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## Drug testing in Sonora schools

by Storie Sharp

That was the hot topic of the Wednesday, May 11, meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Are we ready to start? What does drug testing entail? What are the costs, the benefits and the drawbacks?

The topic was once again asked to be placed on the agenda, with board member Dean Dermody taking the reins and initiating the questions. All board members agree that the alleged drug problem in the schools is out of control and something needs to be done. Superintendent Brant Myers advised the board that he had done a phone survey of surrounding areas, trying to reach 50 schools, to gather information on the pros and cons of drug testing students. Dr. Myers said that he found that there were definitely two sides to the drug testing coin. The schools either hate it or love it. There are currently 19 schools testing or in the process of implementing testing. The biggest negative that Dr. Myers found was deciding who to test, implementing a policy, budgeting and deciding whether it was an effective tool.

Dr. Myers went over some of the surveys from different schools, reading the responses that were received. The stack of information was provided for the board to review prior to the meeting. One school advised that once it was revealed that parents could purchase home test kits, the school was no longer involved.

The board discussed Myers' research at length, questioning and debating how such testing would go over in Sonora schools. Several members stressed the desire to test all stu-

dents if testing were to be implemented, not just the extra-curricular students as most schools do.

Dr. Myers informed them that this was not a legal step, schools can not test all students. It was suggested that the problem would not go away then, because students may just choose not to do extra-curricular activities.

The debate continued, with Coach Herring fielding the question, "Are we looking to bust kids, or looking to rehabilitate those in trouble?" The board agreed that rehabilitation was the main goal for even considering testing, because if one student could be saved from drugs then the program would be worth it.

Board member Tryon Fields asked how the drug dogs on campuses were helping. High School Principal Raul Chavarria informed the board that the dogs had visited his campus every month and only responded twice all year, with no drugs being found. Middle School Principal John Berry stated that the dogs had not visited his campus. It was agreed that the dogs were not an effective tool for finding the problem.

Many more concerns and questions were fielded and individual views seemed to show a split board decision. All agreed that something needs to be done about the problem, but not all board members or administrators are convinced that random

testing of the extra-curricular students only is the way to combat the issue.

Fields asked Coach Herring's opinion again, as to the reaction last year when testing was brought up for discussion. Herring expressed that he did not see a drastic change in attitude in the students, but stated that they still preach it every day - "stay off the drugs!" He also brought to the discussion the fact that those that are busted for alcohol are penalized after the first offense, but drug busts are kept confidential for the first offense. Herring also expressed concern to parents reactions.

"It's one thing to punish a student for an MIP, but one false drug test and parents aren't going to be happy." Herring again stressed that if the schools could test all students and catch the problems, then he was behind it 100%. But, if you tell a borderline student that he is going to be tested and if he fails he's off, will he choose to stay on the team and quit the drugs or will he choose to quit the team and you've lost him? He said that it is very important to choose the right program to implement.

Dermody stressed that the idea is to be a preventative measure. If you catch a bunch, so be it, but if you make them think they could be caught, then maybe they will choose not to do it in the first place.

Board member Tammy Favila asked if the parents were

going to support the program, or was the board expressing concern over a problem that was not going to be supported?

Suggestions of letters home, surveys and public information being put out there to get a feel from the community were put up for discussion.

After more talking and debating the possible outcomes, Dermody asked that a voting item for some sort of survey and form of information be sent home to be put on next months agenda.

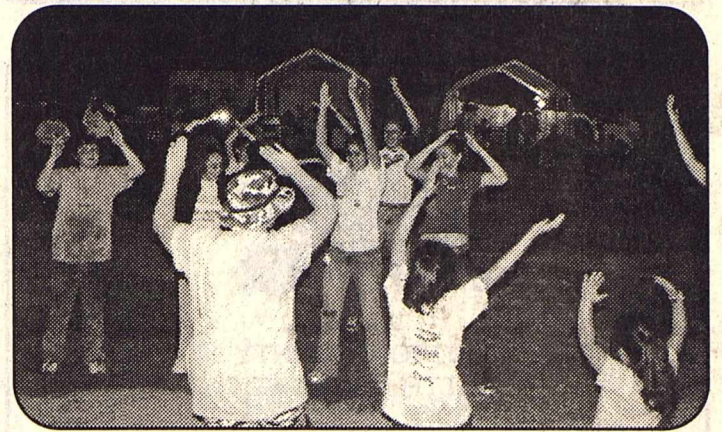
More discussion took place with Dr. Myers saying that they need to stress to parents to "be aware of what their children are doing, who they are with and where they are going."

The subject could have continued at length, but Dermody finally asking that drug testing be put up for a vote at the July meeting, giving time to gather community input and suggestions. The board will make the decision in July.

Dermody ended the discussion by saying, "I don't know if drug testing is the answer to the problem with drugs in school, but it's better than what has been done in the past and it is a step in the right direction."

In other business, the meeting started with a full house of parents wanting volleyball added to the school curriculum. Newly elected board president, Tammy Favila asked for a discussion to be held regarding the addition of a girls volleyball program. Fields made the motion to add the sport to the curriculum. Favila called for a second. There was none, so the motion failed. The room full of

See School Board page 5



It will be an all night Fiesta, with no time for Siesta, at the 2005 ACS Relay for Life.

## ACS Relay for Life prepares for a "Fiesta, No Siesta" Friday at Bronco Stadium!

by Storie Sharp

A fiesta like no other is planned for May 20-21 at the Sonora Bronco Stadium, as the 2005 American Cancer Society Relay for Life kicks off at 6:00 p.m. There will be no time for a siesta, with fun activities planned all night long as Sonora comes together to celebrate survivorship and raise funds for cancer research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams gather and take turns walking or running laps as a pledge to their commitment to helping beat Cancer.

This year's event is sure to be a world of fun, with the "Fiesta, no Siesta" theme, bringing out the Fri-"holies", the Mexican Jumping Beans, Hot Tamales and more. Teams from St. John's Episcopal Church, The Samaniego Family, Dominion Exploration/BB Chemical, T&C Village Market, First National Bank, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lighthouse Community Church, Days Inn/Comfort Inn/Sutton County Steakhouse, Duke Energy in Ozona and The Terry BeeBee Family will fill the practice field with booths selling great food and an assortment of fun things to do. The teams have already been working hard to raise funds and competing for the new "Super Team" award, that will be given to the team that has gained the most points over the last few months. Points were given for off site fund raising, including bake sales, car washes, BBQ pit raffles, safety meeting test answers and more, as well as participation in meetings, extra events to get the Relay for Life advertisement out and more.

In addition to the "Super Team" trophy, awards will be presented for the team that raises the most money, walks the most laps, has the best campsite area, a chuckwagon competition for the tastiest treats and most spirited. The all-night event will allow for plenty of time to vote for your favorite team, with the Survivor Lap kicking things off at 6:00 p.m. This special time allows us to recognize our friends and family members that have battled the disease and are still fighting every day.

As the sun sets, the evening just begins, with a special Luminaria ceremony to honor those that are still fighting and to remember those that have lost their battle with cancer. The somber event gives us a moment to take a break and reflect on all that cancer is and does to us and our loved ones, as candles are lit to show that our loved one's light never goes out. Luminarias can be purchased in advance from any team members or at the event.

