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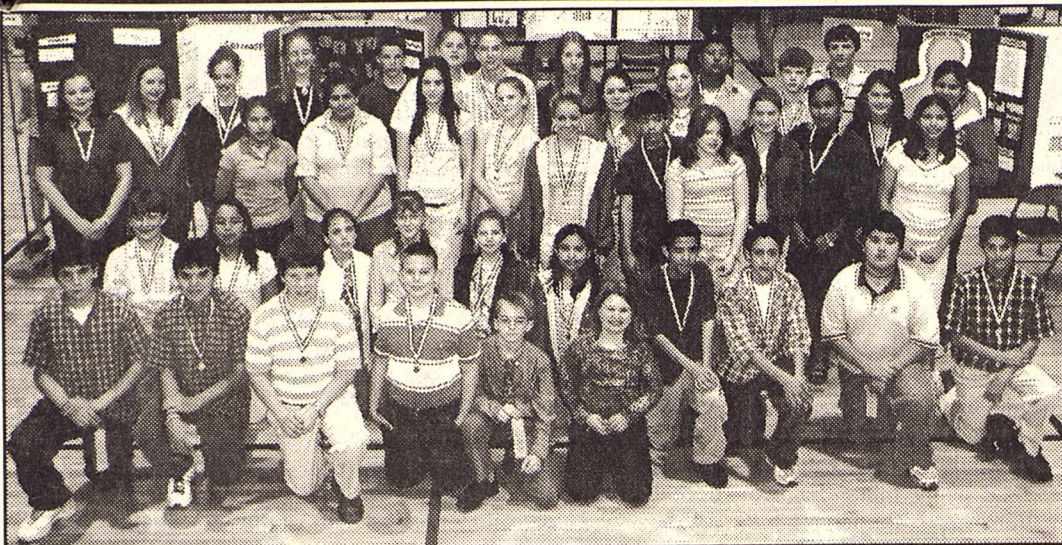
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Science Fair winners will advance to the San Angelo Science Fair on Wednesday, March 23, 2005

2005 Sonora Middle School Science Fair Winners

The Sonora Middle School Science Fair was held on Thursday, March 3, 2005. Students displayed their projects after working for months on researching and preparing the information. Top contestants will continue on to participate in San Angelo and winners from there will go on to represent Sonora in State competition.

Behavioral & Social Science

1. Kallie Humphrey
2. Bailey Joe Pennington
3. Alexis Galindo
4. Josh Barnes

Biochemistry

1. Cash Jennings
2. Caleb Gonzales
3. Marilee Reyna
4. Allison Freeman

Botany

1. Yolanda Sanchez
2. Ricky Lozano

Chemistry

1. Bethany Berry
2. Amelia Butler
3. Michael Stephens
4. Austin Slaugh
5. Kati Chavez
6. Rose Karnes

Zoology

1. Monica Traylor
2. Chelsey Lou Campbell
3. Shane Patlan
4. Alyssa Favila
5. Clinton Hudson

Space Science

1. Steely Ingham
2. Jessey Mallas
3. Will Dunn

Engineering

1. Serena Lee Allison
2. John Duke Hudson
3. Dulce Acosta
4. Kody Word

Environmental Science

1. Tyler Edmondson
2. Savannah Leonard

Earth Science

1. Meredith Earwood
2. Samantha Tidwell
3. Alberto Tovar

Gerontology

1. Edna Dominguez
2. Sterling Love
3. Mario Oliden
4. Karley Fraiser

Math

1. Kaitlyn Henderson

Medicine & Health

1. Cody Pena
2. Victoria Robles
3. Emily Newton
4. Vickie Torres

Physics

1. Colyer Dermody
2. Sulema Castilleja
3. Dustin Covey

Annual Ram Performance Field Day and Sale set for March 18

by Steve Byrns

Contact: Dr. Dan Waldron,
(325) 653-4576

SONORA, Texas – The Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is set for March 18. The station is 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55. A brief educational program will precede the 2 p.m. auction. The top 30 percent of the animals completing the test will be eligible for the sale. Dr. Dan Waldron, experiment station research geneticist at San Angelo and the test coordinator, said all the eligible sale animals should make excellent stud ram prospects for the registered or commercial operator.

"Lamb prices have been extremely good the last two years," he said. "The continued strong lamb market, and adequate rainfall makes this an excellent time for producers to invest in genetic improvement for what appears to be a bright future for the industry. Many of this year's rams are sired by rams that had superior performance in past tests. This is evidence that these breeders have identified superior genetic merit in their flocks."

Participants are invited to inspect the rams and their performance data during the morning of the field day. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. After lunch, the afternoon's program will be directed by Pascual Hernandez, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Sutton County. Dr. Gary Svetlik, of Georgetown, U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, will open the program with an update on the future plans of USDA's Scrapie Eradication Program. Dr. Mike Keller, a veterinarian from Sonora, will follow with a talk on strawberry foot. Waldron will present "Going Beyond Test Data in Genetic Evaluation." He will then be joined by Dr. Chris Lupton, a professor with the Texas

See Ram test page 8

Could Sonora lose the airport?

by Storie Sharp

That's the question the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation has been asking for months? The SIDC recently sent our surveys to potential Sonora Municipal Airport users hoping to gather data regarding concerns, usage, and recommendation. SIDC board member Max Howorth reported at Monday's meeting of the SIDC that returns were very low, and those who did fill out the survey's were split on their answers. Board member John Tedford expressed his concern that maybe people didn't realize the reason for and the importance of the surveys. He stressed that it appears that the public doesn't understand that expansion and deer proofing the airport are very important issues. He went on to explain that state regulations are really getting stricter and if Sonora doesn't do something to comply with these new stipulations the possibility of losing the airport is very real. Without public input and assistance, the process of obtaining grants and other necessary funding could be impossible. The funds will be dire if the airport is to be improved or even moved to a location that would allow for longer approach areas and runways. The concerns are not just for a small minority, it is for all

who use the airport and those who could use the airport if it were upgraded.

The SIDC board of directors instructed the airport subcommittee to continue working on the project, attempting to gather more information before meeting with architects or engineers. If you would like more information regarding the airport concerns and potential project, contact any of the SIDC board members, Max Howorth, Carl Teaff, Cam Campbell, Marty Parks, JoAnn Hernandez, John Tedford or Tommy Arnwine. You can also call Nancy Glasscock at the SIDC office at 387-6280.

In other business, Marvin Shurley approached the SIDC with a request for assistance in funding for the infrastructure of the new office of the American Meat Goat Association and the U.S. Goat Council, that will now be located in Sonora. The associations have purchased office space at 109 W. Main Street, and will be housing the main office of both associations. The new office will start with one full time employee, with the possibility of hiring another at a later date.

Shurley explained that the non-profit organizations have members from 37 states and will be holding monthly meetings in

Sonora, bringing in at least 11 people every 50 days for a two-day stay in our community. This does not include any special conventions and meetings that could potentially come to our community. The SIDC thanked Shurley for working so hard to bring this new business to Sonora and agreed to assist in any way possible to ensure adequate office space is provided. Shurley agreed to provide the requested business plan and list of requests that is required by the SIDC before they can assist on such projects.

Office Manager Nancy Glasscock provided the monthly financial statements and previous meeting's minutes, which were approved as presented after a short discussion regarding the increase in fees charged by the auditing company. Glasscock explained that it was a new auditor and she would inquire as to whether their fee would stay at this rate or decrease.

Glasscock also gave the office report, explaining that several local businesses had inquired about information for possible assistance with projects. After discussing the on-going legal issues with KD's Convenience Store, the meeting was adjourned.

Committee preparing grant application for Texas Pecos Trail Region

In Sanderson, Texas on February 28th representatives from many of the 22 West Texas counties involved in the Texas Pecos Trail Region met to discuss the grant application. Sonora was represented by Ann Kay of the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Program and Ruth W. Bounds of Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting was to review the information gathered and to get input from all the counties on the actual grant application. The grant application will be submitted to the Texas Heritage Trail Program, a division of the Texas Historical Commission. The commission will review the application and award \$50,000.00 per year for three consecutive years to the region that submits the better application.

