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S.H.S. Class of 2005 Graduates Memorial

Dark skies and the threat of rain may have caused the 2005 Sonora High School graduation ceremony to be moved inside, but it did nothing to darken the mood of the 50 young men and women who walked the stage for the last time as a high school student. Friends and families crowded the stands in the gym to watch their senior receive their diplomas, many breathing a sigh of relief that theirs had actually made it.

Senior Class President, Dustin Creek, began the evening of good-byes, wishing his classmates the best.

Valedictorian, Connie Isenhour, had most people tearing up as she reflected on the memories, thanked her parents for all that they had given her through the years and reminded her siblings that she was still the oldest even though she would be leaving home. She also wished her classmates the best as they continue their journey through life.

Salutatorian Chelsea Seaton also wished her friends and classmates of many years a fond farewell, reminding them that even though they were separating, they would always be Broncos and to reach for their goals.

The class showed their affection and admiration of High School Principal Raul Chavarria, as each one presented him with autographed golf balls to fill his pockets and memories.

School Board Trustee Tom Payton and Superintendent Dr. Brant Myers then presented the students with their diplomas.

Awards and scholarships were given to many deserving young men and women, and were presented as follows:

The valedictory and salutatory honors are based on the student's 4-year grade-point average. To be eligible for these, the 2 highest honors in the class, the student must have been continuously enrolled in the district for 2 complete school years. Additionally, they must have completed 4 credits in English, 4 credits in social studies, 3 credits in math above introductory algebra, 3 credits in science, and 2 credits in a language other than English.

The 2005 Valedictorian--Connie Isenhour and Salutatorian--Chelsea Seaton High Honors are awarded to seniors who have a 4-year grade-point average of 93 or above.

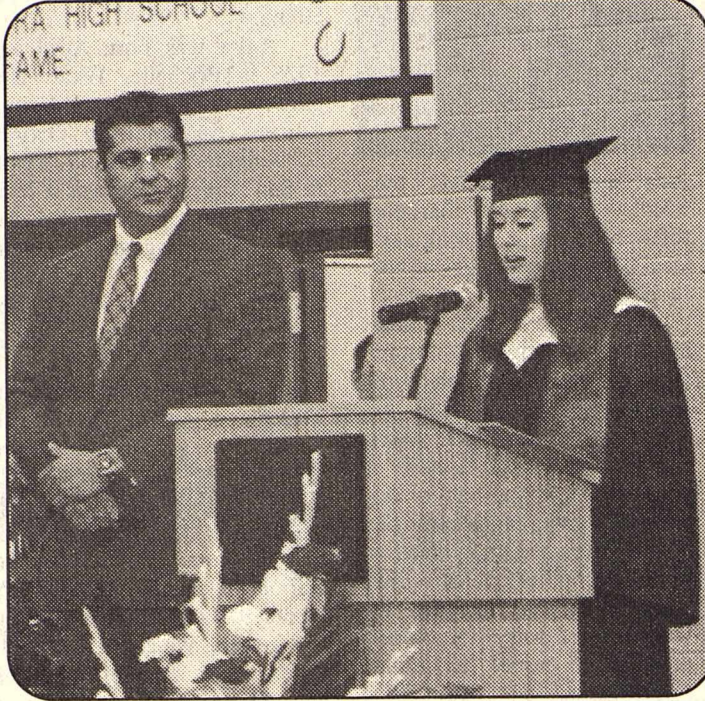
High Honor graduates. Dustin Creek, Allison Higdon, Erika McClintock, Courtney Caruthers, Tara Green, Jessica Chavarria, and Laramie Hall

Honors are awarded to seniors who earned a 4-year grade-point average of 90 or above.

Honor Graduates. Karla Dominguez, Alyssa Ibarra, Brian Payton, Amanda Samaniego, Austin Wagoner, and Amanda Word

Scholarships Recipients for 2004-2005

Laramie Hall is this year's recipient of the \$500 A.E.



Valedictorian Connie Isenhour speaks to her fellow classmates one last time.

Prugal Memorial Scholarship

Courtney Caruthers and Laramie Hall received the Chance Armke Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

Diego Cardona, Courtney Caruthers, Jessica Chavarria, Dustin Creek, Karla Dominguez, Jesse Garza, Laramie Hall, Catherine Herrera, Allison Higdon, Alyssa Ibarra, Connie Isenhour, Amanda Samaniego, Chelsea Seaton, and Amanda Word each received a \$1000 scholarship from Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715.

Erika McClintock received a \$3000 scholarship from the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge.

Connie Isenhour received the Elliott Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Karla Dominguez, Jesse Garza, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Stetson Perez each were awarded the Garza/Sentena Memorial Scholarship of \$500.

Amanda Samaniego received the Glinda Castro Memorial Scholarship and also the Jack Neil/David Law Memorial Scholarship (This is a \$1000 scholarship and is renewable for every year in college.).

Erika McClintock received The Knights of Columbus Scholarship of \$500.

Sara Baggett, Jessica Chavarria, and Stetson Perez each received a \$300 scholarship from the Sonora Golf Club.

Dustin Creek and Connie Isenhour were the recipients of the W.B. McMillian Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

From the Sutton County Days Association, Courtney Caruthers received a \$1000 scholarship for representing Sonora as Miss Sutton County 2004-2005 and Amanda Word received a \$500 scholarship for being 1st runner-up for Miss Sutton County.

Courtney Caruthers and Jessica Chavarria each received the Sonora Chapter of the Downtown Lions Club scholarship in the amount of

\$500. Brian Payton received a \$500 scholarship given by the United Methodist Church of Sonora.

Sara Baggett, Laramie Hall, and Allison Higdon each received a \$250 scholarship given to children of Dominion employees in memory of Terry L. Beebe.

Responsible Adults Zestfully Providing Aid or "RAZPA" awarded Karla Dominguez with a scholarship for \$500.

Several other scholarships are being given by local families.

The Surber family awarded Garrett Watkins a \$1000 scholarship in memory of Rex Surber.

The family of Mayer Anderson awarded Amanda Word with a scholarship which will pay her college tuition.

The Keys Caruthers Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Courtney Caruthers which will pay \$1000 per semester for as long as Courtney is in college.

Other scholarships: Jessica Chavarria received the Dr. Robert and Jean Ann LeGrand Scholarship from Angelo State University in the amount of \$1000.

Blain Golay received a \$100 scholarship from Howard College in Big Spring.

Tara Green received the CARR Academic Scholarship from Angelo State University in the amount of \$3500.

Laramie Hall received the Community Banker's Scholarship of \$2000/year for 4 years, the Howard College Rodeo Scholarship, and The Texas High School Rodeo Association scholarship for \$1000.

Connie Isenhour received the Valedictorian Scholarship for the State of Texas which covers tuition for the first 2 semesters, the CARR Academic Scholarship for Angelo State University of \$2750, and the Best Buy Children's Foundation Scholarship valued between \$1000-\$2000.

Christa Martinez and Adela Salazar were both eligible for an Early Graduate Scholarship from the State of Texas. This is given if the person successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program graduates from high school in 36 months or less. The amount ranges between \$1000 to \$2000.

Chelsea Seaton received the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship of \$1500/year.

Before moving to Sonora this past year, Pete Trujillo participated in a mentoring program at Bob Hope Elementary School in San Antonio. Because of his participation in this program, San Antonio College will pay 2 years of tuition for Pete while he attends San Antonio College.

Day Bear

By Mary Humphrey

This article is in no way meant to cause public alarm—only to confirm the bear sighting south of Sonora during the late afternoon on Memorial Day this week—and provide a little history and some common sense lessons about black bears. Most of you will remember our last black bear during the Thanksgiving holidays 2000—we survived that bear incident quite well and we can handle this bear with the same proactive attitude.

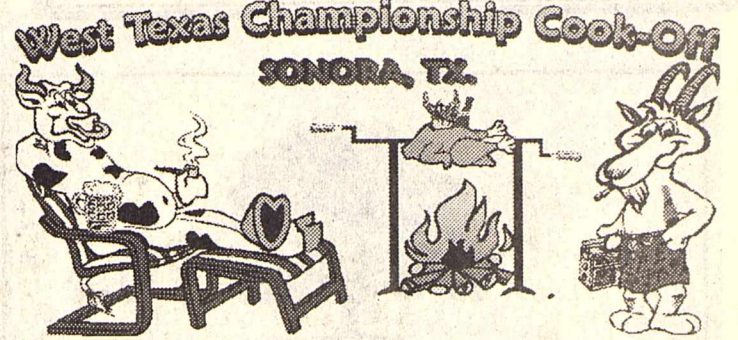
At 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2005 a black bear was spotted by Patterson Drilling Co. and B&K Trucking employees approximately 2 miles south of Sonora and was reported to the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. The bear was monitored by the reporting individuals, Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Sonora Police Department, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department until it moved west off of Hwy. 277 and up a large draw and into the surrounding countryside.