As this year's theme says, there's no time for siesta, as the fun kicks back up with live music, a special rockin' relay DJ and games and contests all night long.

The 2004 Sonora Relay for Life was the number one (1) event for Most Money Raised per Capita in our District and second in the State of Texas! This only proves what most of us already know, that Sonora and Sutton County care about its people and work hard to show it. Let's make this year an even larger testament of our commitment to defeating this dreaded disease!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to have a GRANDE time, while raising money for the American Cancer Society.

### 2005 "Fiesta, No Siesta" Relay for Life Schedule of Events

6:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremony

Prayer by Rev. Jerry Jackson

Raising of the Flag by Sonora Girl Scouts

National Anthem by Patsy Samaniego

Special dedication to Mrs. Allie Askew

Survivor Introduction on the football field

Survivor's Lap

Caregiver's Lap

6:30 p.m. - Teams start walking

Cloggers perform on Main Stage

7:15 p.m.

Manuel Campos on Main Stage

8:30 p.m. - Souls a Fire

9:00 p.m. - Luminaria Ceremony

Prayer by Rev. Milton Black

**\*\* No activities at this time! Silence!\*\***

10:00 p.m. - Broken

11:00 p.m. - Mister Relay Contest

12:00 a.m. - DJ on Main Stage

Committee games such as Greased Watermelon Contest, Egg Race, Potato Relay, Water Balloon, Volleyball, Crazy Hat Contest, Goldfish Cracker toss, etc.

5:45 a.m. - Team Games

6:00 a.m. - Pancake breakfast provided by the

Sonora Downtown Lion's Club

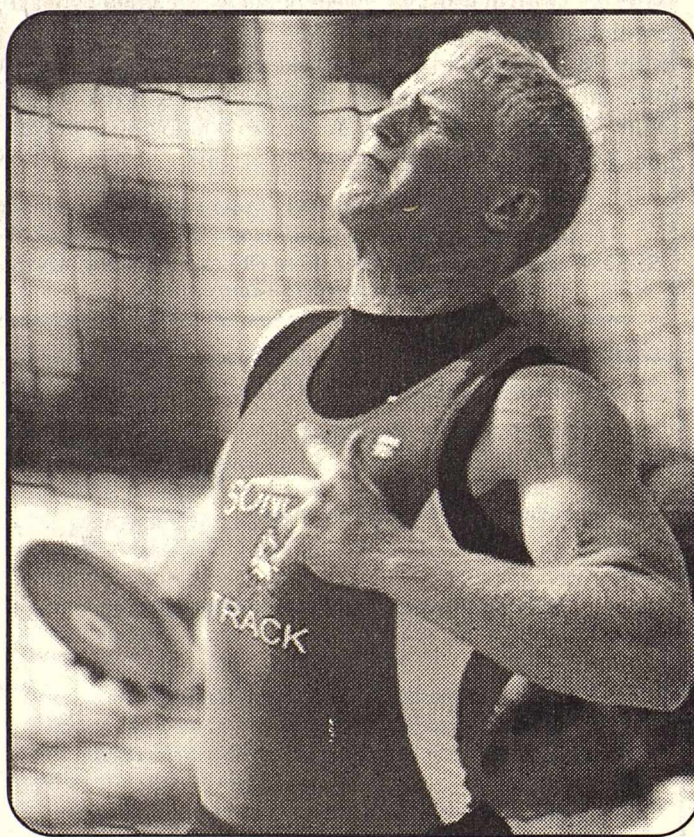
8:00 a.m. - Closing Ceremony

Prayer by Rev. Lewis Allen

Certificates given to committee

Awards given to teams

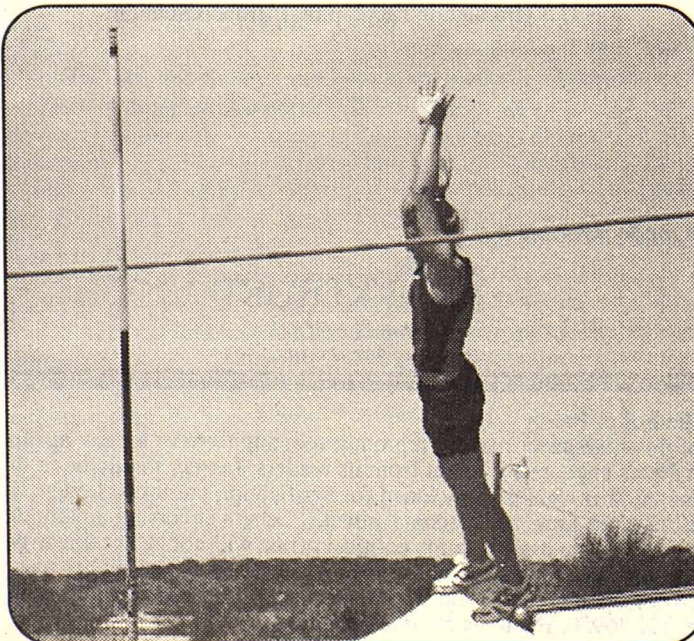
9:00 a.m. - Final lap



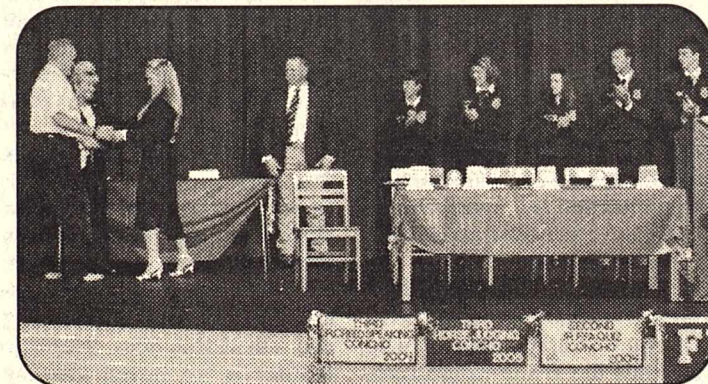
## Bronco Track Stars shine at State Meet

Brett McDaniel, above, finished with a Silver medal at the Texas State Track Meet in Austin Texas, held May 13-14, 2005. Brett threw for a total of 163-6 for the second place finish. Courtney Caruthers, below, finished sixth in the pole vault, going out at 9'. Congratulations to both Broncos on a great job!

Photos courtesy of Bronco web sites.



## FFA students and parents honored at awards banquet



Students, parents and teachers committed to making a positive difference by developing a potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education gathered to honor the Sonora FFA organization on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. (Above) Bob Caruthers and Janice Caruthers are honored as "Honorary Farmers", making them Honorary members of the Sonora FFA.

For more on the FFA Banquet see page 6.

## Lady Broncos fight for silver at state golf tournament



submitted

The Sonora Broncos and Lady Broncos competed at the State Golf Tournament last week at the Jimmy Clay golf course in Austin. This was the third year for Sonora to have both teams make it to the tournament. The girls finished as the First Runner Up, coming from 5th place and fighting their way back to claim the silver medal. The boys finished in fourth, one shot out of third.


"I am as proud of these kids as I have ever been in any other sport I have ever coached. They have done an awesome job and I am looking forward to next year," Coach Drew Cox said about the teams.