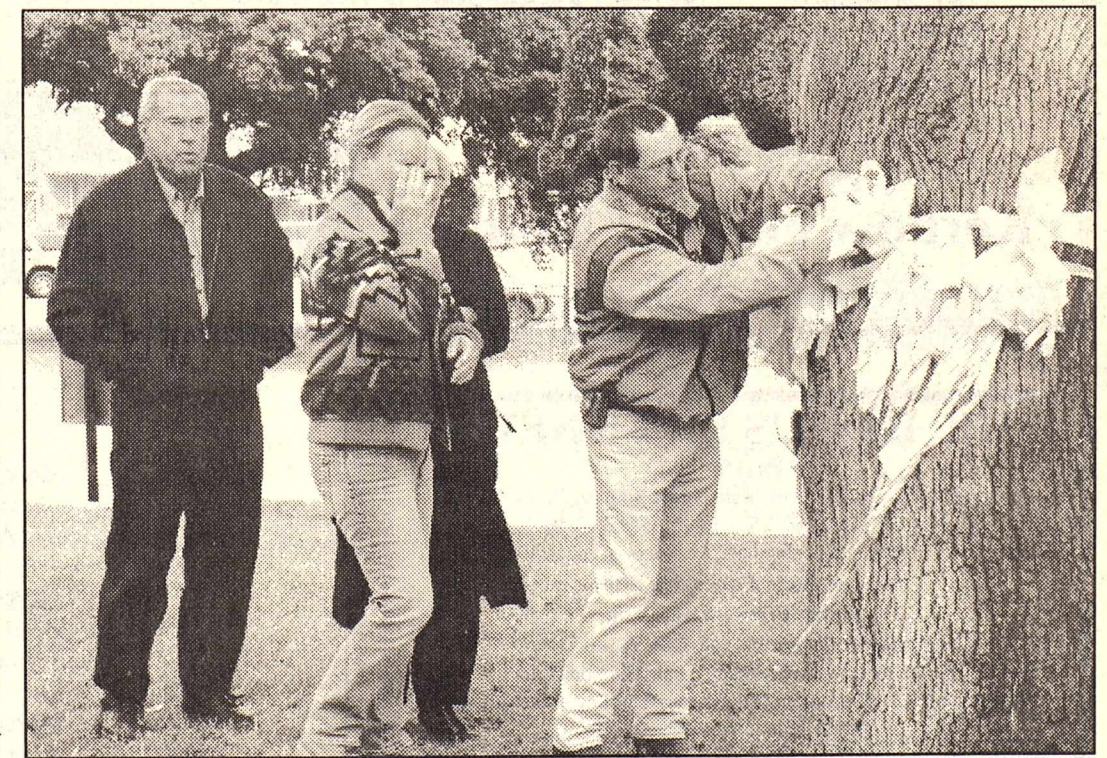
The grant monies will go toward hiring a coordinator for the Texas Pecos Trail region. A coordinator will market our area for tourism. The region is vast and widespread, so it will be very beneficial to have one person helping to coordinate all the activities and events as well as promoting the area to travelers world wide. The grant monies will also be used for the promotional and marketing materials needed. Trail regions that have already been designated have shown about a 20% increase in tourism dollars spent in the region.

The application review committee comprised of Shannon Biggerstaff from Ozona, Betty Cash from Iraan, Jed Elrod from Ft. Stockton, James Murr from Junction, Chris David from Rocksprings,

Ann Kay and Ruth W. Bounds of Sonora, will meet in Ozona on March 22nd to begin writing the grant application. The actual process of writing the grant application has already fostered a partnership among the counties involved in the Texas Pecos Trail Region. Sharing of information and brainstorming about the possibilities that lie ahead for West Texas has been a very positive experience. With the hope of the approval of this grant, the possibilities are endless.

If you would like more information on the Texas Heritage Trail Program or the Texas Pecos Trail Region, you may contact Ann Kay at 325/387-2248 or Ruth W. Bounds at 325/387-2880 or e-mail your questions to soncoc@sonoratrail.net.

Emotions high as Rousselot's Yellow Ribbon goes up on Old Oak Tree

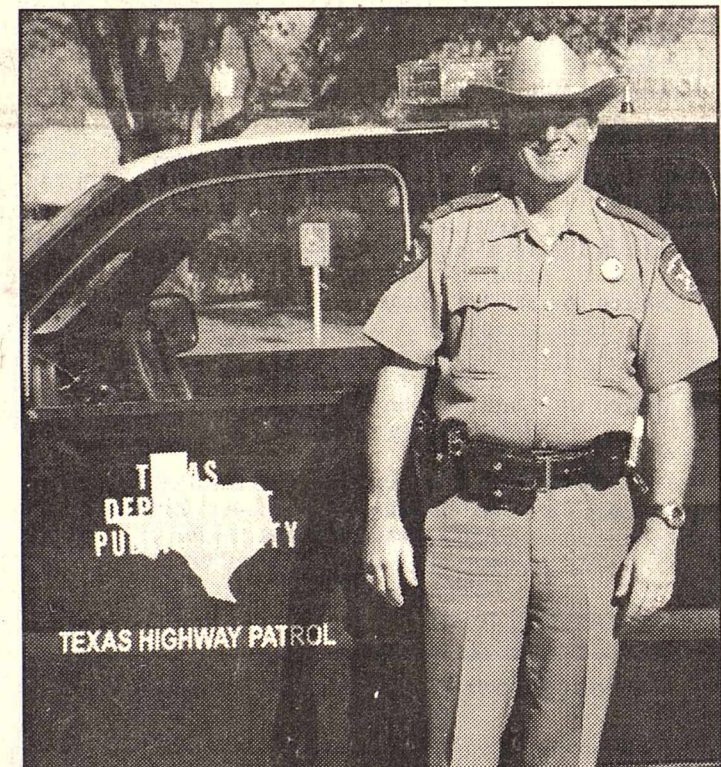


Norm, Doris, Mallory and Mark Rousselot shed tears of joy and pride as they tie up a yellow ribbon for Reid Rousselot.

The Rousselot family didn't let cold wet weather keep them from showing their love and respect for their son and grandson, Reid Wayne Rousselot. The Friends of Historic Sonora joined the family as they tied up a Yellow Ribbon on the Old Oak Tree on February 24, 2005. Rousselot is a Specialist currently attached to the 5-7 Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Brigade of the U.

S. Army. He is somewhere in Iraq and has been there since January 7, 2005. Because of his status the family is not sure where he is located in Iraq. Before being called to active duty, Reid was attending Texas State University in San Marcos where he was enrolled in the ROTC. Reid has been active since January 2004 when he did his basic training at Fort

Leonard Wood, Missouri and his advanced training in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Prior to his Iraq departure, he was stationed in Fort Stewart, Georgia, home of the 3rd Infantry Division. Reid is scheduled to be in Iraq for about 14 months. Reid is the 23-year-old son of Mark and Mallory Rousselot and is the grandson of Norm and Doris Rousselot of Sonora.



Texas State Trooper David Lee

Sutton County welcomes new Commercial Vehicle Enforcer

by Storie Sharp

Texas State Trooper David Lee is now working to make Sutton County a safer place to drive. Trooper Lee has just moved to town as the new Commercial Vehicle Enforcer, or CVE. CVE troopers are responsible for routine law enforcement duties, and have a primary responsibility for enforcing the Motor Carrier Safety Act and other laws and regulations involving hazardous material shipments, commercial driver licensing and insurance, size, weight, and registration and operating authority of commercial vehicles.

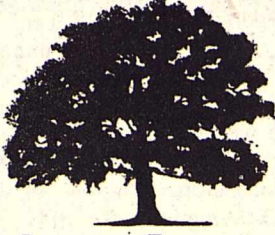
Known to most as the License and Weight Inspector, the objective of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Service is to reduce commercial motor vehicle accidents through the enforcement of Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; to protect the state highways from unnecessary damage by securing compliance with state laws regulating weight of commercial vehicles; to ensure equitable payment of commercial vehicle registration fees by enforcement of registration laws; to protect the rights, privileges, and safety of the general public in the use of the public highway system by securing compliance with traffic laws and regulations applicable to the operation of all vehicles.