At this point it has not been determined that the bear has caused any damage or made a nuisance of itself. Parks and Wildlife protocol is to 'allow nature to take its course' with bear movement in and out of new territories unless situations occur deemed: nuisance or human-bear/livestock-bear conflict.

Therefore, the bear may take up residency in Sutton County or it may move off to other areas. Black bears are reported to the local Parks and Wildlife office infrequently. Within the last couple years reports of bear sightings have been low across the state because of overall good range conditions and decreased need for movement of bears to better habitat. Should you have concerns about bears or need more info or want to report a bear sighting—please contact Mary Humphrey at the Parks and Wildlife Office at 325-387-5539 or the Sutton County Sheriff Office at 325-387-2288. Please read the next article for more information on black bears and their recovery into west Texas.

At 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31st the bear was spotted approximately 8 miles southwest of Sonora, moving in a southerly direction.

For more on Bears in Sutton County see page 7



Recipe calls for fun at West Texas Championship Cook-off

SONORA Chamber of Commerce by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

Now that school is out and the summer has begun, doesn't mean that Sonora has fallen asleep. There are many things going on this summer, and the first event of the summer is the West Texas Championship Cook-Off.

This Saturday, June 4, cooks from all over Texas will be rolling their pits into Sutton County to compete to be the West Texas Champion.

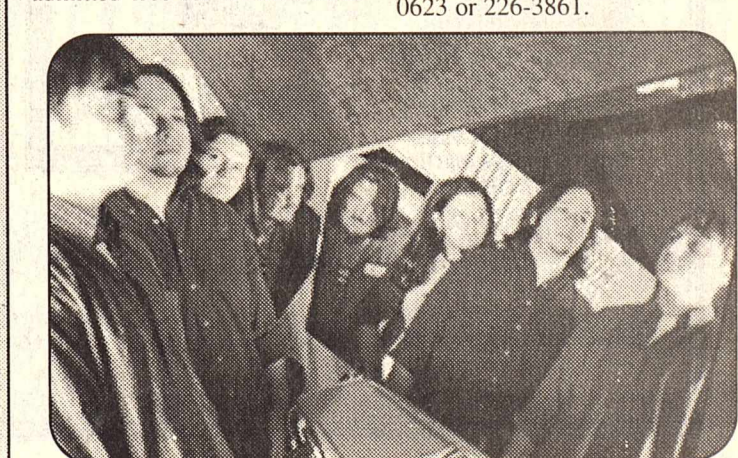
You will find great food and great fun at the Sutton County Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. You get two (2) "Peoples Choice" tickets and admission to the Dance on the County Slab Saturday night all for the price of only \$5.00. Use your Peoples Choice ticket to vote for your favorite cooking team, browse around the pits and vendors and then come to the County Slab on Saturday Night and enjoy the music of Hog Legg Ellis, featuring Sonora's own, Jeremy Yager. You can check out Hog Legg Ellis' latest video release on their website - www.hogleggelis.com.

New this year is the "Ugly Dog Contest." This should be the most fun and exciting dog show you have ever seen, with Rafter W Feeds offering prizes to the dog only his owner could love.

There will also be a Pico Paisano eating contest, where the West Texas Championship Cook-off Committee and Taco Grill have spiced up some of the fastest birds in the west and want to see how many you can eat in the shortest amount of time.

Washer Pitchin' will take place all day under the shade trees in the slab area, with music and cold drink concessions close at hand.

Children under 12 are admitted free for all the events

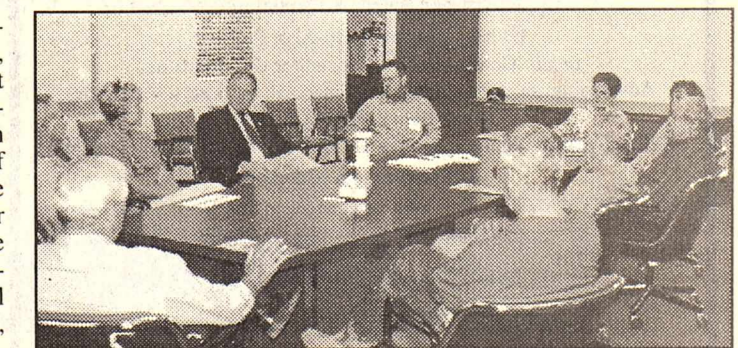


Sonora's own Jeremy Yager (3rd from left) and Hog Legg Ellis will rock the stage Texas style at the West Texas Championship Cook-off

Congressman Mike Conaway Meets with Sutton County Officials to Discuss Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tuesday, May 31, 2005. Congressman Conaway met with local officials and concerned citizens from Sutton County to discuss issues of mutual concern. There were nine officials in attendance for the hour-long meeting. Some of the issues that were discussed were: environmental issues holding up city projects, the estate tax, sending transportation dollars back to Texas and the immigration problem.

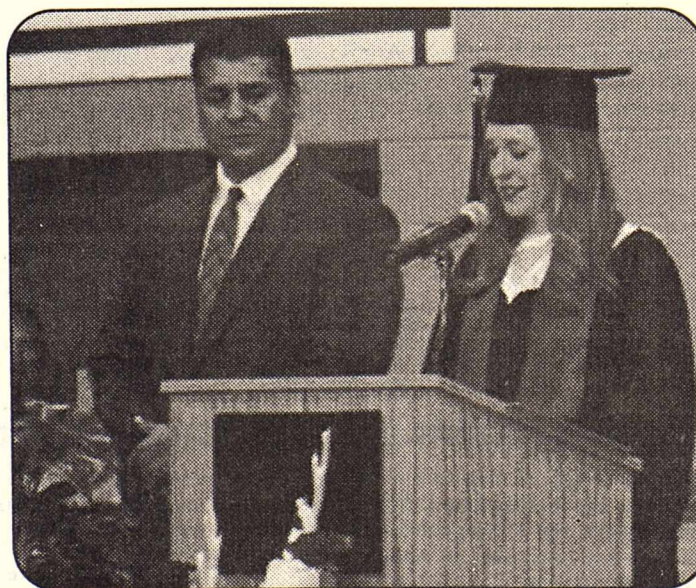
"I really enjoyed meeting with the local officials in Sonora today. It gave me an opportunity to listen to them and allow them voice their concerns. I like to use these listening sessions to hear the constituents opinions on how the



Congressman Conaway discusses important issues with Sutton County officials.

Federal Government is helping and hurting the rural communities in District 11," said Conaway. "I truly appreciate everyone taking time to meet with me today to discuss these important issues."

Congressman Mike Conaway serves on the House Agriculture Committee, the House Armed Services Committee and House Budget Committee. He is serving his first term in the United States Congress.



Chelsea Seaton, Salutatorian, says farewell to S.H.S.

Obituaries

Robert Allen Curtis

Robert Allen (Bob) Curtis of Austin, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died May 19, 2005 at the age of 82 after a lengthy illness.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife Mary Curtis, loving son William Allen Curtis and his wife Marcia, grandson Evan Allen Curtis and granddaughter Megan Rose Curtis, all of Austin, as well as a brother, James Curtis of Elgin, Illinois, several nieces, and a nephew.

Please join the family in honoring Bob for a memorial service on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Road (1/3 mile west of Hwy. 183).

Bob was born May 1, 1923 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Orlo Allen Curtis and Dorothy Helen Peterson Curtis of Winnebago, Minnesota. He resided on the family farm near Winnebago until the age of 18 when he left, never to return again, except for short visits.

After graduating from Winnebago High School in 1941, Bob joined the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman during World War II and served on active duty for three years, three months and 29 days. He attained the rank of Lieutenant JG. His sea duty was aboard the light cruiser USS Denver.

On June 26, 1946 he married Mary Louise Burtle of Sonora in Austin, Texas. After living briefly in California, Amarillo, and Tyler, they settled permanently in Austin after the birth of their son Bill. Bob graduated from the University of Texas in 1951 with a BBA, majoring in finance. Bob was Controller for furniture store Cabaniss-Brown and was involved with other Austin retailing businesses for many years. In 1964 he developed computer software for big-ticket merchandisers, pioneering systems to run on IBM and Qantel computers. He was instrumental in forming Retail Furniture Systems, Inc., a computer software marketing com-



pany, and Electro-Data, Inc., which created and marketed software and timesharing services. Bob was president of both corporations.