Congratulations to Stetson Perez and Kayla McBride for making the All-State teams.

The Boys results are Stetson Perez 77-77-154, 10th in State, Cullen Parker 79-81-160, Trent Reiner 83-78-161, Mason Martinez 84-82-166, Embre Smith 85-88-173.

The Girls results are Kayla McBride 98-82-180, 6th in State, Sara Baggott 94-102-196, Jessica Chavarria 98-101-199, Kaci Chavarria 114-115-229. Photo by Memories by McBride

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**Notes of Appreciation**

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board and I would like to express our special "Thank You to Brenda Bryant" for all the hard work and dedication she has given to the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. We wish her happiness and luck with her new job at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital. She will be missed!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the family and persons who helped with the bake sale to raise money for the Glinda Castro Memorial Scholarship. I also want to thank a special friend, Joe San Miguel, for keeping this scholarship going every year. This memorial scholarship was started by Tom Clifton at Sonic and we, the family, would like to thank him as well. We have offered the scholarship for 11 years in Glinda's memory. Again, we thank everyone for helping us each and every year.  
Lilia Cervantez and the family of Glinda Castro

The children of Sonora Head Start Program participated in a fundraiser by holding a Trike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. On behalf of all the children and parents who participated raising funds to benefit the research and well-being of other children. We would like to thank all the individuals, businesses, and organizations for their contributions. Also, a special thanks to Location Builders for their contribution towards the Sonora Head Start Program. The amount raised was over \$1000.  
Edward Carrasco

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./ Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to all the businesses and folks who purchased Krispy Kreme Donuts on our Sonora Main Street Krispy Kreme Day. The Sonora Main Street Krispy Kreme Donut Day started on Monday when I traveled to San Antonio, Texas to purchase dozens of donuts. Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. the coffee will be on and the cars were loaded and ready to deliver the best donuts in Texas. We will use this money to support the Fall Festival, Community Thanksgiving Lunch, and other activities that do not qualify for Hotel/ Motel Tax funds. Special thanks to San Antonio, Texas Krispy Kreme Donut Shop for all their help in making the Sonora Main Street Krispy Kreme Donut Day a huge success in Sonora!

I would like to thank everyone who helped me while I was running for Cinco de Mayo Queen. Everybody in the community was a great help. I had a lot of special people who went out of their way to make donations and gifts for the raffle. Thank you for always supporting me in everything I do.  
Christine A. Sanchez

**Texas Historical Commission's  
Heritage Trails Program receives  
White House recognition**

**Pecos Trail Application Filed**

*by Ann Kay*  
The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the other 22 counties on the Pecos Trail would like to congratulate the Texas Heritage Trails Program for receiving the Preservation America Presidential Award. We have applied to the Texas Heritage Trails Program - Pecos Trail May 6, 2005 and we would be honored to be a part of an award winning program.

Texas Independence Trail Region, the Texas Lakes Trail Region, the Texas Mountain Trail Region, the Texas Plains Trail Region and the Texas Tropical Trail Region. Colorful and informative free travel guides with maps and detailed information are available for five of the eight heritage regions. Two additional heritage regions, the Texas Hill Country Trail Region and the Texas Pecos Trail Region are awaiting official designation.

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Heritage Trails Program, an initiative of the Texas Historical Commission designed to promote tourism to historical and cultural sites, recently received the Preserve America Presidential Award presented in a special White House ceremony.

"Heritage tourism is a tremendous economic development tool," said THC State Coordinator Janie Headrick. "Through this program our cultural and historical treasures are protected while communities benefit economically and educationally. It is a win-win situation."

The program was selected for its exemplary efforts in demonstrating a commitment to the protection and interpretation of America's cultural and natural heritage assets.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program provides technical, financial and marketing assistance to heritage regions across Texas, including grant funding, evaluations of cultural and historic tourism sites, advertising and other resources. Heritage tourism is the fastest growing segment of the \$40.4 billion tourism industry in Texas. Texas ranks second in the nation in the number of cultural and heritage travelers visiting the state.

"This is a tremendous honor," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks, who attended the White House ceremony. "We know how successful the program is in Texas. We hope this will encourage other states to develop similar programs."

To learn more about the THC's Heritage Trails Program call 512/463-6092, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or email [janie.headrick@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:janie.headrick@thc.state.tx.us). To learn more about the Preserve America program visit [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov).

The Texas Heritage Trails Program began in 1998 with the Texas Forts Trail Region encompassing much of West Central Texas as its pilot project. Because of its success, the program has grown to eight heritage trail regions including the Texas Brazos Trail Region, the Texas Forest Trail Region, the

**Obituaries**

**Delia D. Esquivel**

Delia D. Esquivel, 60, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2005.



Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in Greenwood Chapel, with burial in Greenwood Memorial Park. Rosary was held on Friday in Greenwood Chapel.

Delia was born Oct. 17, 1944, in Sonora.

She is survived by her Husband, Jesus Esquivel of Fort Worth; son, Jess David Esquivel and wife, Patty of Azle; daughter, Joanna Marie Canales and husband, Sean of Fort Worth; grandson, Chase Canales; brother, Mike Duran of Fort Worth; sisters, Toni Duran of Fort Worth, Odelia

Martinez of Coleman and Amanda Garza of Sonora; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Memorial Day Celebration  
to honor veterans of all wars**

Submitted by: Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Memorial Day Celebration will start at 2:00 p.m., May 30, 2005, on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. We will also have the award winning "2001 Texas Downtown Best Promotion Veterans from All Wars Museum" open for visitors. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express to our community Veterans and all the active military personnel, our appreciation for their dedication to keeping our homes and country free and safe.

The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard present the Colors, Twenty-one gun salute, play "Taps" and display a Presentation of the Wreaths, assisted by Boy Scouts. If you haven't come to the Sutton County Memorial Celebration you have missed the peace of the "Taps" ringing out through the oak trees on Sutton County Courthouse lawn on Memorial Day and taking a minute to say thank you to the veterans who have given us freedom. The Veterans from All Wars Museum will be open for you to view the photos and read the personal stories of our community veterans.

Sponsored by: Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, City of Sonora, Boy Scouts, Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard, and Devil's River News, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, and the supporters of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, and community veterans.

**Senior Center News**

- May 23- White Elephant Bingo after lunch!
- May 24 - Indoor walking - low impact, non stress aerobic workout
- May 25- Kooking w/ Kelly! Nutrition Education
- May 26 - B-day Party for May - Join us for Cake!
- May 27 - Blood Pressure Checks w/ Interpid at noon.