Trooper Lee comes to Sonora from Falfurrias, Texas (South Texas), where he was stationed for two and half years after graduating from the Academy in July of 2002. Trooper Lee and his wife, Jackie, are excited about moving to Sonora and look forward to building a permanent home here.

ACS Relay teams gearing up for "Fiesta, No Siesta" event

Six of the nine team captains already signed-up for the 2005 American Cancer Society Relay For Life met at the First National Bank on Monday, March 7, 2005. The teams are gearing up for another great year, as everyone prepares for a "Fiesta, No Siesta" at the Bronco Stadium on May 20-21, 2005. More teams are welcome and encouraged to join. A special "SUPER TEAM" award has been added this year and the teams are already vying for the three-foot championship trophy. The annual fund raising event is the largest of its kind, raising money for cancer research, and patient service programs. Sonora raised \$40,000 last year, putting us second in the State of Texas for money raised per capita. Let's do it again, Sonora, only MAS GRANDE! For more information on the Relay for Life contact Kim Lewis at 387-5382. For team information contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

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Notes of Appreciation

On behalf of the family of Les Baucom, we would like to say "Thank-you" to all our friends and neighbors during our recent loss. We appreciate all the cards, prayers, and concerns.
Pam and Tom Payton

The McClelland family would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department, neighbors and especially the Robert Dunn family for all of their efforts to save our mother's home. The firemen saved John's and Jan's baby books from the burning cedar chest and some of Mother's artwork was salvaged later. All of you will be remembered and kept in our prayers.
With grateful hearts,
John, Sharon, Jan and Joe

2005 Little Dribblers Coaches, Parents, & Players:
Our time together was short, but fast and furious! Each of you gave 110% which lead to a successful season. We appreciate all the volunteers, as well as Mr. Berry & SMS Coaches for allowing us access to the gyms!
THANK YOU!
Lynn Hinsley & Nelda Tobias

I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my thanks to Mrs. Dermody for allowing me the opportunity to present the "Everybody Counts" program to Sonora Elementary Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. I would also like to thank Dollar General for donating the cereal and peppermints that we used. Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Irene Lopez for helping me coordinate all the classes and thank all my volunteers: Sherry and Taylor Dickens, Carol Leonard, Marlyn Young, Amy Castro, Stacy Robles, Arianna Zook, Bonnie Lou Campbell, and Delyse Jaeger. They all helped tremendously, and we could not have done this program without their wonderful help. Thank You!
Susan T. Hall

*Texas Tales Told By
Tumbleweed Smith*
**A documentary called
"Paper Clips"**



Tumbleweed Smith
The most moving documentary I've ever seen happened to be produced by a friend of mine, Bob Johnson. He and I studied drama together at Baylor. He played the part of a pie man in our media dell arte (low Italian comedy) class. We did some skits for a full house as part of our spring drama recital. Some members of the audience are still laughing from our performance. The Baylor Theater probably hasn't produced such guffaws since.

Bob has been successful. He recently donated a million dollars to the Dallas Children's Theater. He has a production company near Washington, DC, which stages among other things the lighting of the national Christmas tree. He is good at what he does.

He read in the newspaper about a group of 8th graders in Whitwell, Tennessee (population 1,600) who were collecting paper clips. The kids were studying the Holocaust. Many of them had no knowledge of it. When they heard that the Nazis killed six million Jews, they had trouble realizing 6 million of anything. To put it in perspective, a teacher suggested students start collecting 6 million of some type of object, something they could touch. They chose paper clips. They wanted each paper clip to represent one Jewish person who died in the Holocaust.
Bob met with his produc-

tion staff to see if they thought a marketable documentary could be made. The group seemed optimistic and got to work creating a seven-minute film about the effort. They took the short film to Miramax. The big movie studio not only wanted to do it, but insisted the film get produced.

Bob and his group spent months in Whitwell documenting the effort of the kids to collect paper clips and ended up with 150 hours of material. The resulting documentary is 80 minutes long. It cost \$800,000 to film. The film is now in nationwide release. The National Board of Review named it one of the top 5 documentaries of 2004.

Word of the kids' project spread throughout the country and into Europe. Movie stars got involved. Survivors of death camps went to Whitwell and talked with the students. So did American soldiers who liberated the camps. Kids in Germany sent in paper clips attached to notes apologizing for what happened to Anne Frank. Paper clips poured in. The 8th graders in Whitwell, Tennessee collected 29 million paper clips. They created a holocaust memorial that features a railroad boxcar that was used to haul Jews to concentration camps. The boxcar is filled with paper clips.

Paper clips were invented in Norway. Norwegians wore them on their lapels during World War Two as a protest against the Nazis.

Coming soon to a stadium near you...
"Fiesta, No Siesta"
2005 ACS Relay for Life
May 20-21

Obituary

Teodora "Dora" Rodriguez Bautista

Teodora "Dora" Rodriguez Bautista, 77, longtime resident of San Angelo, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at her residence. Rosary services were held on Friday, March 4, 2005 at the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Reverend Quirino Cornejo officiating. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Park.

Dora was born on April 4, 1927, in Winters, Texas to Juan and Maria De La Luz Solis Rodriguez. She was employed with Levi Strauss & Co. for more than 25 years. She enjoyed her career with Levi Strauss and made many friends during her time there. She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, as well as being the father figure too.

Her parents; brother, Geronimo "Mono" Rodriguez and sister, Paula Ramon preceded her in death.

She is survived by nine children, Placido R. Bautista, Jr., of Lubbock, Texas; Dolores B. Cantu of Houston, Texas; David R. Bautista, Richard R. Bautista, Faustino R. Bautista, Henry R. Bautista and Sylvia Ann B. Garza all of San Angelo, Texas; Elaine Martinez of Dallas, Texas and Cynthia B. Alvarado of Austin, Texas; sister, Petra Pena of Plainview, Texas; three step-brothers, Francisco Romo, Jorge Romo and Rito Rodriguez-Romo; 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank nurses Michelle and Debbie and aid, Amanda of Hospice of San Angelo, for their sincere care of their mother. Also, thanks to Sister Bridgett for her prayers and comfort during our time of need and to all the people who kept her and our family in their prayers and helped us in every way to ease or pain. A special "Thank-You" goes to our sister, Delores, for her devoted care of our mother.

Pallbearers were Placido R. Bautista, Jr., David Bautista, Amber Garza Fields, Faustino (Tino)Bautista, Henry Bautista, Chance Philip Cantu and Richard Bautista, Jr.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of San Angelo.

Safety for Seniors

Sonora Chief of Police Mike House will be at the Sonora Senior Center on Friday, March 18, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. to discuss Safety for Seniors. Chief House will cover crime prevention topics specifically for senior citizens, including personal safety, home safety, vehicle safety, cons, frauds, scams and identity theft.

Everyone is invited to this informative lunch session. For more information contact Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

Senior Center News

March 14 - Blood pressure checks w/ TDH, noon; "green" bingo
March 15 - City Council - 2 p.m. - City Hall
March 16 - Van to San Angelo, call 387-3941
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - wear green; B-Day Party for March, noon

Senior Center Menu

March 14 - BBQ beef on bun, baked French fries, baby carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping
March 15 - Steak fingers w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, rolls, cake, milk
March 16 - Salisbury Steak w/ gravy, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches, milk
March 17 - Meatloaf w/ tomato sauce, black-eyed peas, okra, bread, banana pudding, milk
March 18 - Catfish, hominy, broccoli w/ cheese, cornbread, bread pudding w/ raisins, 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.