In 1985 after over 20 years in merchandizing, computer, and data processing, Bob retired to do as he pleased after a lifetime of trying to please others. His interests and activities included his loving relationship with his two grandchildren, photography, boating, aviation, home computers, electronics, and his wife's art business. He was also an amateur radio operator. Bob earned his private pilot's license after learning to fly in 1941. His love of aviation led him to become a founder and major stockholder in Ultralight Wings, Inc. that sold ultra-light airplanes and operated an ultralight airport in Pflugerville.

Bob joined the Austin chapter of Cosmopolitan International on April 2, 1959. He twice held the office of President and served in all other offices of the local club. He was also a member of the Navy League and an organizer, treasurer, and member of the River Hills Volunteer Fire department which was later incorporated into the Westlake Fire Department.

Bob's message to his friends and loved ones is "It's been great. So long, I'll see you later!"

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bob's honor may be made to a charity of

Anita Schwiening

Anita Schwiening, 80, died suddenly May 25, 2005 at home in Dilley, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband George, her son Sutton, and two daughters Betsy and Myrtle Anne.

Graveside services will be Thursday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Anita was born April 16, 1925 in Rochelle, Texas. Her parents were Roy and Velma Storms. She married George Schwiening on April 17, 1944, in San Angelo. She was a resident of Sonora, where she and George were engaged in ranching.

She is survived by her daughter, Georganne Hoing; a grandson, Travis Smith; and Meeka Thompson who lives in Pleasanton, Texas. She is also survived by two sisters: Mayce



Meadows who lives in Kerrville and Betty Akins who lives in Odessa. She is survived by four step-grandchildren Carli, Cale, Staci and Kelli and nine great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Notes of Appreciation

The Sonora High School Jr. Class would like to express appreciation and thanks to the MOMS that provided delicious refreshments at Baccalaureate. This made a special time for the Seniors and guests. We could not do all of our jobs without the help of our Parents and Community. Thanks again for everything.
SHS Jr. Class

We would like to take this means to express a very heartfelt "Thank - You," to our friends, neighbors, and to our relatives for their kind expressions of love and sympathy during the illness and loss of our loved one, Jesus Guerra. We are very grateful for the food, flowers, and other acts of kindness. Most especially we thank you for your prayers. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Cande Guerra
Guerra sisters and brothers

The Reyna and Hernandez families from Brady would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, cars and all other acts of kindness during our recent loss. May God Bless You.

Happy Birthday

June 2
Blayne Sykes, Susan Hinsley, Kylie Reiner, Amy Keller, Treva McReynolds, Valeria Ramirez, Mary Beth Morgan

June 3
Margarita Lopez, Bob Caruthers, Alviah Ortiz, Kodee Smith, Arturo Lopez, Jr., Brady Lock, Lisa Noriega, Tanner Neal, Gus Campos, Rachel Brunclikova, Jeffrey Klein

June 4
Donna Garrett, Jennifer Gonzales, Douglas Yocham, Gary Galindo, Victor Virgen, Frances Guajardo, Jessica Parades, Ammanuel Capuchina, Patty Hernandez, Jennifer Gonzales, Jason Bounds,

June 5
Elias Perez, Jaci Dutton, Jesse Amador, Preston Villanueva, Trent Reiner, Tracey Randolph, Chelby Ramos, Biddy Sosa, Michelle McGeath, Terri Castro

June 6
Sandra Elliott, Destiny Rodriguez, Matthew Perez, Rusty Baldwin, Bailey Sykes, Trent Reiner, Reed Jennings

June 7
Stephani Morriss, John Castro, Annette Castro, Nancy White
June 8
Jim Stephen, Ross and Rider Crites

Senior Center News

June 6 - Bingo!
June 7 - Exercise w/ video! Sign up now!
June 8 - Volunteer to deliver meals! or help deliver meals!
June 9 - Crafts for summer! Need ideas & volunteers!
June 10 - Run errands & pay bills!

Senior Center Menu

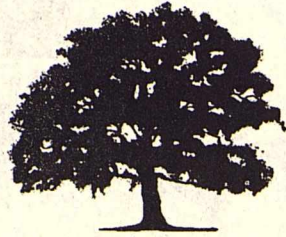
June 6 - Hamburger on bun, oven French fries, lettuce/onion, tomatoes, carrot salad, apple, milk
June 7 - Spaghetti w/ meatballs, Italian veggie mix, green salad, garlic bread, pudding, milk
June 8 - Pork chops w/ gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple Waldorf salad, milk
June 9 - Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk
June 10 - Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, roll, juice, brownie w/ nuts, milk
Mon. - Fri 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 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.

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals and recovering Pharisees

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

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Sonora Church Directory

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
1705 N. Crockett

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
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387-2951

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
509 Amistad

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Milton Black
404 E. Poplar
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ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Miguel Dinio
229 W. Plum
387-2278

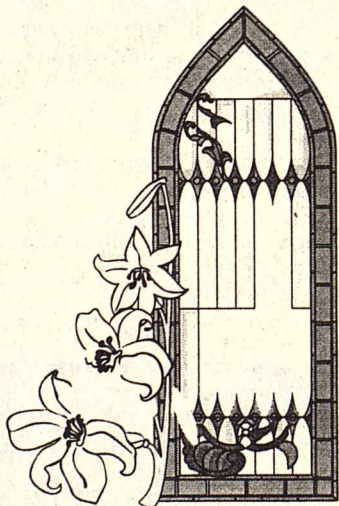
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Beverley Parsons, Pastor
201 N. Water
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JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
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Pastor Felipe Martinez
807 Orient



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You are invited to join us for

John Paul Joiner's Farewell party!

June 3, 2005 at 5:00 – 9:00

Sutton County EMS Building
Corner of East 3rd & Water

Come – n – Go as you are!

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Community Calendar

June 4th
West Texas Championship Cook-Off
Sutton County Park Complex

June 6-10
Vacation Bible School
First Baptist Church

June 11
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Softball Tournament

The Community Calendar is made possible by:



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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. When was the well drilled on the Courthouse Square?

A. San Angelo Standard, February 23, 1899-C.F. Adams, the moving spirit in the location of the new town in Sutton County, writes to Messrs. Gwin, Allen & Co, as follows: "Gents: According to promise I write to inform you that the well is completed with plenty of water at 180 feet deep. The new town is named Sonora." The mere fact that water has been struck in that section at 180 feet is worth thousands of dollars to this section.

One month later the San Angelo Standard had the following report to make on March 23, 1889-The new town of Sonora, in Sutton County, is rapidly becoming a material fact.

The large store of Callahan has just been completed and the goods arranged, and more goods constantly arriving. With a capital of \$20,000 the store will try to supply the demands of the section.

Hurst's grain and feed store has already been completed. Mr. Hurst will also handle hides.

A two-story hotel and several residences will be erected as soon as lumber can arrive. Hammond has already finished his residence.

Most of the people are now living in tents.

Adams & Minecke will soon erect a large warehouse to store windmill supplies. Their steam drill recently put down three wells in twenty-four days, actual work—a total of 559 feet. They are daily expecting another steam drill, which will promptly put to work. There are now five drilling machines at work in Sutton County.

The cost of fitting up a well in that county is about \$100, that means complete, with troughs, tank and everything necessary.

There are at present about 300,000 sheep in Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett Counties, and the owners of most of them wish to locate ranches in that country. The mountains and natural roads of the country make Sonora the only practical supply point.

The projectors of the new town forbid the sale of liquor.

Already there are sufficient people in the settlement to guarantee a good school in the fall.

The top of the tank being thirty-two feet above the level of the town all houses will be easily supplied with water.

The road to Kerrville or Del Rio is very rough—to San Angelo, good; hence San Angelo is the natural wholesale supply point for Sonora, and it behooves her merchants not to allow the goods to be bought elsewhere. The fence question has been solved. The rapid fence-



ing of the rivers and other permanent water, makes it necessary for many to obey the injunction of the departed Greely: "Go West and grow up with the country."

Q. The following article was sent to me with the question: "What ever happened to this memorial? The plot where it was supposed to be is empty, why wasn't it ever put up?"