**Senior Center Menu**

- May 23 - Chicken nuggets w/ gravy, zucchini squash w/ tomatoes, roll, potato wedges, milk
- May 24- BBQ chicken, pinto beans, California mixed veggies, macaroni salad, cornbread, Jell-O w/ fruit, milk
- May 25 - Polish sausage, sweet potatoes, steamed cabbage, cornbread, pears, milk
- May 26 - Chopped steak, parslid potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, cucumber/tomato salad, tapioca pudding, milk
- May 27 - Hot dogs w/ chili & cheese, potato chips, pineapple, Waldorf salad, brownies w/ nuts, milk

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 • May 23-26, 2005**

- Breakfast**
- Mon.-Thurs.- Cereal, fruit or juice.
- Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**
- Lunch**
- Mon. - Steak Fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, California vegetables, mixed fruit, wheat roll.
- Tues. - Spaghetti/w Meat, English peas, Jell-O/w fruit, Texas toast.
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**Community Calendar**

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| <p><b>May 19th</b><br/>Academic Banquet<br/>6:30 p.m. • High School</p> <p><b>May 20-21</b><br/>Relay for Life • Bronco Stadium • 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>May 21</b><br/>Horse Clinic • Fire Hall • Noon</p> | <p><b>May 22</b><br/>S.H.S Baccalaureate • 8:00 p.m. • S.H.S Auditorium</p> <p><b>May 27</b><br/>S.H.S Graduation • 8:00 p.m. • Bronco Stadium</p> |
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## Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on Emma Smith who died in the 1950's?

A. Emma Smith was born on August 7, 1867 in Humboldt, Tennessee. Her parents were the Rev. Warren B. and Martha Burrow Seward. Emma attended and graduated from the Jackson, Tennessee Female Academy and attended Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. It was here she met her husband, Dr. Andrew Jackson Smith.

After their marriage the Smith's made their home in Farmington, Missouri and moved to Marlin, Texas in 1889. In 1906, after a train ride to San Angelo, Dr. and Mrs. Smith came to Sonora by horse drawn hack. Dr. Smith built a large practice in the ranch country but died October 25, 1928. Emma Smith served more than 20 years as Sutton County Treasurer, then moved to San Angelo. In 1949 she returned to Sonora to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson. Her other daughter, Mary Evans lived in San Angelo.

Emma Seward Smith was always taught by her father to be very proud of the fact that she was related to William Henry Seward. She died at the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital on September 25, 1951 and was buried beside her husband in the Sutton County Burial Park.

Note: William Henry Seward was born in Florida, New York in 1801. He graduated from Union College and went into practicing law in Auburn, New York. He entered politics and was elected to the New York legislature in 1830. He became a leader of the Whig Party and became the first Whig to become governor of New York. He served in this capacity from 1839 to 1843. In 1848 he was elected to the United States Senate as Whig and later became a Republican.

Seward was an abolitionist

and fought vigorously against the extension of slavery. He was defeated by Abraham Lincoln for the Republican nomination in 1860. After the election, Lincoln made Seward his Secretary of State. He served in this capacity from 1861 to 1869.

The night President Lincoln was assassinated, Seward was attacked in his home and nearly fatally stabbed by one of the conspirators of John Wilkes Booth.

Seward played an important part in the Civil War and in post war strategy. He was an adept advisor. His skillful diplomatic negotiations helped to prevent European intervention and helped settle the Trent affair with Great Britain. The British almost went to war after Americans from the warship San Jacinto boarded the Trent and removed 2 Confederate statesmen on their way to Great Britain to ask help for the Confederacy. Secretary of State Seward ruled Captain Charles Wilkes violated International Law and Great Britain's freedom of the seas. He had the diplomats released and tempers in Great Britain cooled off quickly and they stayed out of the Civil War.

After the Civil War Seward's protests to the French led to their abandonment of the puppet empire they had set up in Mexico.

Seward greatly advocated expansion of the United States territories and negotiated with Russia to purchase Alaska in 1867 for \$7,200,000. In that day and age many considered the purchase a bad bargain and called the territory "Seward's Folly" and "Seward's Ice Box." Historians proclaim him a genius for making the bargain.

William Henry Seward died in 1872; he had served a brilliant political career and his relatives had a right to be proud of his accomplishments.

Q. Can you help us to find proof of an auto accident, during the Korean Conflict, that happened to one of the cadets from Goodfellow named



William Henry Seward, 1801-1872

Edward S. Gately, in Sonora?

A. "The Devil's River News," Friday, September 28, 1951-Edward Stock Gately, Goodfellow Air Force Base flying cadet, suffered a severe head cut when the car he was driving overturned four miles north of Sonora on Highway 277 Sunday afternoon.

Gately, accompanied by two other cadets, Thomas J. Magner and Kevin B. Reddington, who were uninjured, was taken to the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for treatment and later to Goodfellow Air Force Base Hospital.

The 1951 Oldsmobile owned by Gately was partly demolished when it struck a soft shoulder and turned over.

This question proves a point I have tried to make to all young people in the military. Get a copy of all treatment you receive for injuries during your time of service. When you retire or get old and try to file for benefits under the Veterans Administration you must have proof of injuries to get free treatment for them. They do not just take your word that something happened during your time of service. After over 50 years all records of this accident and of his treatment have probably been destroyed, the only proof we have is a copy of the article in the newspaper which luckily lists his injuries and the day of the accident. Without this article or sworn statements from someone who treated him or several witnesses to the accident and his injuries it would be very hard to claim these injuries were incurred. So please all you young people. Get copies of everything and make duplicates. Store them in two different places so that if one gets lost

during a move or your home burns someone else in the family will always have a copy saved for you. It could make a great difference in the amount of disability you can claim from the military and your ability to get Veterans Benefits for free and a stipend.

In the same issue we found that the Illustrious Noble Galloway Calhoun of Tyler officially constituted Suez Temple and installed officers in a public installation at the San Angelo Municipal Auditorium on Friday evening, September 28. Sam Goldman of Big Springs directed the Suez Band in a concert before the ceremony. Quite a few men in Sutton County belong to the Suez Temple and it was interesting to note that the temple was constituted in 1951.

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 our offices at 307 Oak Street on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8-11:45 a.m.

You may also stop by during these times to ask questions, make donations, join the society, or do research with our extensive archives. Every weekend in May and the first weekend in June are already booked. We even have bookings made for September and October. So make your arrangements early or you might loose out on getting the John & Mildred Cauthorn Trust Memorial Building and the amphitheater (Old Depot) for the day you want. You may call us at 325-387-5084 on the days we are open. We will be closed the first two weeks of June for vacation.

## Tax bill pushes school start date after Labor Day

### State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - The proverbial meat grinders are whirring as it gets to be sausage-making time at the Capitol with the Legislature moving toward adjournment on May 30 and not facing the prospect of a special session to resolve the school finance situation.

Two big steps in that direction came last week. In the early morning hours of May 11, the Senate approved its version of House Bill 3, a measure that hikes business and consumption taxes to make up for a decrease in school property levies.

The next day, the upper chamber passed House Bill 2, a bill that would put some \$2.8 billion more into education spending during the upcoming biennium.

Part of the increased spending would be for teacher pay raises, while another aspect of the bill would turn back the clock by returning the school start day to its traditional post-Labor Day time.

The Legislative Budget Board has estimated that families earning less than \$100,000 a year collectively would pay \$1.1 billion a year more in taxes under the Senate tax plan, while higher income Texans together would only pay some \$431 million more.

While both the Senate and the House now agree that there will be no statewide property tax passed this session (school property taxes remain the province of local school districts), much remains to be resolved before a final measure goes to the governor.

**Governor creates BRAC group...**

The news was mostly good for Texas when the recommendations of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission were announced on Friday the 13th, but the naval base at Ingleside was on the hit list as well as the Red River Army Depot and Lone Star

Army Ammunition Plant at Texarkana.