School Lunch Menu • March 14 - 18, 2005

Breakfast

Mon. - Cinnamon toast, orange juice.
Tues. - Biscuits and ham, apple juice.
Wed. - Breakfast pizza, orange juice.
Thurs. - Pancakes, apple juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, orange pineapple juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, green beans, Jell-O, hot roll
Tues. - Spaghetti/meatballs, tossed salad, rosy applesauce, Texas toast
Wed. - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, vegetable salad, fresh fruit, cornbread
Thurs. - Hot dog/mustard, pork 'n beans, carrot sticks/dressing, trail mix cookie
Fri. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tator tots/ketchup, raw veggies/dip fruit

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Community Calendar

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

March 14
Coaches Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Main Street Office

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

March 16
Lenten Luncheon - Noon - St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall
Devotional Speaker - Rev. Milton Black of
St. John's Episcopal Church

March 22
Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom and Mop Sale

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Ask the Historical Society

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO SUTTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ray Glasscock in memory of Maggie & Edgar Glasscock
Doris Chadwick in memory of Fay McClelland, Pauline Skains, Allie Askew, Nick Shurley, L.P. Bloodworth

Q. I am looking for information on Ervin "Hog" Jackson born about 1829. He married Frances Caroline Johnson the daughter of John Calvin Johnson of Sonora. Can you help me?

A. I. He married Frances Caroline Johnson, the sister of John Calvin Johnson. Mr. Johnson did have a daughter named Frances but she married Roscoe Cawyer. This has been verified by Mrs. Greta Smith who was a Cawyer. The copy of the picture with this article was supplied by her.

In the 1910 census of Sutton Co. Ervin Jackson was in the household of John Calvin Johnson and listed as brother-in-law. He is a white male and someone told the census taker he was born in 1829 in Arkansas and that his parents were born in Arkansas.

In the 1900 census of Sutton Co. Ervin Jackson was listed as born in August of 1827 in Illinois and his parents were born in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was in the household of his brother-in-law, John Calvin Johnson.

In the 1880 Census of Callahan Co. there was an Ervin Jackson born in Illinois listed as a boarder in the home of "Mattie" Roberts and a Peachie Jackson, 9, also listed as boarder. Wm. C. Johnson her son is listed as also living in Mattie's home.

"Mattie" Roberts was Martha Peyton Johnson Roberts, the mother of John Calvin Johnson and the mother-in-law of Ervin Jackson. He helped care for her when the family lived in Sutton County.

John Calvin Johnson had a ranch in the southwest corner of Sutton Co. "Johnsons Run" is named after him. John Calvin

Johnson came to Sutton County from Callahan County in 1887.

"The Devil's River News" May 1918-E. Jackson a pioneer of the Sonora Country and the father of Mrs. J. L. Binyon died at the home of his niece Mrs. Mary Leavens at Florence in Williamson County, Sunday April 21, aged about 87 years. Deceased was the last of 15 brothers, among whom were prominently known Buck and Sam Jackson of Lampasas and Williamson counties. He was a veteran of the Civil War and internment was at Liberty Hill. His daughter Mrs. Binyon attended the funeral from her home in San Angelo.

There is a pension record dated the 29th of Sept. 1906, #12140 Sonora Sutton Co. that states that Ervin Jackson was 77 at that time.

We suggest you look for census records of a family with 15 boys in either Illinois or Arkansas. With that huge a family he shouldn't be too hard to find, especially since you know one is named Sam and one is Buck, which is probably a nickname. We can understand your difficulty in finding him with all the different places of birth listed and all the years of birth not quite matching. The 1900 census asked for the month and year of birth along with the place of birth and parents' places of birth. I would use that to try to find him first since he lists Illinois as place of birth on other census records; then look for his family living in Arkansas. They might have moved around and this is what is causing the confusion.

Greta Smith did tell me that John C. Johnson came here from Callahan Co. and that Mr. Ervin Jackson came with him to help care for Mrs. Roberts. J.C. was married to Eunice Berry, the daughter of Andrew Jackson Berry and their children were Calvin Lee Johnson who married a Franks, Thelma who married Clay Puckett, Lem E. who married Jessie Smith, Fannie (Frances) who married Roscoe Cawyer and then J. C. Gahagan, Fannie who died at 20, Whitton who married Audrey Archer and Lois Estelle who died as a baby. John C. Johnson, J. C.



Back, L to R: Alva D. Cawyer, Ruth Binyon Clendenen, Thelma Johnson Puckett, Bell Merriman Binyon, Roscoe Cawyer, Fannie Johnson Cawyer. Front, L to R: Ervin Jackson, Cliff Johnson, Martha Johnson Roberts, Binyon Baby Berta, Telefus Cawyer, "Uncle" Johnnie Johnson, Greta Cawyer Smith (Mrs. Geo. E. Bud Smith).

first had his address listed as Juno but since he was a resident of Sutton Co. and his children went to school at Bug Scuffle, he changed his mailing address to Sonora.

Q. What are witch hazel and yarrow?

A. You must be reading an old diary telling about treatments given to family members. Witch Hazel is a flowering shrub and has been used for years as medicine. The leaves and bark have a very high tannin content and people used it to treat skin ailments. Today you can find it still in use in lotions, eye drops, aftershave lotions, cosmetics and even in use for the treatment of hemorrhoids.

Yarrow is a flowering plant and it was used in olden times to stop bleeding of wounds, brewed into a tea for digestive disorders and fevers and made into a poultice to treat cuts and burns. In modern times it has been confirmed that it is an anti-inflammatory. In the olden days the flowers and leaves were steeped and then put on arthritic joints to help relieve pain and swelling. It was written that the Greek hero Achilles used Yarrow to treat the wounds of his warriors. Some people believed that if you chewed Yarrow it would help a toothache.

The offices of the Sutton

County Historical Society are open on Monday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 until 11:45 or noon on Saturday. Sometimes we stay a little later if our work crews are in the middle of a project on Saturday. Rick and I have had a lot of doctor appointments in San Angelo and more coming up. We spend most of our days off out of town running the roads back and forth to doctors. We are tired when we get home and need a day off after a lot of tests to rest up. We will not, at this time, have the office open on any other days. We need a chance to get better and hope you all can understand this. We do stay a little past our usual closing time if someone is in the middle of a research project but please do not ask us to go down on our days off right now. Thank you!

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@sonoratax.net. You can reach us at the office at 307 Oak St. on Mon., Fri. and Sat. mornings at 387-5084. Call the same number on the same days for rentals. It will be hard to catch us at home but give us a call and leave a message if we aren't there at 387-2855. All the files are in the office and I might not be able to answer a question at home.

Sales tax bill would make Texas highest in nation

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - The House Ways and Means Committee has approved a bill that would allow the state to increase the sales tax rate by nearly 1 percent, giving Texas the highest sales tax in the nation. Members voted 6-2 in favor of the measure on March 2.

The bill still has a long way to go before becoming law, but if it does, the sales tax rate would increase from the current 6.25 percent to 7.2 percent. Since cities and other governmental entities also can levy sales taxes, in some places the sales tax rate could exceed 9 percent.

The bill also would add bottled water, car washes, vehicle repair and outdoor advertising to the list of goods and services that can be taxed when

sold.

As long predicted, the state franchise tax would go away, replaced by a 1.1 percent business payroll tax.

Finally, smokers would pay \$1 more a pack, the tax jumping from 41 cents to \$1.41, and the tax on motor vehicle sales would go from 6.25 to 7.35 percent.

Bye-bye free wi-fi?

With the state and local governments moving to provide citizens free wireless Internet service, Rep. Phil King (R-Weatherford) has introduced a bill that would prohibit cities from doing that.

The prohibition is only one aspect of King's telecommunications bill, House Bill 789. King's chief of staff said last week that the lawmaker objects to free wi-fi because it puts government in competition with private businesses.

No Pass, No Drive...

The Legislature is considering a bill that links passing grades to a teenager's ability to

get a driver's license.

Under House Bill 643, filed by Rep. Sid Miller (R-Stephenville), a Texan younger than 18 would need to have a grade-point average of at least 2.0 to get a driver's license. As it stands now, the only education-related requirement (other than being able to pass a test on traffic laws and safe-driving techniques) is that someone under 18 be enrolled in school and abiding by attendance requirements.

Arkansas has had a similar law since 1991, but it is not widespread among the states.

What should be official Texas vehicle?

The obvious answer is the pickup truck, but that would be wrong. In Senate Concurrent Resolution 8, Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) has proposed that the chuck wagon be designated by the Legislature as the official vehicle of Texas.