A. Readers I will print the article and maybe some of you can explain what happened to this memorial, I don't know?

Devil's River News, January 25, 1952-A memorial to the war dead of Sutton County in World War I and World War II will soon be erected on the triangular plot of land where US 290 joins Concho Street, it was revealed this week. (Note this would be the plot in front of the body shop where Crockett and Concho come together and go on over the hill.)

The plot will be curbed next week with the City of Sonora, Sutton County and the Sonora Club each bearing one third of the \$550 cost. (The plot is now curbed.)

The memorial, which was purchased three years ago by the Sonora Post 4379, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a cost of \$640, is a Texas granite shaft and will be installed approximately in the center of the plot.

The inscription on the shaft is topped by an American Flag and reads: "In Memory of the Men of Sutton County Who Valiantly Gave Their Lives in World War I and II.

The monument is about six and one half feet tall, three feet wide and a foot thick. It will stand on a concrete pedestal.

The land is owned by the

state and special permission was obtained for its use as a memorial park. Instrumental in arranging this were Jeff Lambert, S. M. Loeffler and Shelly Lowe. Fred Spinks will erect the statue.

In addition to paying one third of the curbing cost the City of Sonora will make a water connection on the plot, unmetered and will assist in maintenance when convenient. Present plans are for men in the neighborhood to take care of the park in their spare time.

Now readers, what happened to the monument and park? This space is now occupied by weeds and empty of any monument, where did it go? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could include those killed in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. It would be so nice to have a little plot that is right on one entrance to Sonora fixed up and cared for and what better use than a memorial to men who lost their lives in service to our country. Please write me and let me know why this project never happened and if the stone still exists.

The offices will be closed until June 17 for vacation. Vacation will be a trip to Shannon for back surgery on Rick and then his care locally.

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@sonoratrax.net. You may call me at home for the next few weeks regarding building rentals or wait until the office opens on the 17th and call me there at 387-5084.

Water bill flushed down legislative toilet

State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN -- With every tick of the clock as the Legislature moved toward adjournment May 30, time itself became nearly as powerful a player in the legislative process as the lieutenant governor or speaker.

The fact that all Senate bills had to be voted out of the House by the end of the day on May 24 caused Senate Bill 3, Sen. Ken Armbrister's (D-Victoria) water bill to go down the legislative drain. Though earlier "purified" of any user tax provision, the water bill had been deemed an important piece of legislation by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

The measure's last chance at re-hydration would be as an amendment to another bill. If it doesn't make it this session, it likely will be back for the 80th Legislature in 2007.

Likely snake eyes for gambling bill...

The odds did not look good late last week for the prospect of video lottery machines at horse and dog racing tracks and Indian reservations.

An effort to get an amendment providing for this form of gambling died when the Senate by one vote ended debate on House Bill 3540, a major revenue bill.

Life in fast lane for West Texas...

If the governor signs the measure into law, House Bill 2257 will enable the Texas Transportation Commission to up the speed limit to 80 miles an hour on portions of Interstates 10 and 20 in far West Texas.

The bill, which takes into account that there are more lonely miles than traffic in Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton and Ward counties won unanimous approval in the Senate on May 25.

Lawmakers proud Texas is Bush country

Another bill getting a green flag in the Senate last week was House Bill 137, a measure that would have the Texas Department of Transportation add to its 66 "Welcome to Texas" signs that Texas is "proud to be the home of President George W. Bush."

A House amendment mandating that the signs also acknowledge George H.W. Bush, Lyndon Johnson and Dwight Eisenhower was cut by

the Senate because it would have cost a lot more money.

Want to be a public servant without the hassle?

If you've had a hankering for public service but don't want to run for office, you could apply to the Secretary of State for appointment as a notary public.

You have to be at least 18, a Texas resident, and never convicted of a felony or "crime of moral turpitude." Oh, and pay a \$21 fee plus the premium for a \$10,000 surety bond (usually 10 percent) and buy a personalized notary seal and record book.

Under state law, you can charge up to \$6 per transaction or attest to a document for free.

One catch: By law, you are a public servant. If you become a notary because you work for a lawyer, should someone come to you needing something notarized, you can't refuse -- even if it's not work-related.

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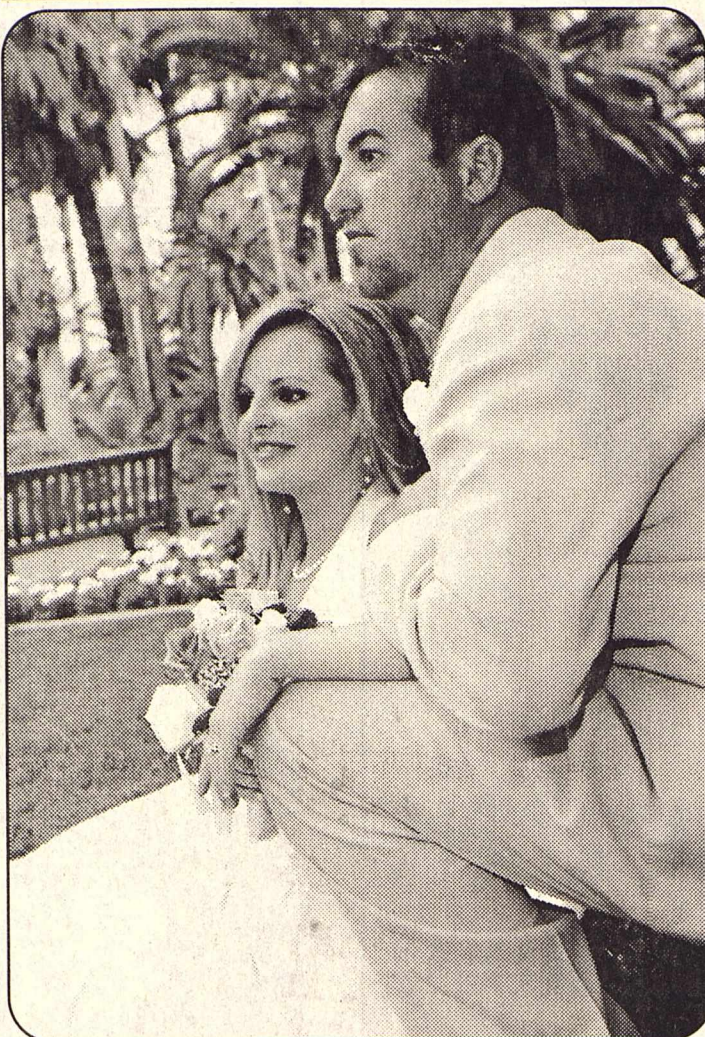
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Wedding Announcement



**Madolyn Joy and Christopher Phillips
 Joy/Phillips marry in Las Vegas**

Mr and Mrs. Kerry Joy of Eldorado are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Madolyn Marie to Christopher Phillips on Friday, May 20th in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple will reside in Frisco, TX. Madolyn is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Joy of Sonora.

Thank you!

A sincere "Thank-You" to all parents, teachers, Bronco Alumni and volunteers for your participation in Project Graduation 2005. Once again, Sonora has shown it's support for our young people by promoting and providing a safe and festive environment. (Not to mention a lucrative one.) The overall generosity and attentiveness showered upon these students is overwhelming and appreciated. We would like to thank Carl and Melissa Teaff of Teaff Oil for the use of their tables and blankets, Juanita Mesa and the Senior Center for the Bingo game and Houston Powers, Joe Longoria, and Jerry Watkins for the use of their games. We appreciate your support of our community! Eloisa Hernandez, Danni Price and Erica Morriss 2005 Project Graduation Games Committee

Blackbird's Book Released May 31

Local resident Chelsea Blackbird and Sul Ross State University faculty member Dr. Barney Nelson recently collaborated on an anthology of literary criticism of author Mary Austin. **MARY AUSTIN'S SOUTHWEST: AN ANTHOLOGY OF HER LITERARY CRITICISM** was released May 31 by the University of Utah Press.

Editors Blackbird and Nelson reveal author Mary Austin (1868-1934) as a significant trailblazer for literary diversity, showing how she recognized the importance of multiculturalism, regionalism, and the environment in literature long before these became popular academic topics. Austin wrote passionately about the Southwest, a place shaped by three distinctive groups: Indian, Spanish, and Anglo, and devoted much of her work to revealing the literary worth of its blended culture.

Blackbird and Nelson have spent the past two years doing extensive research for the book, the pair taking a research trip to The Center for Southwest Research at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and Blackbird taking one to the prestigious Huntington Library in San Marino, California. After discovering and reading an incredible amount of Austin's work, the editors narrowed the selection and chose writings that best illuminate Austin's ideas on the Southwest in the categories of prose, drama, and poetry. Blackbird and Nelson offer thoughtful introductions to each section and include an annotated bibliography of her published Southwestern literary criticism.