Shortly after the announcement came out of Washington, Gov. Rick Perry signed an executive order creating a group he called the BRAC Response Strike Force to develop a plan of attack to convince the U.S. Department of Defense that the targeted Texas bases need to stay open.

**DNA database catching crooks...**

The Department of Public Safety's DNA database - called CODIS (for Combined DNA Indexing System) - last year solved 13 murders, 81 sexual assaults, 40 burglaries, six armed robberies, four assaults and one kidnapping.

The DPS' system got 183 "cold hits" during 2004, a cold hit being an unexpected match between the profile of a submitted biological sample and an unsolved case or a hit that links several unsolved crimes.

**Guard leader retiring...**

Maj. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, Texas adjutant general, has announced his retirement effective this summer.

Replacing Marty on June 11 as commander of the 19,600 men and women of the Texas National Guard will be Brig. Gen. Charles G. Rodriguez. The 51-year-old San Antonio native will be the state's first Hispanic adjutant general.

**Looking for a vacation idea?**

With both the Legislature and the school year winding down, it's not too early to start thinking about getting out of town when the final bell rings.

One possibility is Palo Duro Canyon State Park, which recently grew by 7,837 acres with the purchase of an adjacent tract of both historical and biological significance. The state's second-largest park, Palo Duro now covers 26,200 acres near Amarillo.

For more information on the park and to make camping reservations, check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Web site at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

## Tiger Cubs visit Historical Society



Pack 19 Tiger Cubs enjoyed learning all about life in the early days of Sonora from Jo Ann Palmer of the Sonora Historical Society. The boys toured the Miers Home Museum and everyone came away with an increased appreciation for running water, as well as a feel for how much has changed in the last 120 years.

### Happy Birthday

May 19

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May 21

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Taylor Allen, Ashley Henson Harris, Jasmine Tamlamantez, Andres Acevedo, Jason Martin, Brandy Wallace

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Scott Badgett, Caleb Gonzalez, David Reyna, Maggie Noriega, Jessie Paredes, Rachel Ramirez

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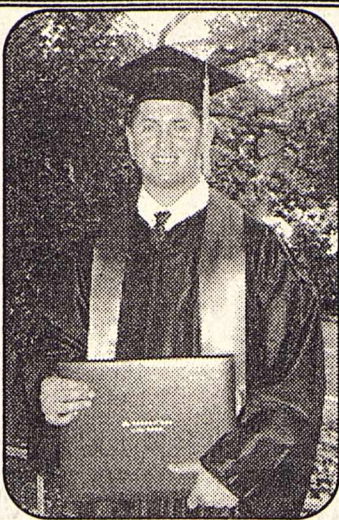
Springtime brings with it severe weather and weather-related power outages. Being aware and prepared can help reduce the risk of injuries and property damage during thunderstorms and tornadoes.

In support of National Electrical Safety Month during the month of May, WTU Retail Energy has prepared electrical safety to help educate the public about the importance of using electrical products safely in the home during severe weather.

**Tornadoes**  
 A tornado often strikes without warning and can destroy anything in its path. Although there is little that can be done to prepare for a tornado, much can be done in the storm's aftermath.

\* Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged, including cable television feeds.  
 \* Look for and replace frayed or cracked extension and appliance cords, loose prongs and plugs. Exposed outlets and wiring can present a fire hazard.  
 \* Appliances that emit smoke or sparks should be repaired or replaced. Have a licensed electrician check your home for damage.

**Thunderstorms and Lightning**  
 Thunderstorms always include lightning and can bring heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds, hail and tornadoes. According to the American Red Cross, lightning annually causes 93 deaths and 300 injuries nationwide. A person is not only in danger when the storm is overhead; any time thunder can be heard there is a danger of injury or damage by lightning.  
 \* Install surge protectors on all major appliances.  
 \* If lightning strikes a home, the charge can ruin appliances that are plugged into wall outlets, including televisions and computers. Proper surge protectors are inexpensive, easy to install and stop the charge before it reaches valuable equipment.  
 \* Do not handle any electrical equipment and do not use the telephone except for an emergency. An electric charge from lightning could be transmitted through the wires. Television sets are particularly dangerous during a lightning storm.  
 \* Do not take a bath or shower and avoid water faucets. Water and metal pipes can conduct electricity.  
 \* Check for hazards on your property. Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and injure someone or damage your home or power lines during a severe thunderstorm. Stay away from damaged or downed power lines.  
 Severe weather is unavoidable, but with a few safety precautions the dangers these storms present can be prevented. Being prepared and staying informed before, during and after the storm can make a difference between minor damages and major losses.



**Ryan Hardgrave graduates from UTSA**

Ryan William Hardgrave, son of Gary and Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora, graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio on Saturday, May 14, 2005. He was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. Ryan graduated from Sonora High School in May 2001. He is employed by Insurance One in San Antonio.

**Sonora Elementary offering ESL Summer School**

Sonora Elementary is offering an ESL (English as a Second Language) Summer School Program. This program is offered to limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten and first grade at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year.

This program will be offered from June 1 - July 8 from 8:00 - 12:00 each day. If you would like for your child to participate, please contact the elementary office by **Wednesday, May 25. In order to provide this program, we must have at least 10 children sign-up to attend.**

If you have any questions, call the Elementary School office at 387-2414.

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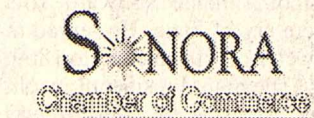
Sonora Elementary está ofreciendo un programa ESL (Inglés como Segunda Idioma) de escuela de verano. Este programa se ofrece a estudiantes que son limitados en el idioma de inglés y que son elegibles para entrar a kindergarten o primer grado al comienzo del año escolar de 2005-2006.

Este programa se ofrecerá del 1 de junio 8 de julio de 8:00 - 12:00 cada día. Si usted desea que su niño/niña participe, por favor pongase en contacto con la oficina para el **miércoles, 25 de mayo. A manera de poder ofrecer este programa, necesitamos tener por lo menos 10 estudiantes firmados para asistir.**

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina de la escuela Elementary al número 387-2414.

**Chamber Chatter**

**Chamber looking for wildlife photos for website**



by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

Each month I think, maybe next month things won't be quite so busy, but that time never comes in Sonora, thank God! We stay so busy in Sonora, and we are so grateful to be so busy. May is always so busy with the end of school, graduation, project graduation, and the *Relay for Life*. "Fiesta No Siesta" - American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* begins this Friday at the SHS Bronco Stadium. Don't miss out on all the fun for such a wonderful cause. For more info read more in this issue of the Devils River News.

Don't forget to donate to Project Graduation! Project Graduation is a wonderful program to keep our teenagers safe on graduation night. The fun and games go on all night at an alcohol free party. This program is one that has saved countless young lives and is a program that deserves everyone's support. Contact Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Jane Rushing at 387-3625 if you would like to donate your time to such a worthy event.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce is still looking for pictures of wildlife for our website and for a presentation that

we are working on for the Game Dinner Association. Please send us any hunting pictures or wildlife pictures that we might be able to use to help promote hunting and/or wildlife watching in the Sonora area. We have had several requests for information about places where families could view wildlife and photograph wildlife. If you are interested in letting families visit your ranch for the purpose of photographing wildlife, please let us know. We will be glad to add any chamber member's information on the subject to our website.