Invented in 1866 by Panhandle pioneer Charles Goodnight, the food-carrying

chuck wagon supported the state's cattle industry well into the 20th century by playing a vital role in keeping cowboys fed.

On some big ranches, the distinctive wagons with chuck (cowboy talk for food) boxes on the back are still used, though today most chuck wagons are for display and cooking competitions.

Going Dutch oven...

Proving that both major political parties can work together, Rep. Jesse Jones (D-Dallas) has filed a resolution that would declare the Dutch oven the official state cooking implement. Dutch ovens, of course, are what chuck wagon cooks use to prepare soughdough biscuits, perhaps the future official state bread.

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March 12

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Chamber Chatter

Chamber members encouraged to vote for favorites for banquet

by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

This is a very busy time of the year for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. I want to take this opportunity to remind all of the Chamber members that the ballots for awards and the ballots to nominate four new members to the Board of Directors for Sonora Chamber of Commerce, will be arriving in your mail boxes the end of this week or the first of next week.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors determine the activities that your local chamber is involved in. It is the Chamber Board's responsibility to supervise, hire, and manage the staff of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center, as well as the fiscal and financial responsibilities of that office. These decisions are very important to our community and the Board of Directors sign commitment letters that shows their dedication of time and energy to Sonora.

The people and organizations that are recognized as recipients of the following awards have dedicated a great deal of time and effort to our community: "Business Person of the Year," "Employee of the Year," "Educator of the Year," "Outstanding Organization of the Year," and "Citizen of the Year." Please mark your ballot the day you receive it in the mail and return it to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office

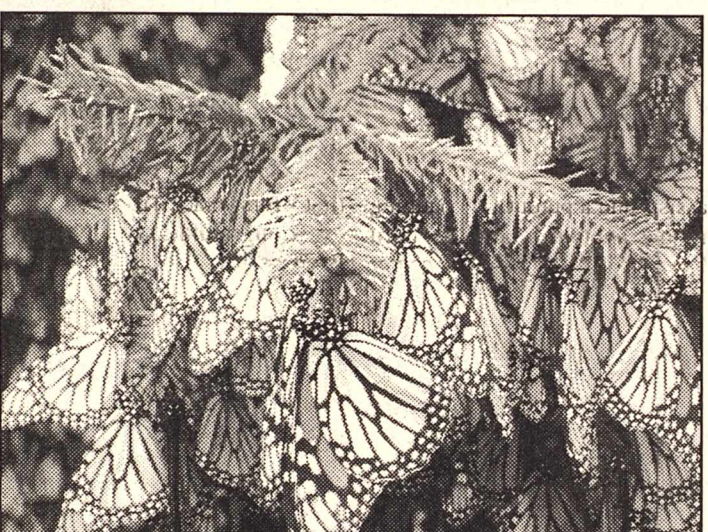
& Welcome Center by March 31, 2005. There are many very deserving people and organizations in Sonora, let's make sure they are recognized for their efforts.

We are happy to welcome a new business to Sonora. Haircuts by Janis at 234 Hwy 277 North, right across the street from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center and right next door to Ol' Sonora Trading Company. Janis Wiggins is originally from Roosevelt. Her maiden name is Janis Allison and she will keep a shop open in Roosevelt on Mondays & Tuesdays. She will be open in Sonora Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Janis will be hosting a Grand Opening this Friday March 11, 2005 at her new business beginning at noon. She will be giving away a certificate for a free haircut and serving refreshments. Janis has been a barber for 20 years and has served on the State Barber Board for 10 years. We would like to invite you all to come welcome this new business to Sonora. We are having a ribbon cutting ceremony at a few minutes after noon.

You may contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce by e-mail at sonococ@sonoratrax.net or by phone at 325/387-2880 or 325/206-1310. Please visit our website at www.sonoratrax-chamber.com.

Up On Eaton Hill

Migration Anticipation



Monarch butterflies cling to a tree during migration. Photo borrowed from Journey North website.

by Delyse Jaeger

Soon a flood of undocumented migrants will begin pouring across the border. Wings aflutter, and color flashing in the sunlight, hummingbirds and monarchs migrate up from central and south America to reside with us throughout the warmer months. Rufous hummingbirds are the first species to arrive in the States and were initially spotted along the west coast back in February. Following closely on the tails of the rufous hummingbird comes the ruby-throated hummingbird. The first rufous arrivals were recorded in Louisiana during the last week of February. These little nectar lovers bravely crossed the Gulf of Mexico - an amazing feat considering their tiny size!

The news from the Monarch over-wintering sites is not so favorable. Numbers are down drastically this season. Scientists believe the decline may be attributed to a cold and wet summer breeding season coupled with a devastating winter storm in Mexico.

Concern for the effects of herbicide use on food sources and loss of habitat are also factored into the explanation.

Migration has not yet begun, but you can check the Journey North website for current updates posted each Thursday. The monarch uses the milkweed plant in its larval stage and is dependent on numerous flowering nectar plants for food. If you are interested in planting for butterflies, please contact the Eaton Hill office.

Hummingbird feeders are up on Eaton Hill and I have been asked by Dan Brown of Hummer House in Christoval to record and report sightings of the black-chinned hummingbird. I would like to begin keeping records of the arrival of monarchs as well as hummingbirds in our area. If anyone has documented these dates in the past, would you consider sharing your information?

Also for this season, as you notice the arrival of hummingbirds and monarchs would you please report the sightings to the Eaton Hill office. The number is 387-2615 and email is eaton-hill@sonoratrax.net. Thank you!

It is time to hang out the nectar and give the tiny travelers a taste of Texas hospitality to help them on their amazing journey north. Hit the trails!

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and Sonora Merchants invite you to the 2005 Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt! Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Sutton County Courthouse, with the hunt beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. You must register to be eligible for any and all prizes.

The Easter Bunny will hide eggs on the Sutton County Courthouse front lawn for infants - 1st grade. Eaton Hill is where the treasures will be hidden for second graders and up.

The annual event is sponsored by Sutton County, Dairy Queen of Sonora, First National Bank of Sonora, Alco, The Bank & Trust of Sonora, The Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, Gifts Galore & More, Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, Oilfield Answering Service, Everett's Pharmacy, La Mexicana Restaurant, Caverns of Sonora, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Team Graphics, Town & Country Stores, Sonic Drive-In, Sutton County Steak House, Tedford Jewelry, Radio Shack, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Abstract and the supporters of Friends of Historic Sonora.

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with the Easter egg hunt on the Sutton County Courthouse steps, offering some of the best cookies and cakes in West Texas! For more information call 325-387-2248.

FHS Main Street supports Texas Pecos Trail Region

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our sincere and complete support for the Texas Pecos Trail Region. The City of Sonora and Sutton County, as well as the remaining 22 counties involved in the Texas Pecos Trail Region, is very rich in its heritage of ranching, oil & gas, rich western heritage, historic preservation tourism, nature tourism, eco-tourism and our Hispanic Cultures. This is truly "West Texas," and is the heritage that visitors expect to experience and find as they travel our vast beautiful State of Texas.

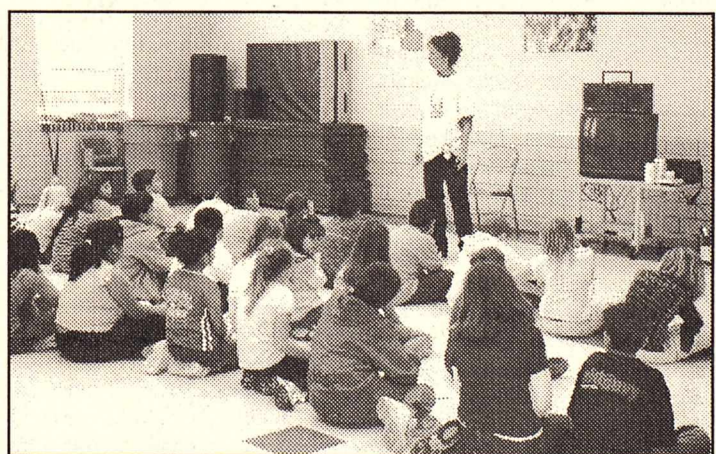
Becoming a part of the successful Texas Heritage Trail Program could substantially increase the many kinds of tourism and therefore the economy of our entire West Texas neighbors. The grant monies that help to provide a marketing plan and operation system for the Texas Pecos Trail Region would promote a partnership among all of the counties, cities, and most importantly our neighboring communities throughout the West Texas area. The additional exposure in advertising and marketing for our region would be an asset and nothing but a positive note.