Nelson, a seasoned author, is an associate professor of English. This is Blackbird's first published book. She received her master's degree in English from Sul Ross in Alpine, Texas in 2002.

ASU announces graduates and Dean's list

Zane Shurley Martin was among 481 students who received degrees from Angelo State University during the 2005 Spring commencement exercises on May 14, 2005. Graduating magna cum laude, Martin received her Bachelor of Science.

The Dean's List for the 2005 spring semester was also announced. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from our area: Zane Shurley Martin, biochemistry and psychology; Allison Arlene Benson, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Megan L. Berry, undeclared; Ruben Brown, English; Mark P. Cooper, music; Ervey Enriquez Hernandez, Spanish/secondary certification; Thomas Ray Jacoby, mathematics/secondary certification; and Thomas W. Schenkel, animal science.

Katherine Harrell graduates Cum Laude from Texas Tech



Proud grandparents, Bill and Betty Stewart hug their Texas Tech graduate, Katerine Harrell.

Rocksprings High School Class of 2001 Salutatorian, Katherine Ann Harrell, became a member of Texas Tech University's graduating class of 2005 on Saturday May 14th. Katy is the daughter of Billie Harrell and granddaughter of Bill and Betty Stewart.

Harrell graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Communications.

Katy is fulfilling a summer internship in Washington D.C. where she will be employed by the office of Representative Mike Conaway of Congressional District number 11 of Texas.

Those attending and having the privilege to sit in the Athletic Director's Suite were Billie Harrell of Rocksprings, Rod Harrell of Fresco, Will Harrell and Mitzi Zachry of Austin, Bill and Betty Stewart of Sonora, Steve and Susan Mason of Brownsfield and Mike Stewart of San Antonio.

The Bank & Trust plans new branch in San Angelo

The San Angelo Independent School District trustees agreed to sell 2.687 acres at Knickerbocker Road and University Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, to The Bank & Trust, s.s.b. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Plans call for The Bank & Trust, now located at 5106 Knickerbocker in San Angelo, to build an approximate 6,000 square foot state-of-the-art banking facility.

"The Bank & Trust is looking forward to being more conveniently located in San Angelo. We feel that this is one more benefit to all of our customers because we can serve all of their needs just as if they were in their home town. As we all know, southwest Texas seems like one big community and we are excited about making that distance seem a little closer," said Sid Cauthorn, president and chief executive officer of The Bank & Trust.

The SAISD set a minimum bid for the property of \$1.15 million and began accepting bids earlier this month. Bidding closed Wednesday morning with The Bank & Trust being the only bidder on the property. The Bank & Trust bid approximately \$1.23 million and the SAISD board authorized administrators to begin drafting a contract.

"We have been searching for the perfect site for about a year. The Bank & Trust looks forward to building our main branch on this property while we continue to look for other growth opportunities," says Wrey Montgomery, president of The Bank & Trust San Angelo. He went on to say, "The Bank & Trust is an organization that believes in giving back to the community. I believe we have now demonstrated how much we are looking forward to growing strong roots in San Angelo."

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Summer travel softball begins for two Lady Broncos

Kayla Fields and Heather Hughes, members of the Lady Bronco softball team, have begun playing summer travel ball. They are members of West Texas Shock and played May 28 & 29 in the USSSA Tall City Memorial Day Qualifier. The team went undefeated for the tournament and beat Showtime in the championship 3-2.

Sutton County 4-H Forecast

Pascual Hernandez CEA-AB Sutton County
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The Wildlife Conservation Camp will be held July 10-16 at the Welder Wildlife Foundation in Sinton, Texas. The cost is \$200 per camper. Campers will gain knowledge and skills in: animal and plant identification, animal capture and census techniques, archery and shotgun, fishing and aquatic ecology, conservation ethics, species diversity and habitat management, population ecology, leadership, team building, and public speaking. More information can be found at this web site <http://www.tctws.org>.

Livestock Projects --If you need help this summer finding goats or lambs for the upcoming season, contact me at the office and I will be glad to help. We can look to purchase by private treaty or go to sales.

Horse Project --The horse project will have its playdays on the following dates this year: June 7, June 21, July 5, July 12, July 26, and Aug. 2. Events include barrels, poles, and goat tying. Call for details. Remember that you must have current Coggins papers.

Horsemanship School --Coleman County will be hosting a 2-day horsemanship school (June 6 & 7). Cost is \$30. Stalls will be available at the rodeo grounds. Meals will be on your own. Take feed, buckets, fans, etc. There are others this summer, so call if you want details. 387-3101 or 387-3604

Sutton County 4-H Wool/Mohair Teams Compete in Boerne and Del Rio

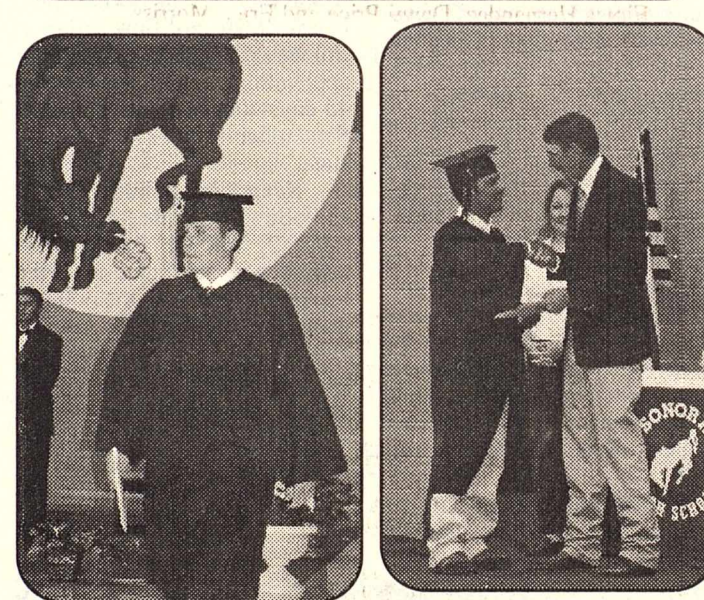
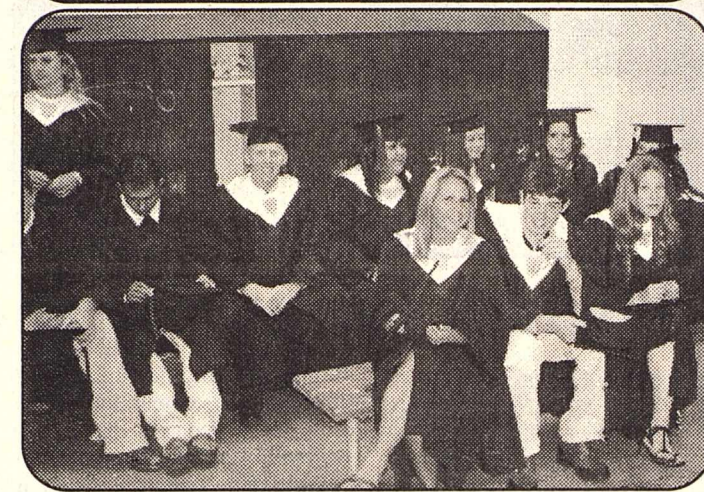
Sutton County 4-ers traveled to Boerne on Saturday, May 7th to compete in the Kendall County contests. Pre-juniors were Zachary Leonard and Stella Ingham. Zachary was the high point individual in wool, and Stella was the second high individual in mohair. Junior team members were Steely Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Cash Jennings, and Meredith Earwood. They were the second place team in both wool and mohair. Savannah scored third high individual in wool and third high individual in mohair. Seniors were Emily Earwood and Colton Moore.

The Del Rio contest was held on Saturday, May 15th. Zachary Leonard, a pre-junior, was the fourth high individual in wool. Juniors were Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Meredith Earwood, and Sterling Love. Sutton County was high team in both wool and mohair contests and the overall high (wool and mohair results combined) junior team. Individual results in wool were 1. Savannah Leonard, 2. Steely Ingham and 3. Meredith Earwood. Individual results in mohair were 1. Steely Ingham, 2. Savannah Leonard and 4. Meredith Earwood. Overall (mohair/wool scores combined) junior individual results were 1. Steely Ingham, 2. Savannah Leonard and 3. Meredith Earwood. Senior

team members were Colton Moore, Laura Martin, and Emily Earwood. The senior team was third high in the mohair contest and fifth high overall (mohair/wool scores combined).