We are also getting ready for the 2005 West Texas Championship Cook-off. This year local cooks are encouraged to be a part of the event, with two special "Sutton County Champion" and "Sutton County Reserve Champion," awards, in addition to the usual awards. There will also be an "Ugly Dog" contest, so get Fido or Spot ready and bring him out to the park to be part of the day's fun. Be looking for more information to come or call Storie at 387-2507.

For more information on these or other subjects concerning tourism in Sonora, please contact Sonora Chamber of Commerce at soncoc@sonoratrax.net or 325/387-2880. We also invite you to visit our website at www.sonoratrax-chamber.com.

**A Good Night's Rest Is Best**

Submitted by Kelly L. Thorp-CEA-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension Service

Certain conditions are related to increased sleep problems: Hypertension is associated with both snoring and sleep apnea.

The hot flashes, changes in breathing and decreasing hormonal levels associated with menopause may lead to trouble sleeping.

Many cancer patients experience sleep problems.

Acid reflux may cause difficulty falling and staying asleep. Heartburn sufferers experience nighttime burn, causing discomfort and awakenings.

This is more likely to occur while resting your back.

Depression is most closely associated with insomnia and is a risk factor for having difficulty sleeping. This is especially true for those who have chronic insomnia.

The pain and discomfort of arthritis may make it difficult to sleep through the night.

In addition, the medications used to treat these conditions and other medical conditions may adversely affect your ability to sleep.

If you experience sleep problems, think about whether your difficulty sleeping may be caused by an event or particular stress. If so, the problem may resolve in time and you need not seek treatment. Also, you may try the following to improve your sleep:

Use your bed and bedroom for sleep only. It is best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment.

Maintain a regular bed and wake time schedule, including weekends.

Create a good sleep environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool.

Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows.

Finish eating at least two to three hours before your regular bedtime.

Exercise regularly, completing your workout at least two hours before bedtime.

Avoid alcohol, nicotine and caffeine - used close to bedtime, they can lead to poor sleep.

If sleep problems persist, they may be a sign of a larger issue that could adversely affect your health. See your health provider and discuss your sleep problems with him or her to try to determine the cause of your sleep issues. Your body and mind work very hard for you and you owe both the seven to eight hours of sleep per night that they deserve.

For more information, go to The National Institute of Aging "Good Night's Sleep" webpage at <http://www.niapublications.org/engagpages/sleep.asp> or contact your County Extension Agent at 387-3604.

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Back: Diego Cardona and Dustin Creek; Front: Brian Payton, Clint Cearley and Garrett Watkins.

## Broncos Baseball ends season; say farewell to five seniors

The Sonora Bronco Baseball Team was eliminated from the playoffs this past weekend. Although it was cut short the season had many positives...for example a 16 game winning streak that included the defeat of three ranked 2A teams and one ranked 3A team, an undefeated district championship (Sonora's first), and our seventh straight playoff appearance. The seniors...Dustin Creek, Clint Cearley, Diego Cardona, Garrett Watkins, and Brian Payton have been a huge part of our baseball program for the past four years and they will be dearly missed.

## CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2005



by Congressman Henry Bonilla

This is such an exciting time of year. Spring is in full bloom and Summer is right around the corner. This time of year always reminds me of new beginnings. This is especially true for the students getting ready to graduate from high school.

You've all been through your "ups" and your "downs" over the past few years. It wasn't easy. Homework wasn't always fun and many times it made your head hurt: struggling to solve algebra problems, writing papers for English class and working on history projects. Like many of my classmates at South San Antonio High School, schoolwork did not come naturally to me. It was discouraging to see half of the kids in my class give up the fight and quit school. However, I believed - and continue to believe - that if you work hard and give it your all, you can do anything you want. Each of you has the power to become a doctor, a rancher, a writer, an engineer, or even a U.S. Representative.

Here in America, we have greater opportunities than any

place in the world. Education provides us with endless possibilities. It opens doors we never realized existed. For example, there are many people out there who start their lives at a disadvantage. But with hard work and a dedication to their education, they can soar to new heights. I know this is true, because it happened to me.

Real life success stories begin in communities just like yours. Every day is an opportunity - an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to set new goals for yourself. You might learn how to program a computer, build a fence, speak a new language or put together an engine. Whatever you plan to do in the future, never stop thirsting for knowledge and reaching for the stars. Your efforts and success are what will keep our nation strong in the coming century.

So, for those students out there who are about to march across the stage and receive your diploma, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. You're about to start a new chapter in your life. I wish you great luck as you set out to realize the American dream.

Congratulations and good luck, Class of 2005!

## School Board from page 1

parents and female students stood up and left the meeting.

Other officers elected at the beginning of the meeting were: Barbara Jennings - President Pro-Tempore and Dean Dermody - Secretary.

In visitor comments, parent, Carol Pope expressed her concerns as to students being used to manually move materials into the newly renovated primary building. Pope also expressed concern for the lack of educational curriculum being taught the last few weeks of school because of the move.

Other areas of discussion for the evening included a construction report from Construction Foreman Mike McGee. He informed the board that the elementary teachers and classes had moved into the primary building and most were overjoyed to be in the newly remodeled facility.

Fields asked if the door facings had not been included in the initial project design and was informed that they were not. He stated that he felt this was an overlook that should have been addressed because they were very noticeable. Fields also expressed concern to the height of the computer desks and was told that ADA requirements had to be met, thus the taller desks.

McGee continued the report, stating that they were moving along, and although the project was behind, it was on going and everyone was doing the best job that could be done with students in the buildings and other unforeseen delays. A concern over paint spots on the bathroom floors was addressed and the board was assured that

the construction crew would tend to the problem at no additional cost.

Tom Payton was appointed as the Board's representative for graduation, along with Tryon Fields.

A resolution to recognize local media for their coverage of students, school programs, etc. was adopted, recognizing The Devil's River News and KHOS Radio.

Shared Service agreements with Region XV were approved as presented and a 1st Reading of Update 75 was heard.

Dr. Myers informed the board that the budget process has started and he planned on looking at a conservative budget. The first draft should be ready to review at the June meeting.

Dr. Myers reported that currently there were 986 students enrolled and there should be over 1,000 with the start of the new year. He also gave the April maintenance report, stating that lots of time had been spent focusing on the move into the primary building. Dr. Myers asked that if anyone knew of available rentals for school housing to please let him know, because currently there are no more school houses available for new teachers.

The board convened into executive session to discuss formative superintendent evaluation, employment of professional personnel, discuss a stipened for District Test Coordinator and to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

## Fifth graders enjoy hands-on history lesson

submitted

The Sonora fifth grade classes spent an afternoon experiencing a little of what life was like during the war between the states on Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Order of the Confederate Rose and Sons of Union Veterans were on hand at the Sonora Middle School to give demonstrations for the students and help them understand the difficulties of life in that time.

The students took part in four demonstrations, in which they were able to get a hands on knowledge of the time period.