Sonora and Sutton County have a lot to offer the cultural tourist, nature tourist, historic heritage tourist, eco-tourism, with a good taste of West Texas. Sutton County is the home of the Caverns of Sonora, Eaton Hill Wildlife Trails & Sanctuary, the Mier's Home Museum, Veterans From All Wars and Ranch Women Museum. Sonora is home to four Texas Downtown Association President's Awards, National Main Street City for

the last five years, and Texas Main Street for ten years. Eaton Hill has birding spots for the eco-tourists. We have a self-guided walking tour of the historical downtown area that has fifteen points of interest and features the TDA President's Award winner Best Restoration Project 2002 Sutton County Courthouse as the focal point. The Tourism Information Center is located in the historical downtown area, where they are available to share some of the family stories of this small West Texas town. We also offer planned Ranch Tours. Within eye-sight of the small historical downtown area is the wildlife self-guided tour of the Eaton Hill Wildlife Trails and Sanctuary. By adding the Texas Pecos Trail to our marketing efforts to our tourists, we would become a diamond in the tourism world for all to enjoy the taste of West Texas.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program feels that we are sitting on a cultural, historic, eco tourism, nature tourism, Hispanic Culture tourism "gold mine" that visitors and tourist are just now beginning to discover. The initiation of the Texas Pecos Trail Region would definitely widen the scope of interest in historical preservation, wildlife conservation, eco-tourism, Hispanic Culture tourism, and the flavor of West Texas. Together with our neighboring counties in the Texas Pecos Trails Region it would be an educational experience for our communities and our youth. We look forward to working and learning together about the assets of our communities in the Texas Pecos Trail Region.

"Everybody Counts!"



Susan Hall explains to Sonora Elementary students that "everybody counts" in this world.

by Susan T. Hall

The "Everybody Counts" program is a national program that allows our school children to learn about different disabilities. The kindergarten classes get an overview of all types of disabilities. The first graders learn what it is like to be blind. The second graders learn about what it is like to be deaf. The third graders learned about mental retardation and what that involves. Each grade level gets to participate in hands-on activities that allow the children to have more of an understanding of what it is like to have a particular disability. The goal for this program is to help children develop empathy and compassion for people living with these different disabilities.

This program teaches a disability for each grade level up to the eighth grade. We were able to add the third grade this year, hopefully we can add a new grade each year. It is a wonderful program! I appreciate every opportunity I have to do "Everybody Counts."

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Time for enrollment and tryouts for City League baseball, softball and T-ball

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its BASE/SOFT/T-BALL & Pony League program for 2005. Any students interested in playing can pick up an enrollment form from Devil's River Auto Parts or Busy Bees Daycare. The Enrollment forms with money may be left at either location.

The cost will be \$30.00 per player for BASE/SOFT/T-BALL and \$35 for Pony. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child can participate. The following deadlines will be final for enrollment!

Major Baseball Tryouts are 03/21/05 at 5:00 P.M. - Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor Baseball Tryouts are 03/22/05 at 5:00 P.M. - Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor & Major Softball Tryouts are 03/17/05 at 5:00 P.M.

Majors at the S.C.P. Center Field - Minors at the Sutton County Park T-ball Field

T-Ball must be registered by 03/22/05 no later than 5:00 P.M.

Pony 03/21/05 & 03/22/05 at 6:30 P.M. - Sutton County Park

Baseball-Softball Age Groups

T-ball & Baseball Age of player on August 1, 2005

T-ball Baseball is for boys and girls 5-6 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. In T-Ball, players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules of the game may be varied to accommodate the need for teaching. The primary goals of T-Ball are to instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball and to allow them to experience the value of teamwork. Rosters may be composed of between 10 and 12 players.

Minor League Baseball programs are for boys-players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-9. By local option, a player who is

league age 6 for the current season and has played two years in T-Ball may be "moved up" to minor division.

Major Division Baseball is for boys ages 10-12.

Pony Division Baseball is for boys ages 13-14.

Softball - Age of girl on January 1, 2005

Girls Minor League Softball programs may be operated within each division for younger players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-10. A player who is league age 7 for the current season and has played two years in T-Ball may be "moved up"

March 14, 2004 @ 6:00 P.M. will be the next Sonora City League meeting at Main St. Office. MANDATORY coaches sign up meeting for baseball, T-ball, and softball.

Justin Lookadoo asks R U Dateable?

submitted information from Lookadoo, Inc.

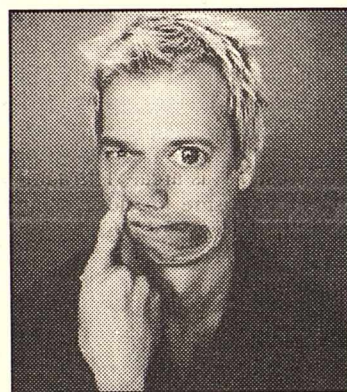
The Lighthouse Community Church would like to extend an invitation to all youth in Sutton and surrounding counties, to hear Justin Lookadoo on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Who is Justin Lookadoo? Some say he is the pied piper of kids. Some say he is an author. Some say he is a speaker. Still others say he is merely a ball of energy trapped in a human body. Whoever or whatever Lookadoo is, it is a known fact that he knows how to reach kids with a message.

As a pre-med major in college he became interested in what drugs and alcohol did to brain and body cells. He created a prevention program about the dangers and asked a local school district if he could present it to their high school students. The students liked the program so much they told their friends in other districts, and a dozen years later Lookadoo has made more than 2,800 presentations to more than 600,000 students.

When first approached to write a book, Lookadoo said he did not think he could do it because he had a mild case of dyslexia and his writing skills were not the best in the world. The publisher told him they could find plenty of people with proper writing skills but they wanted them to write just like he talked because he challenged kids. Lookadoo said he could do that and proved it by having his second book nominated for the prestigious Gold Medallion Book Award. The book is called "The Hardest 30 Days of Your Life" and is designed to be used by church youth groups. It challenges young people to the point that many of them cannot follow the entire program the first time they try.

In 2001, Lookadoo created a more focused prevention program call "R U Dateable?" The program was designed to teach students to have character that is beyond reproach, communication skills beyond compare, confidence that creates the self-



assured and relationships with friends that will endure. To add a little bonus to the program Lookadoo began teaching students how the opposite sex thinks. This segment alone is worth young people hearing the presentation.

The "R U Dateable?" program led to Lookadoo teaming with author Hayley Morgan DiMarco, and in 2003 they created a book called "Dateable: are you? Are they?" This book has been on the Christian Booksellers Association Young Adult Best Seller list since August 2003.

Since that time Lookadoo has either authored or co-authored three other books that have made it to the CBA Best Seller list. When asked why he thought he had been so successful writing books, Lookadoo said, "I'm sure it is a miracle or just dumb luck because I am not a literary genius."

Literary genius or not, most writers spend years just trying to get their books published. With four books reaching best seller status and another receiving the Gold Medallion Book Award nomination, Lookadoo seems to have the literary magic touch.

When asked if he likes writing or speaking better Lookadoo said, "Speaking is more fun. When you are standing before a live audience you get this energy flowing through you that you cannot explain. I think God has given me this hyper energy to help young people and as long as I am doing what God wants he will continue to open doors... I just pray I am smart enough to walk through the doors He opens."