The teams continue to practice with their coach, Shawna Faris, in preparation for the State 4-H Roundup to be held in College Station during the second week of June. They will also compete in the contests here in Sonora during the 68th Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show on June 15th.

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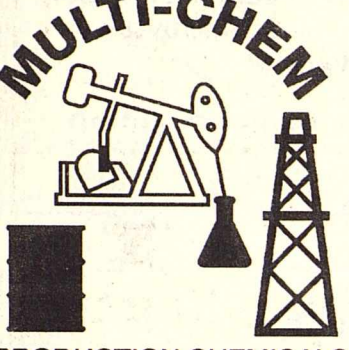
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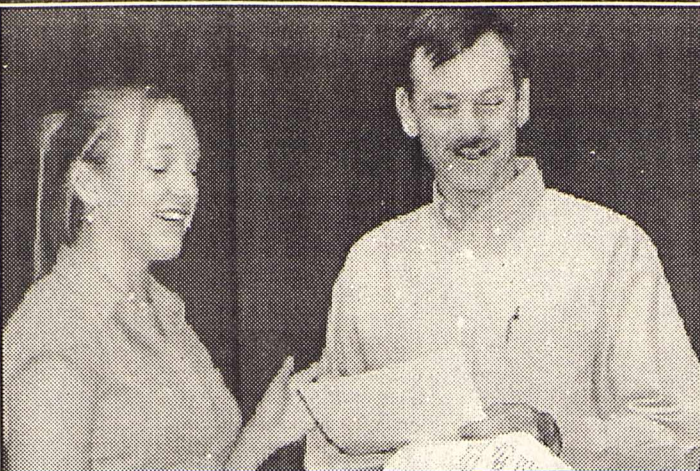
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Edwards Plateau SWCD awards Conservation Essay winners

Edward Earwood, director for the Edwards Plateau SWCD, presented a check for \$100 to Steely Ingham for placing first in the local Conservation Essay Contest. John Duke Hudson received a check for \$60.00 for the second place Conservation Essay. John Duke's essay also won 2nd place in the 13 and under age bracket for Area II of the State of Texas.



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An application too late, would hit the foliage when there is less downward flow and control would not be as good. Foliar applications can be made from 45 days after bud break through September for our part of the state. Keep these points in mind: 1) Follow herbicide label directions. 2) Wet the foliage thoroughly with herbicide until the leaves are almost to the point of dripping. 3) For best results, DON'T spray when: A) rains have stimulated light green new growth in tree tops. B) foliage is wet from rain. C) foliage shows damage from hail, insects or disease. D) you are working upwind of desirable trees, shrubs or crops. For additional information on this and related topics, visit our website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

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Bonilla secures funding for West Texas Sheep Industry



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla is using his role on the powerful Appropriations Committee to help his constituents back home.

Bonilla today announced that he has secured \$21.25 million in funding for the Texas sheep industry. Today's funding will directly affect ranchers throughout West Texas.

"Sheep ranching is a way of life in West Texas. The region relies heavily on the sheep and goat industry, which is why I'm proud to have helped secured this important funding for the sheep and goat industry," said Bonilla.

Bonilla was able to secure \$19.3 million in funding for scrapie eradication. With today's funding, the U.S. hopes to be declared scrapie-free by 2017. Becoming scrapie-free will have a significant positive economic impact to the livestock, meat and feed industries.

Bonilla also secured \$500,000 in funding for the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; \$150,000 in funding for dairy and meat goat research; and \$300,000 in funding for wool research. Bonilla hopes this funding for sheep research will increase the profitability of the sheep, goat and camelid industries in the United States and Texas.



Additionally, Bonilla has secured \$1 million in funding to correct degradation of rangelands. Rangelands cover 70

percent of the land surface in the southwestern United States. Today's funding will allow the Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration to integrate new information technologies to meet the targeted, emerging and associated natural resources.

A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Bonilla is chairman of the subcommittee that oversees all agriculture funding. This role enabled Bonilla to secure today's funding through the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee bill. "I've always said that the Agriculture Subcommittee touches lives on a daily basis. This is living proof that what we do makes a difference for the people of Texas," said Chairman Bonilla.

Members of the Appropriations Committee oversee all of the nation's funding. Bonilla was the first freshman Member of Congress in 25 years to be given a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee. He is now regarded as one of the two most influential lawmakers in Texas.

"I look out for one of the largest states in our nation - that's a lot of people, businesses and resources to take care of. I'm fortunate that my role on this committee gives me the opportunity to shepherd and secure funding for our great state of Texas," said Bonilla. "I'm proud my role on the committee helped secure this funding and look forward to the progress it will achieve."

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Eden to host TexasYes! Tourism workshop series

EDEN - Eden has been selected to host a two-day rural tourism workshop as part of the 2005 Texas Yes! Bootstrapping Marketing Workshop Series I. The workshop, which will be held June 6-7, is sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism. The workshop will be held at Eden City Hall, 120 Paint Rock Road.

The workshop series is designed to serve both newcomers and seasoned veterans in the tourism industry, offering topics that take an in-depth approach to building rural tourism success. Cost is \$60 for a single day or \$75 for two days. Fees include lunch, refreshments and all training materials. A limited number of on-site registrations will be available at a cost of \$100. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. both days with workshop sessions starting at 8:30 a.m.

On Monday, June 6, the morning session is Using the Internet to Promote Rural Tourism, presented by Carla Lowe, owner of Carla Lowe Associates and director of Technology and Sales for the Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau. Lowe will combine her experiences as a tourism marketer and Internet programmer to address what destination Web sites should include, how to use electronic tools to develop personal relationships with travel customers and how to drive traffic to a destination Web site.

Roger Hanagriff, Ph.D., of Sam Houston State University, will present What Does Tourism Mean To Our Community's Pocketbook? This session is designed to help communities measure the economic impact of tourism and use that information to seek funding and improve future marketing decisions.

Stan Hodge, Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, will end the day with Trends Driving Tourism.

Steven Wood Schmader, president and CEO of the International Festivals and Events Association, will headline the workshop on Tuesday, June 7, with his session entitled Creating and Managing Festivals and Special Events. This day-long session will cover how to create an event that is appropriate to your community and how to garner local and regional support. It will also cover operational and managerial concerns such as logistics, volunteers, promotions, business planning and budget.

The workshops are part of TDA's new Texas Yes! initiative, a membership-based program for rural communities, businesses and organizations to promote business development, job growth and tourism in rural Texas.

"Our goal is to help empower rural communities," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "There are so many exciting ideas turning into a reality because of the vision and enthusiasm rural leaders continue to have for ensuring their communities get the attention they deserve. These workshops are designed to support these efforts by providing the latest information on innovative approaches and proven strategies."

The second day will conclude with presentations from both sponsoring organizations about additional programs their respective agencies offer to assist communities in developing viable rural tourism.

Attendees at the workshop will also be invited to a special reception at The Eden State Bank, located on the north side of Town Square Park.

Other workshop series dates and locations include Canyon, June 8-9. The workshop topics and speakers will be the same.

Registration information and workshop agendas and schedules are available at www.TexasYes.org or by calling Indigo Resource Group at (830) 990-0180. For more information on the Texas Yes! program, call (866) 4TEX-YES.

USDA Accepts Farm Service Agency County Committee Member Nominations June 15 - August 1

Eldorado, TX, May 31, 2005 - Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jan Wanoreck today announced the USDA will soon begin accepting nomination forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees. The nomination period is June 15 - August 1. For Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County, the committee seat up for election in 2005 represents LAA #3, which includes all of Sutton County.

"I encourage local producers to get involved and make a difference in the local agriculture industry by becoming a member of their local FSA County Committee," said Wanoreck. "FSA County Committees play an important role in the decision making process for commodity price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues in impacting their farming community."

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

All nomination forms must be received in the County FSA Office or postmarked by August 1. Voting takes place between November 4th and December 5th, 2005.

To hold office as an FSA County Committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements described below:

1. Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
2. Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
3. Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate. (In some cases, this requirement may be waived. Check with the local county office.)
4. A person must not have been:
 - Removed or disqualified from the office of FSA County Committee member, alternate, or employee;
 - Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or any other felony; or
 - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

Interested individuals who are uncertain about their eligibility to serve on the FSA County Committee should contact their local FSA office for affirmation of eligibility to serve.

