subjects are U.S. History, English and band.

Josh plans to attend college after graduation and would like to get a good job.

*The teachers and staff of Sonora High wish to congratulate our students of the week for all of their hard work and progress.*

The Relay for Life Committee is looking for high school age leaders to join this year's Relay for Life planning committee. Should be someone with good leadership skills who is interested in working with a youth team and helping raise funds for cancer research. If you are interested or know someone who might be good in this position, please call Storie Sharp at 387-2507. Cancer has no age, join us in helping raise money at the 2005 "Fiesta, No Siesta" Relay for Life.

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**2005 Tennis Schedule**

Date	Tournament
March 4 & 5	Regional Team Tennis (Angelo area)
March 11 & 12	State Team Tennis (Austin area)
March 18 & 19	Eldorado
March 24	Eldorado (JV)*
March 31	Mason (JV)*

\* JV will play

**2005 High School Golf Schedule**

Girls		Boys	
Date	Event/Location	Date	Event/Location
3/8/05	San Saba Invitational	March 11/12	San Angelo Invitational
3/21/05	Iraan Invitational	3/23/05	Iraan Invitational
3/30/05	Eldorado**	3/30/05	Eldorado**

\* District Rounds + JV and Varsity

**2005 Track Schedule**

Date	Location	Teams	Time
3/05/05	Junction	VB, VG, JVB	TBA
March 11 & 12	Odessa	VB, VG	TBA
3/19/05	Sonora	VB, VG, JVB	TBA
3/25/05	Ozona	VB, VG, JVB	TBA

**2005 Baseball Schedule**

Varsity Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/4/05	Ballinger	Sonora	7:30
3/8/05	Bangs	Sonora	5:00
3/10/05	Bangs	Bangs	TBA
3/15/05	Ozona*	Sonora	5:30
3/18/05	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	4:00
3/22/05	Reagan*	Sonora	5:30
3/24/05	Junction*	Junction	7:00
3/29/05	Eldorado*	Sonora	5:30

JV Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/4/05	Ballinger	Sonora	5:00
3/7/05	Eldorado	Sonora	5:00
3/14/05	Ozona*	Ozona	5:00
3/21/05	Reagan*	Reagan	5:00
3/24/05	Junction*	Junction	4:30
3/28/05	Eldorado*	Eldorado	4:00

Ladies Softball			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 3,4,5	San Angelo T.	There	TBA
March 11,12	Miles T.	There	TBA
3/15/05	Lakeview	Home	5:30
3/18/05	Lakeview	There	5:30
3/22/05	Junction*	There	4:00
3/24/05	Eldorado*	Home	4:00
3/29/05	Grape Creek*	Home	4:00

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