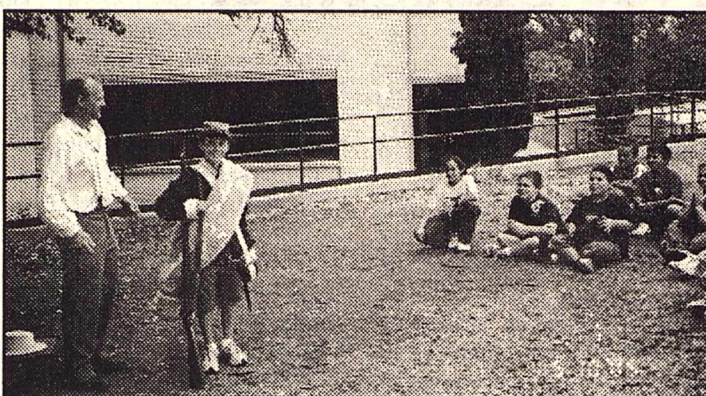
One group worked with the students, showing and explaining some of the different flags flown by the Confederate Army. They also were able to view and get a better understanding of the weapons used by the soldiers.

Local students are members of these organizations and assisted in the demonstrations. Nash Traylor and other members worked with the students,

explaining the importance of military drills and also worked with them on the proper way to march and carry a weapon.

Stephani Morriss and Mónica Traylor worked with another group, explaining what life may have been like for those who stayed home. They spoke about loading a muzzle loading rifle for hunting, fed the students hard tack and Johnny cake and had them wash their plates with sand rather than water. The girls ended their presentation by leading the students in period music with fife accompaniment.

The fourth group looked at different uniforms that were worn during the war. They say many of the items which the soldiers carried with them and how they differed in appearance. Some of the students were allowed to put a uniform on, along with all the accuements. Students and presenters alike enjoyed the afternoon and hope to have the opportunity to do it again.



Students got to try on period uniforms.



Students learn about Confederate flags and weapons.



Nash Traylor, Stephani Morriss and Mónica Traylor portray how life might have been way back when.



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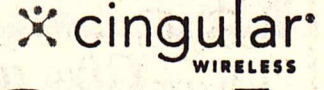


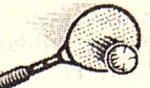
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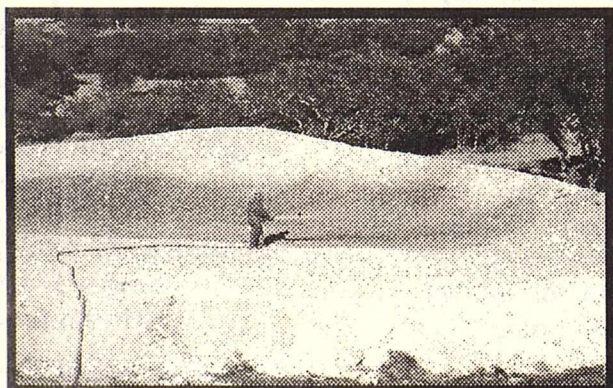
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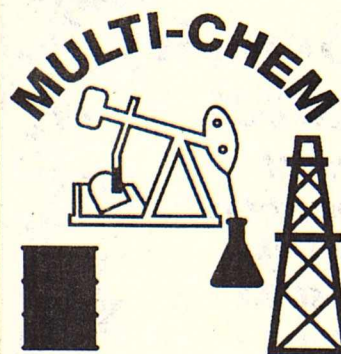


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**Local youth selected for Wildlife Education and Leadership Camp**

San Antonio, TX - Mandy Brister, Hunter Lawson, Bryan Reyes, and Warren Wallace, all of Sonora, will participate in the Texas Brigade program this summer. They were selected based on their academic records, interest in wildlife and natural resources, and leadership abilities. Brister and Reyes will attend the North Texas Buckskin Brigade at the Stasney's Cook Ranch.

Lawson and Wallace will attend the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade. Both camps are held on private ranches in the area around Albany, Texas.

There are six Brigade camps being held this summer; two Buckskin Brigades (full), two Bobwhite Brigades, the Feathered Forces (which focuses on quail and turkey), and the Bass Brigade!

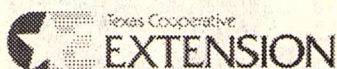
There are some openings still available for qualified applicants.

Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, have a 'B' average, and submit a complete application for consideration. Applications may be downloaded off of the website, www.texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. This is the 13th year of the Brigades.

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904, ext. 120 or via email at h\_holdsworth@texaswildlife.org.

**Controlling the Pecan Nut Casebearer**



submitted by **Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County**

The pecan nut casebearer is a significant pest on pecans. The adult is a gray moth about 1/3 inch long. A ridge of dark scales followed by a band of lighter color runs across the forewing. This insect completes two to four generations a year. Overwintering larvae develop into moths that emerge in April or May.

Moths are active only at night, when they mate and lay eggs on pecan nuts. Eggs are oval flat and tiny just large enough to be seen with the unaided eye. When first laid, eggs are greenish-white. Tiny red spots soon appear on the egg, giving it a pink color before the hatch. Each female moth lays from 50 to 150 eggs during her five to eight day life.

First-generation casebearer eggs are typically deposited on the nutlets soon after pollination. Eggs hatch in four to five days. Young larvae crawl to nearby buds, and begin feeding, leaving empty white egg shells on the nut. The tiny larvae feeds

for a day or two on a secondary bud at the base of a compound leaf before it enters the pecan nut. Larvae generally tunnel in at the base of the nutlet. They often destroy all nutlets in a cluster.

Casebearer larvae feed for about four to five weeks. Full grown larvae then enter the Pupa stage inside the nut. The new moth emerges nine to fourteen days later.

The most effective and reliable control method is a well-timed insecticide application(s) in Spring to hatching larvae before they tunnel into the nutlets. However, insecticides should be applied only if infestations and nut load justify treatment. These insects do not damage a tree, so, if only shade rather than a pecan crop is desired, treatment is unnecessary.

If a pecan crop is desired, treatment should be made for the first generation. Pheromone trapping has revealed insect pressure west of town, but light pressure to the East and within town. It is yet too early to spray. Spray dates will be soon be announced.

**Rig Locations as of May 13, 2005**



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**Dominion;** 8750' Shurley RR - 1E - #2, Patterson Drilling.

**Dominion;** 6475' Davis - D - #16, Patterson Drilling.

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2005 FFA Greenhand Award winners

**FFA Banquet honors S.H.S. agriculture leaders**

The Sonora FFA program held their end-of-the-year banquet on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 in the Sonora High School Auditorium. After a BBQ meal, catered by Stagecoach, J.T. Downing, Kaija Valkonen and Colton Moore presented the American, Texas and FFA flags. FFA President, 2004-2005, Courtney Caruthers welcomed guests and visitors, followed by opening ceremonies presented by the club officers, President Caruthers, Ty Love - Vice President; Nash Traylor - Secretary; McKenzie Watkins - Treasurer; Brandy Neff - Reporter; and Mandy Brister - Sentinel.

Since its inception in 1928, the National FFA Organization has nurtured and developed young men and women to become leaders in their school, state, and nation. These individuals come upon many new endeavors when they enter FFA with some activities trying yet rewarding. The Greenhand FFA Degree is for first-year members and requires you to demonstrate knowledge of FFA history, the FFA Creed, the motto and salute, and other general FFA information.