More information on the COC elections, including the nomination form, is available at the local USDA Service Centers or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>

The Bear Facts

By: Bonnie R. McKinney (Cemex - Mexico) and Mike T. Pittman (Texas Parks and Wildlife)

So, you have a black bear on your property, or perhaps you saw a bear, here are some facts you may find useful in coexisting with black bears. Historically the black bear was found in most ecological regions of Texas. Unregulated hunting, loss of habitat in some regions, and perhaps the extensive predator control efforts in some areas were possibly all factors that contributed to the decline of the black bear. By the 1940s, black bear sightings were fewer with most reports being from the Davis Mountains of the Trans Pecos Region and the rugged canyons of the lower Big Bend Region. By the 1950s the black bear was practically nonexistent. Occasional sightings were still being reported from the Davis Mountains, which was thought to be the last stronghold of the black bear in Texas, and from the lower Big Bend Region. In all reality the black bear was extirpated from historic range in Texas. Numbers had also drastically declined in northern Mexico with remnant populations remaining in a few isolated mountains. At this point in time it appeared the black bear was gone from Texas and there were no plans to reintroduce this species.

Natural recovery by a wildlife species into former historical range rarely occurs without the intervention of man. Yet, an amazing reestablishment of black bears into west Texas is occurring. During the 1980s bear sightings started becoming more frequent in the lower Big Bend Region. Currently there are known breeding populations on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area, in the Big Bend National Park and in the surrounding areas of the Trans Pecos. People on private lands as well as state and federal lands now find themselves living in "bear country." To the south in Mexico the population has recovered and continues to increase; thus in all likelihood providing range expansion into western Texas.

Nobody can say for sure why bears chose to return to former range in western Texas, but their reestablishment of breeding populations is a reflection of the land stewards and their care of the lands entrusted to them, whether private ranches, parks or wildlife management areas. The country has to be well taken care of for a hungry bear to find ample food, establish a home range, and reproduce. [Sutton county does have moderate to good habitat for black bears, but there is nothing to indicate a breeding population as of yet.]

In West Texas bears feed on a variety of fruits, nuts and berries. Under certain conditions, such as extended drought when natural foods are not plentiful, bears may prey on domestic livestock. Because they feed on carrion, bears are often blamed for livestock kills they did not make. The black bear is not a high-class predator like the mountain lion. A good rule of thumb is, "bears may kill livestock, but not all bears are livestock killers."

Black bears are coexisting peacefully with ranches carrying on traditional cattle ranching activities.

Texas Parks and Wildlife would like to offer the following management suggestions if you find yourself "living in bear country." These suggestions can prevent a conflict with bears and allow the continued natural recovery of this species into former historic range.

1. Do not feed bears. "A fed bear is a dead bear." Bears learn very quickly and become dependent on these free hand-outs.

2. Keep a safe distance from any bear, do not approach or harass a bear.

3. Don't be a litterbug! Keep grounds clean and garbage free. Keep your garbage in containers with locking lids. If you can't keep it locked up, either burn or bury it.

4. Keep all pet and livestock foods locked in storage buildings.

5. Burn all livestock carcasses and hunter harvested carcasses to prevent bears from feeding on them.

If you have a nuisance bear on your property, do not attempt to trap, shoot, capture or handle the bear. Texas Parks and Wildlife is the only agency authorized to trap, capture, handle and relocate black bears in Texas. The black bear in central and west Texas is a state threatened species. Texas Parks and Wildlife is actively involved in research on black bears, and is responsible for the protection and conservation of this species. Texas Parks and Wildlife is committed to assist and help resolve any bear related problems that may occur, as quickly as possible. If you see a bear on your property, would like more information on black bears, or if you are having a problem contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife offices.

The conservation of black bears in western Texas is dependent on peaceful coexistence between humans and bears. The black bears are doing their part, let's do ours. It is up to us to help them with their continued natural recovery for the enjoyment of present and future generations of Texans.

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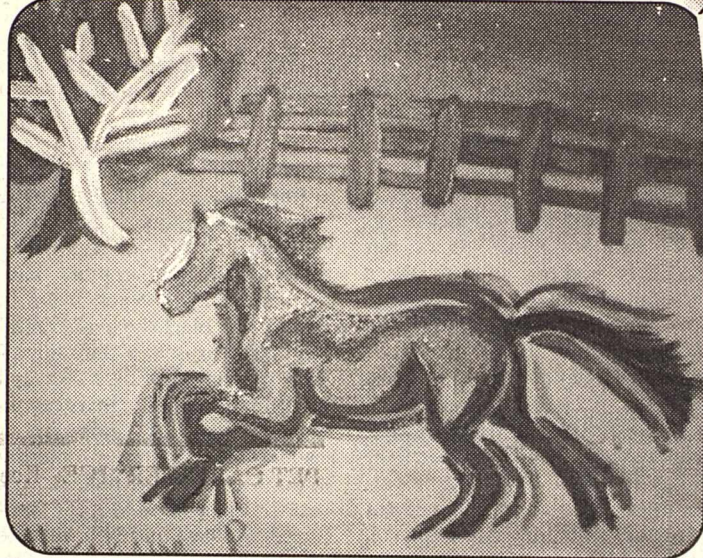
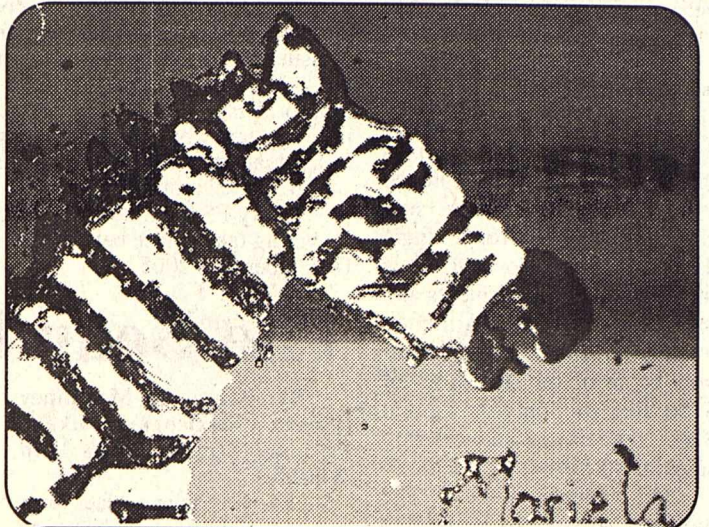
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During the month of May, students from Mr. Nicholas' High School Art classes have been displaying their art. Each student submitted one to three artworks to hang in the hallways. There are about 60 students featured in the show and over 150 artworks. The student art covers a wide variety of styles and materials. There are artworks done in pencil and pastels, and works done in a variety of painting mediums from watercolor to oils, and some paintings with latex enamel house paint. There are also some artworks done on computer. Painting styles reflect different periods in art history. Starting with Impressionism in the late 19th Century and continuing through the years to Pop Art in the 1960's and 1970's. Students at High School may take art for a full year or for a semester. This year's art featured many American techniques and ideas. Next year students will study a more traditional European way of doing art.



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Experienced Rig Up Truck Drivers Needed Service company needs conscientious road truck and winch truck operators. Must have current CDL, clean driving record, and experience in rig moving/oilfield equipment hauling. Offers most competitive pay in the area, commensurate with experience. Drug free and dependable persons call for interview 325-387-5220. All responses confidential.

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Operators needed: Maintainer, dozer, and loader operators. CDL required. Call Mittel Dozing 277-6883.

Employment

Help Wanted: Full-time employees & Part-time for weekends and holidays. Apply in person at **The Caverns of Sonora** or call 387-3105 for more information.

The Sutton County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the position of Dispatcher. A thorough background investigation will be conducted and the chosen applicant will be required to attend a week long telecommunication school and must pass a state certification test. Communication with others by radio is required. This position also includes shift work and more than a basic working knowledge of computers.

Help Wanted: Lacayo's Cajuns of New Orleans Restaurant, 1005 N. Crockett Ave, is now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person, Mon.-Fri 10 a.m - 5 p.m. Ask for Damien.

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Lost & Found

A pair of keys have been turned in to our office at 228 E. Main. Found on Saturday May 28th on Juno Road by a rain gauge.

Pets

PET CARE SERVICE: Keep your pet at your home for \$7.00 a day for 1 pet & \$2.00 extra for each additional pet. Can water plants. Call 387-5649 for info. References available.

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Job Number: 00-8118
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(The above is not a complete list of requirements or qualifications.) **A Completed Application is Required.** For additional information call Human Resources at 325-944-1501 or visit our web site at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/> An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for the above job may call Human Resources. **An Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.**

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and the publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 6128-62-001 for RMC in SUTTON County, etc will be received on June 30, 2005 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 30, 2005 at 2:00 pm at them District Office for an estimate of \$132,066.00.