Lady Broncos open Softball season with wins

by Tryon Fields

The Lady Broncos opened the 2005 softball season in Brady on the 25th of February. With freshman Heather Hughes on the mound, they would pick up their first win of the season. Heather Hughes would pitch her first no hitter as a high school pitcher, facing 19 Lady Bulldogs, striking out 9 and walking 2. At the plate, the Lady Broncos were led by the hot bats of Heather Hughes (single, double, and a walk), Jennifer Burton (2 singles), and Kayla Fields (2 singles and 2 walks). Defensively, when the Lady Bulldogs were able to put the ball into play, Sonora was led by first baseman Adriana Castillo with an assist and 2 put outs, second baseman Jaimee Duran, and Kayla Fields with an assist and a putout each.

This past weekend, the Lady Broncos participated in the Fourth Annual Concho Valley Fast Pitch Classic. The tournament was divided into three divisions with Sonora being in Division II. On Thursday, Sonora played three pool games against the varsities of Central High School, Lake View, and Monahans. The Lady Broncos held their own in the three 55 minute games, tying the Lady Bobcats 1 to 1, losing to the Maidens and the Lady Lobos by a score of 4 to 0. Friday, Sonora opened division play by facing district foe, Wall. In this game, sophomore Meghan Krieg would pick up her first win of the season. In this 5 to 0 win, Krieg would pitch for five innings facing 20 Lady Hawks: giving up 2 hits, striking out 6 and walking 3.

Heather Hughes would close out the game pitching 1 inning: facing 3 batters and striking out 1. Sonora would pound out 7 hits with Heather Hughes and Kayla Fields each getting two of these. Kimbel Luna, Madeline Higdon, and Laura Martin getting one hit each. In the field, Jaimee Duran would lead the defense with two assists and a putout. Also aiding in the shutout would be third baseman, Brandy Neff, center fielder, Jennifer Burton, and Meghan Krieg from not only her pitching position, but also from first base.

In Game 2 on Friday, the Lady Broncos would take on Central's JV. Strong hitting,

excellent defense, and another good outing by Heather Hughes gave Sonora its second victory in the tournament. Jennifer Burton would lead the Sonora sluggers at the plate with three singles. Jaimee Duran, Laura Martin, and Kayla Fields would each have two hits. Heather Hughes would get a single along with Meghan Krieg's double and Kimbel Luna's triple to round out the hitting. Brandy Neff's solid play at third base would lead the Lady Broncos' defensive effort with two assists and two putouts. Meghan Krieg would anchor the other corner with three putouts. Jaimee Duran (second base), Kayla Fields (short stop), and Jennifer Burton (center field) would shore up the middle for the 9 to 4 victory. On the mound, Heather Hughes would face 23 batters in 4 innings giving up the 4 runs on 6 hits and striking out 6. Sonora's third game of the day pitted the Lady Broncos against the Lake View's JV. It would only take the Lady Broncos 5 innings to get the job done against the Maidens. Meghan Krieg would take the mound and dispose of the Maidens in short order. Krieg would face 17 Maidens; striking out 9, walking 1, and giving up 1 hit. Thirteen hits in all would be generated by the bats of the Lady Broncos. Brandy Neff and Jennifer Burton would each have a single and a double; while Kimbel Luna, Kayla Fields, and Jaimee Duran would have two singles each. Meghan Krieg, Desiree Alvarado, and Adriana Castillo would each have a single. Of the five balls put into play, Kayla Fields, Jaimee Duran, and Meghan Krieg would make a play and throw the each runner out. The other two were fly balls caught by Desiree Alvarado and Kimbel Luna.

With the three wins and Saturday's games called due to rain, the Lady Broncos made history by bringing home their first - First Place Trophy!

Congratulations Lady Broncos!!

This weekend the Lady Broncos will participate in the Miles tournament.

Their first home game will be on Tuesday, March the 15th at 5:30 p.m.

7th grade Lady Colts win Junction Relays

The 2005 Junction Hubbell Relays were held on Friday, March 4 and Saturday March 5, 2005.

The 7th Grade girls were the meet Champions, winning first place with 214 points. Results were as follows:

Shotput - 1. Jessica Loera 23'4"; 2. Alyssa Favila 22'4.5"; 3. Edna Dominguez 21'11"

Discus - 2. Monica Sanchez 47'3"; 6. Jessica Loera 44'7"

2400 Run - 1. Alejandra Reynosa 11'29; 2. Anali Garcia 11'32; 5. Kati Chavez 13'39'73

800 Meter Run - 5. Monica Sanchez 03:01.6

100 Meter Dash - 1. Bethany Berry 00:13.7; 4. Alyssa Favila 00:14.8

400 Meter Dash - 3. Bianca Trevino 1:09.9; 4. Regina Morales 1:10.08; 5. Brittany Hernandez 1:13.1

200 Meter Dash - 2. Cassie Krieg 00:30.6; 3. Amy

Hernandez 00:30.9

4x400 Meter Relay - 1. Sonora: Maraya Dunn, Cassie Krieg, Meredith Earwood, Bianca Trevino

Long Jump - 2. Bianca Trevino 13'11"; 3. Bethany Berry 13'7"

Triple Jump - 3. Bethany Berry 25'6.5"; 5. Alicia Reedy 21'9"

High Jump - 5. Britanni Dover 4'; 6. Maraya Dunn 3'10"

4x100 Meter Relay - 1. Sonora: Bethany Berry, Regina Morales, Brittany Hernandez, Bianca Trevino

110 Hurdles - 1. Maraya Dunn 00:20.0; 5. Meredith Earwood 00:21.3

4x200 Meter Relay - 1. Sonora - Bethany Berry, Brittany Hernandez, Amy Hernandez, Cassie Krieg

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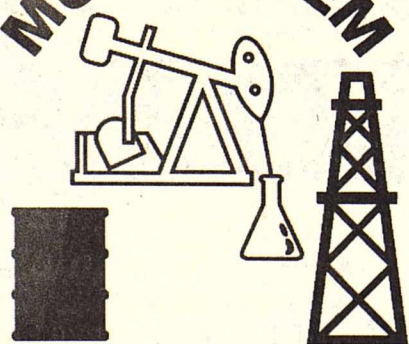
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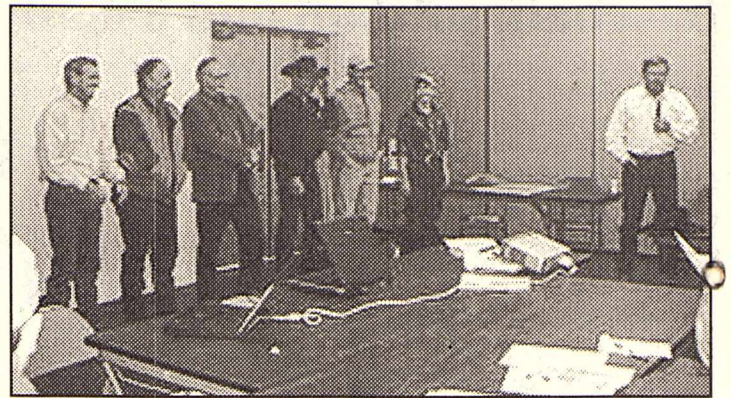
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The audience learns how to age "bucks on the hoof"

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The "Deer Management Triangle" was the topic of the Deer Management Workshop held March 3 at the Sutton County Civic Center and sponsored by Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett Counties Cooperative Extension. Participants learned throughout the day through lectures, learning and field trips that understanding the role of nutrition and age structure of your deer herd are the first steps to improving genetics and managing towards bigger bucks.

"You've got to address your weakest link first" Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist at San Angelo said, and set the tone for the day by telling participants that "feeding is 80% of breeding." A good nutrition and harvesting plan must be in place before you can improve your genetics and get those trophy bucks. These things, combined with cooperation from your neighbors, create "the thinking man's high fence."

Participants really got to "know their deer" as veterinarians Dr. Bill Eikenhorst and Dr. Bob Dittmar performed necropsies for the crowd. They encouraged people to open up and examine their deer next time instead of "just gutting them." Use examination as a tool that "can tell you a lot about what's going on." Steve Nelle, NRCS, and Kent Mills, Hi-Pro Feeds nutritionist did just this as they looked in the deer stomachs to identify the preferred plants. By doing this, they stressed, ranchers can learn what plants they need to manage for.