Watkins and Neff presented the Greenhand Awards to Starlyn Chadwick, J.T. Downing, Rodney Doyle, Edward Garcia, Aaron Gaytan, Spencer Hall, Jordan Isenhour, Tanner James, Hunter Lawson, Craig Leonard, Laura Martin, Justin Perez, Evan Rousselot, Roland Solis, Pete Trujillo and Kyla Turney.

Special "Appreciation Awards" were presented to Rusty Baldwin for the numerous hours he spent adding on the the Ag Barn last summer and to Ronda Hall for being in

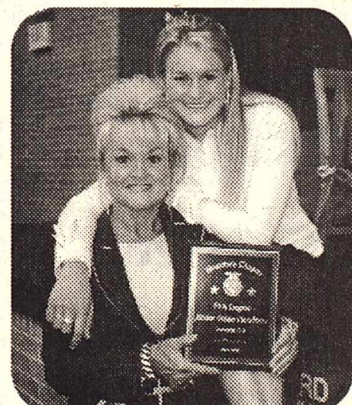
charge of food for the last seven years.

After FFA members have completed at least two semesters of agricultural course work, they are eligible for the second degree - the Chapter FFA Degree. This is the highest degree a chapter can bestow on its members and is usually awarded during the second or third year of membership. In addition to completing two semesters of agricultural course work and holding the Greenhand FFA Degree candidates must have an SAE program in operation, effectively lead a group discussion, demonstrate five procedures of parliamentary law, show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award program, and have a satisfactory scholastic record.

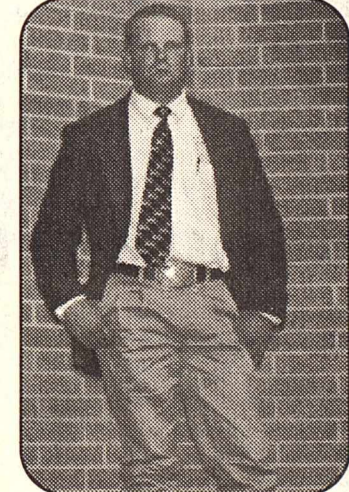
Chapter Degrees were presented by Traylor and Brister, to David Adkins, Allyse Edmondson, Aaron Nitsch, Brandy Neff, McKenzie Watkins, Justin Zuniga, Jason Chadwick, Shane Love, Tony Torres, Kaija Valkonen and Travis Valliant.

Bob Caruthers and Janice Caruthers were recognized as "Honorary Farmers" by the FFA Officer team for their dedication to the FFA organization.

FFA leader and advisor, Michael Kissire gave closing comments, thanking everyone for a great year and commending all his students on a job well done, before the installation of the 2005-2006 officers. New officers are: Ty Love - President; McKenzie Watkins - Vice President; Jack Turnery - Secretary; Mandy Brister - Treasurer; Brandy Neff - Reporter; and Laura Martin - Sentinel.



FFA President, Courtney Caruthers, presents her mom, Janice, with the Honorary Farmers Award.



FFA Advisor, Michael Kissire.



2005 FFA Chapter Degree Honorees



Rusty Baldwin and Ronda Hall are shown appreciation by the FFA.

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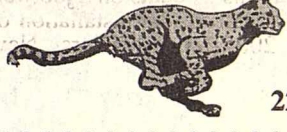


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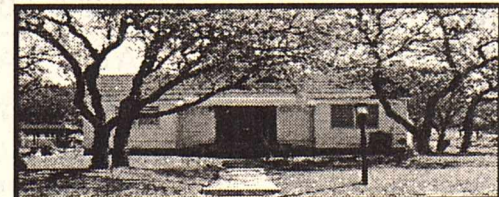
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**FYI**

First National Bank "Hot Tamale" Relay Team is having a Bake Sale on May 19, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. until it's all gone in the FNB Founder's Room.

The Sonora Middle School will be selling used computers that are 3 and 4 years old. They will be sold as is with no guarantee. Some have Windows XP and others have Windows 98 operating systems. Delivery date will be around the 20th of June and checks will have to clear the bank before they can be picked up. Information may be obtained at the Middle School Office (387-5431). All of these computers have a network card and can be connected to DSL for internet. If you connect to internet by phone line you will need to buy a modem. Following is the information for each type of computer. Tangent \$141.00: Processor: AMD Athlon XP1800+ 1.53 GHz; 40 Gigabyte hard-drive; 256 Megabytes of RAM; CD player; System software: Windows XP Gateway \$88.00: Processor: Pentium III 930 MHz; 256-384 Megabytes of RAM; CD player; System Software: Windows 98 Second Edition

West Texas Championship Cook-off - June 4, 2005 - Sutton County Park Complex - \$5 admission includes 2 "People's Choice" tickets to vote on favorite cook and entry to the dance, 12 & under free. Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, Chicken, Open, Jackpot Goat, Friday Nigh Steak Jackpot - Dance - 7:00 p.m. w/ Hog Legg Ellis - Eating contest, Ugly Dog contest, washer pitchin', beer concessions,

Thunderbird Transit will be making its montly trip to San Angelo on Wednesday, June 8, 2005. For reservations or more information, please call 387-2509. Open to the public. Seats are limited.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - Remember - not only does it affect you it also affects your children! It is not only physical abuse it is also mental. If you find yourself in this situation we now have a support group. Every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in the chapel. All is confidential. You are NOT alone! Take a stand! B. C. M.

ACS Relay for Life - May 20-21 - Bronco Stadium - "Fiesta No Siesta" - 6:00 p.m.

In a partnership with the Junction Economic Development Corporation (JEDC), the Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be presenting free business seminars and the public is invited. Mr. Dave Erickson, Director of the SBDC, will be the featured speaker at the following seminar: May 24, 2005 - SHAKING THE MONEY TREE

Interested individuals can call the SBDC at (325)942-2098 or email them to SBDC@angelo.edu. Walk-ins are welcome. The seminar is from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Junction National Bank Community Room, 701 Main Street, Junction, Texas. Contact Vivian Saiz at 325-446-3880 for information.

Stars over Abilene 11th Annual Regional Quilt Show, Abilene Civic Center, Friday, June 3, - Sunday, June 5, FMI call Judy Luther at 325-698-2301 or email hotrodquilt@yahoo.com.

Mike Boatright Benefit Team Roping - June 4, 2005, San Angelo Spur Arena. - Trophy Bits to average winners. FMI call Bill Sanders 325-653-1777 or Randy Edwards 325-658-8868.

Project Graduation 2005 committee members are hard at work to make this year's graduation night party the best ever. If you have not yet been contacted and would like to help with this project, please send donations to Project Graduation c/o Beth Wallace, 105 SW Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. If you would like to volunteer your time on the night of Project Graduation, May 27, 2005, please call Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

The 12th Annual Toenail Trail Days, Music Festival & Craft Fair, Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12, 2005, City Park & Main Street - Christoval, Free Admission, Toenail Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday; two days of live music, craft booths, food booths, dunkin' booth, moon walk, and more.

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Robert is the son of Elizabeth and Robert Zapata II.

**Fair brings culture to Sonora Middle School students**

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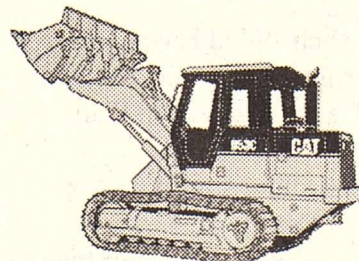
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