Contract 6129-19-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY

RIGHT OF WAY in SCHLEICHER County, etc will be received on June 29, 2005 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 29, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$72,960.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 16735 State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

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District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
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Up on Eaton Hill

Pot Poetry

by Delyse Jaeger

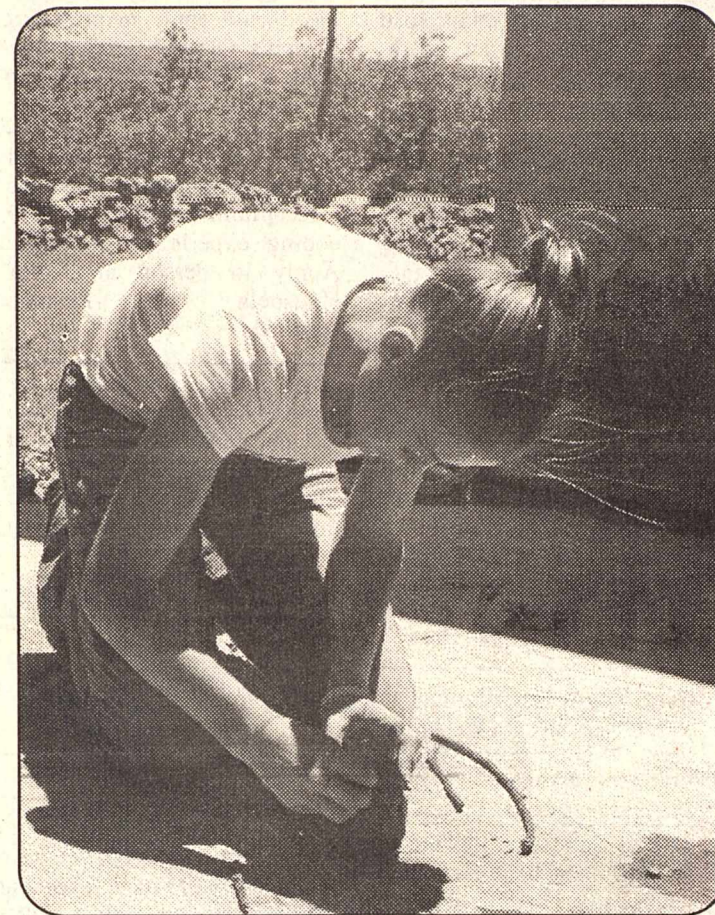
As part of the end of school year activities, local artist Nadine Eby held a special field trip up on Eaton Hill for seventh and eighth grade science students. The program focused on encouraging students to connect with and find inspiration in the natural beauty of our surroundings, and to then express and record their experience using multiple mediums. Students from Mrs. Love and Mrs. Shannon's classes were challenged to look closely at the natural environment, choose a subject, sketch and describe the subject as well as their response, and then use clay to communicate their impressions. The young men and women responded with a wide range of creations, incorporating some found objects such as small rocks, leaves or flowers as well as etching and imprinting the clay. A number of students connected their surroundings with places and people that are dear to the heart while others were drawn to a particular object or view. Still others expressed the abundant and varied beauty of God's creation or found poetic inspiration. Each student was asked to describe and explain what they had drawn, written and created, and the responses were as varied and unique as the young artists themselves. This exercise stimulated interesting conversation that fostered sharing of self, and broadening the way art is defined. We even discovered how one person's poem could be another's clay pot!

Eaton Hill can provide no greater service than to offer young minds an avenue of discovery. Rachael Carson said, "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." A special thank you goes out to Nadine Eby, Carol Love and Shelly Shannon for utilizing Eaton Hill in providing this program.

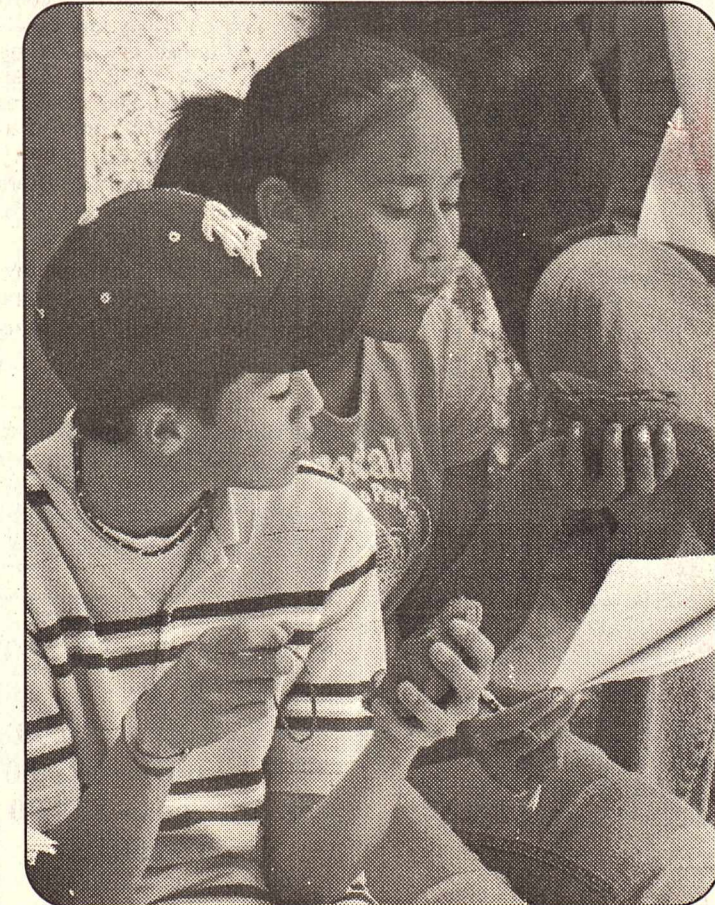
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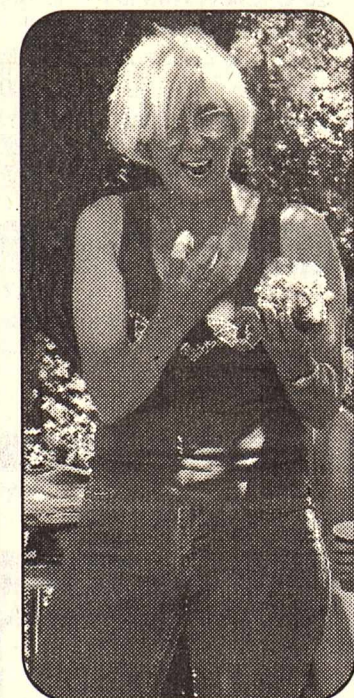
Students of all ages learn to mold pottery on Eaton Hill.



Young potters worked diligently on Eaton Hill.



Students examine their pottery pieces.



Nadine Eby explains natural beauty to S.M.S. students.

FYI

June 2, 2005 - Sonora City League Softball Minor & Major - girls swim party 6:30-9:00. Please bring one of the following items: Lady Raiders-12 pk of drinks Diamond Divas-Cookies Flash-Chips Kool Kats- 12 pk of drinks Her-ricanes Minor - Chips Trouble Minor - Cookies Shox - 12 pk Drinks

St. Ann's Catholic Church Softball Tournament, June 11, 2005. For more information call Tommy Van Winkle 387-5267.

The Sutton County Historical Society office will be closed until June 17, 2005.

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will be hosting a three part series for QuickBooks this quarter. The first class - Introduction to QuickBooks: Company Profiles - is on Thursday, June 9th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) of the ASU campus, Room 117. We will review basic business terms and how to obtain the necessary information to set up your company. This will be a hands-on class where you actually set up a company in the QuickBooks program. Two more classes will follow, with each class building on the knowledge from the previous class. It is mandatory you be able to perform basic computer skills for these courses. There is a NONREFUNDABLE \$15 fee for each class. Please call 942-2098 to reserve your space as seating is limited.

West Texas Championship Cook-off - June 4, 2005 - Sutton County Park Complex - \$5 admission includes 2 "People's Chocie" tickets to vote on favorite cook and entry to the dance, 12 & under free. Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, Chicken, Open, Jackpot Goat, Friday Night Steak Jackpot - Dance - 7:00 p.m. w/ Hog Legg Ellis - Eating contest, Ugly Dog contest, washer pitchin', beer concessions. For more information call 387-2507 or 387-0623


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.

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.

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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