Nutrient quality of deer diets and nutrient demands of growing deer were then discussed as Kent Mills reviewed supplemental feeding strategies, stressing the importance of proper population density and habitat management.

The audience learned how to age "bucks on the hoof" as Dr. Dale Rollins pointed out key features such as overall mass, distension of abdomen and looseness of skin in determining a deer's age. Harvesting correctly is an important part of managing your population structure.

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist, then "showed Sutton County the

money" as participants interactively learned the extent of the economic impact that hunting has in the community and statewide. Contrary to popular belief, the investment of a hunter extends far and wide in a community before even reaching the landowner, who in this exercise was last on the list.

The afternoon continued with a field trip to the Johnny Fields Ranch where deer managers were able to stretch their legs and practice identifying the good and the bad deer food plants of the Edwards Plateau.

Dr. Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist, then took the proverbial "black bean" and spoke candidly about high breeding for antler development. "Although success can be achieved in the pen," he said "the translation of that success into the pasture is questionable." Advances in genetic research are allowing him and others to measure breeding success and, contrary to popular belief, genetic studies show that large antlered bucks do not mate a higher percentage of does in the pasture. Native bucks may have an advantage over introduced males, and aggression and attitude are better indicators of reproductive performance than the size of the rack on the head. He reinforced the theme of the workshop, recommending that "if you take care of your nutrition, and your age structure, you will usually get your genetics where they need to be."

"The biggest competitor in the pasture to a deer, is another deer," said Dr. Charles Taylor, TAES Sonora, "not a goat". Proper stocking rate is just as important in deer herd management as it is in livestock management, and with proper animal numbers, deer, cattle, sheep and goats can coexist in an economically sustainable manner.

Mary Humphry, Texas Parks and Wildlife, closed the session with a look towards the future of hunting in an increasingly urban society. The message was positive however and the forecast for the popularity of hunting is good as long as efforts involving education and involvement of the youth continue because "today's youth is tomorrow's hunter."



Dr. Bill Eikenhorst, and Dr. Bob Dittmar help participants "real-ly get to know a deer."

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 Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.
 As a part of this application, Applicant also seeks permit authority for the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field. No Rule 37/38 is necessary for this field pursuant to its field rules.
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March 14, 2004 @ 6:00 P.M. will be the next Sonora City League meeting at Main St. Office. MANDATORY coaches sign up meeting for baseball, t-ball, and softball.

ATTENTION BAND PARENTS: On MONDAY, MARCH 14 @ 5:00 p.m. there will be a Band Booster Meeting in the HS Commons Area. Parent Representatives are encouraged to please attend this important meeting. Call 387-3661 FMI.

T&C Village Market Relay for Life Bake Sale - March 25 (Good Friday), get all your Easter goodies and breakfast burritos.

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AJRA Rodeo - On April 30 & May 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will be hosting junior rodeos. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the Sutton County Scholarship Fund. Please call in to sign up for working the concession stand and helping with the event, 387-3101.

FYI - The high school counselor's office is getting the list together for this year's local scholarships. If you or your organizations would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Kay Friess at Sonora High School. Scholarship applications will go out on March 14, 2005. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Friess at 387-6533.

Pesticide Applicator Training: The Sutton County Extension Office is currently taking registration for anyone interested in acquiring a pesticide applicator license. We will provide training and testing. There is no cost other than study materials and to apply for your license. Training will begin on March 28th; testing will be on April 4th. If interested, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club, chartered in 1928, wants to remind the community that the annual Broom Sale will be held at City Hall and the U.S. Post Office on March 22, 2005. If you need a new broom or cleaning supplies make plans now to attend and pick up all your Spring Cleaning utensils, while supporting the Downtown Lions Club. The sale will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sutton County Critter Gitter Calling Contest - March 12-13. Each contest will have registration on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Stagecoach Barbeque (next to Rafter W). Turn in will be Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at same location. All team members must be present for check-in on Sunday -FMI call Paul Martinez at (325)650-0221 or (325)206-1722.

Big Lake Spring Bluegrass Festival, March 10-12, 2005, Batten Family, Star Canyon, Hickory Hill, Vern Young, Concho Grass. FMI call Alan at 325-650-1150.

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is selling tickets for a six month individual membership to the Health and Wellness Center scheduled to open in April 2005 (a \$180 value). The new facility will offer aquatic therapy, water and ground aerobics as well as a fully equipped exercise facility for both strength and cardiovascular conditioning. The drawing will be held at the March Auxiliary Luncheon. Tickets are \$1 each and available at the hospital, Sutton County Extension Office and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office.

Transformation is a youth-focused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. Join together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Lighthouse Community Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m. FMI please contact Silas Polite FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-5656.

AI-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Call 387-2521, ext. 170.

Alzheimer's Disease

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

Throughout recorded human history, many names have been given to what we now know as dementia, the most common form of which is Alzheimer's Disease. Though many know the name, few people can tell you much about this devastating illness.

Alzheimer's Disease is a chronic, degenerative disease which means that it progresses slowly and gets worse as it progresses. More than four million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease, a number that is expected to reach 14 million by the year 2050. Americans incorrectly assume that Alzheimer's patients reside in nursing homes - not true! Close to half of the Alzheimer's patients in the United States reside at home.

It seems that the incidence of Alzheimer's Disease has increased in recent years to near epidemic proportions. While improvement in diagnosis has contributed to the rise, the real answer lies in the average length of life for human beings. At the end of the 18th Century, the average lifespan of individuals was 35 to 40 years.

Currently, average lifespan for someone living in the United States is about 77 years. Studies show that about 10% of those over age 65 have Alzheimer's Disease, 20% of those over 77 and half of those over 85.

Alzheimer's is more prevalent now because more and more people are living long enough to develop the disease.

We normally associate the word plaque with an award or something that our dentist warns us about when we go in for a check-up. Plaque is a major part of the Alzheimer's Disease process. This particular type of plaque forms in the brain between nerve cells causing nerve signals in the brain to be interrupted. Imagine that your nerve cells are like electric lines that transmit signals back and forth. Now imagine that a piece of insulation blocking the electricity is put in that line. All of a sudden, the signal cannot get through anymore. That is how plaque affects your brain - it prevents brain signals from getting from one place to another. Plaque is made up of a protein that your body produces normally. In a normal brain, that protein would be eliminated.

In the Alzheimer's brain, that protein clumps together with other pieces and forms a

plaque. Another hallmark of Alzheimer's Disease is the formation of tangles. Imagine that the nerve cells in your brain are like railroad tracks.

You have two side pieces and a ladder-like structure in the middle holding everything in place. These ladder-like structures are made up of a protein that becomes abnormal in the Alzheimer's brain and causes the ladder to weaken and collapse. If enough of these proteins become abnormal, the whole nerve cell may collapse on itself and prevent nerve signals from being transmitted.

Alzheimer's Disease begins its destruction in an area of the brain called the hippocampus. The hippocampus is responsible for taking in new information and processing it through your memory. As the disease spreads, it works its way up through the outer layers of your brain affecting judgment, emotions and language. Eventually enough of the brain is overrun by plaques and tangles that even the most basic functions are impaired, such as the ability to toilet, communicate and walk. Alzheimer's Disease completely destroys the ability of an individual to be independent. His or her state of dependency may last for years. The average length of time from diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease to death is three to ten years, though disease progression may take as long as 20 years.

To-date, the only way to make a 100% certain diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease is autopsy of the brain upon death. However, medical science has progressed such that through various mental tests, physical exam and ruling out other illnesses, a 90% certain diagnosis may be made. Early diagnosis is important so that prescription drug therapy may be started.

Though there is no cure for Alzheimer's Disease, many prescription medications may help control the symptoms and slow the disease progression.

Testing and diagnosis by a trained health professional is very important since other conditions may resemble Alzheimer's Disease. These other conditions may be treatable or completely reversible.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent or go to the Alzheimer's Association website at <http://www.alz.org>. You may also reach the Alzheimer's Association by phone at 1.800.272.3900.

Ram test from page 1

Agricultural Experiment Station in San Angelo, who will discuss the 2004/2005 ram test.

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