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Baseball team makes Bronco History

by Maray Cearley

The Broncos make the record books as the first District Champions in Baseball for Sonora.

On Tuesday, April 19, 2005, with Cullen Parker on the mound, the Broncos 10-run ruled the Junction Eagles 13-0. Parker went five inning, finishing with seven strikeouts, two walks and he gave up three hits.

From the plate, Anthony Longoria had a triple (2 RBI), Martin Gonzalez a double and a single, Steven Duhon two singles (3 RBI), Embre Smith two singles (2 RBI), and Lito Trevino a single (1 RBI).

One highlight was a perfectly executed squeeze bunt by Duhon which scored Smith.

Defensively, Catcher Clint Cearley threw one out stealing second and Roland Solis teamed up with Cearley, throwing one out attempting to steal home.

Saturday, April 23, 2005, with five seniors playing their last home game, the Broncos faced the Mason Punchers. The game went 10 innings, with Sonora coming out on top 3-2. With Trevino on second base, Smith drove one to the left field fence, scoring the winning run. Trevino led the Red with 4 singles. Duhon had a triple, Smith 2 singles (2 RBI), Cearley, Longoria and Gonzalez all had a single.



Sonora will participate in a playoff practice game on Tuesday May 3rd at 6:30. The game will be in Kerrville.....at Tivy High School's baseball field.

Dustin Creek got the win going 7 1/3 innings finishing with 9 strikeouts, 1 walk and 6 hits. Parker was the closer with 3 strikeouts, 1 walk and 2 hits.

The Broncos have one remaining game in regular season against the Eldorado Eagles before their quest for a State

Championship.
Good Luck Broncos and Congratulations!!!

American Junior Rodeo Association comes to Sonora

by Bailey Joe Pennington

The American Junior Rodeo Association or AJRA is fun for the entire family. A man named G. Davis of Brownfield, Texas founded the AJRA in 1952. With a yearly sum of \$120,000 worth of pay-off money, scholarships, saddles, buckles and the like are presented to the junior rodeo participants at the AJRA National Finals Rodeo.

Throughout history, the AJRA is one of the few that people recognize as being associated with the PRCA. Likewise, the AJRA has produced some of the most noted PRCA champions such as Roy Cooper, Jim Sharp, Tuff Hedeman, Shawn McMullan, Travor Brazil and many more.

Age divisions in the AJRA Rodeo include the following: 8 and under girls/ boys, 9-12 girls/ boys, 13-15 girls/boys, 16-19 girls/boys.

Events in the AJRA Rodeo include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, ribbon roping, tiedown roping, team roping (heading and heeling) steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and double mugging.

Sutton County will be hosting an AJRA Rodeo on April 30th and May 1st. If you want to experience the thrill, come to the Sutton County arena at 10:00 a.m. April 30th, and 10:00 a.m. May 1st. This rodeo is sponsored by the Sutton County 4H Club and the proceeds will go to benefit the local 4-H scholarship fund.

Local youth, including Word Hudson, Gunter Pennington, Steven Duhon, Dustin Duhon, and Sam Powers will be participating, as well as youth from all around Texas and surrounding states. Come out and support our youth and have some fun.

Ropers Rally For Relay

Many team ropers from near and far came to help with the fight against cancer at the 2nd annual Relay For Life team roping. The roping was held at the Consuelo Ranch Arena on Saturday, April 23, 2005. Activities began with a prayer by Lewis Allen, following the prayer was "America the Beautiful" which was sung by

Kaden Kinder; 2nd Place- Alonzo Hernandez

Many prizes were given to those who placed in the children's activities. The second roping was an open draw pot which had 168 teams. There were 5 holes paid out in the average.

1st Place- Casey Gattis, Shorty



Doug Huddleston presents Kim Lewis (Chairman, Relay For Life) with a check for \$5000.00

Brian Cair. Shortly after opening ceremony began the first roping was a #2 roping with 152 teams entered. There were 5 holes paid out in the average.

1st Place- Charles Barber, Ricardo Gonzales 30.65; 2nd Place- Ronnie Bridges, Billy Joe Pina 32.44; 3rd Place- Billy Joe Pina, Charly Cavazos 33.13

4th Place- Dayton Armke, Tino Castaneda 40.36; 5th Place- Leo Rodriguez, Troy Fox 41.97.

There were other activities during the day.

Dummy roping ages 6-8 years old:

1st Place- Andres Acevedo; 2nd Place- Kaden Kinder

Dummy Roping ages 9-12 years old:

1st Place- Juan Hernandez; 2nd Place- Ricky Samaniego

Goat Ribbon Pulling the top results- 1st Place- Salvador Lopez; 2nd Place- Juan Hernandez; 3rd Place- Nolan Kinder

In the Rock Picking contest there was a tie for first place. 1st Place- Salvador Lopez and

Hernandez 22.27

2nd Place- Victor Gonzales, Juan Hernandez 23.55

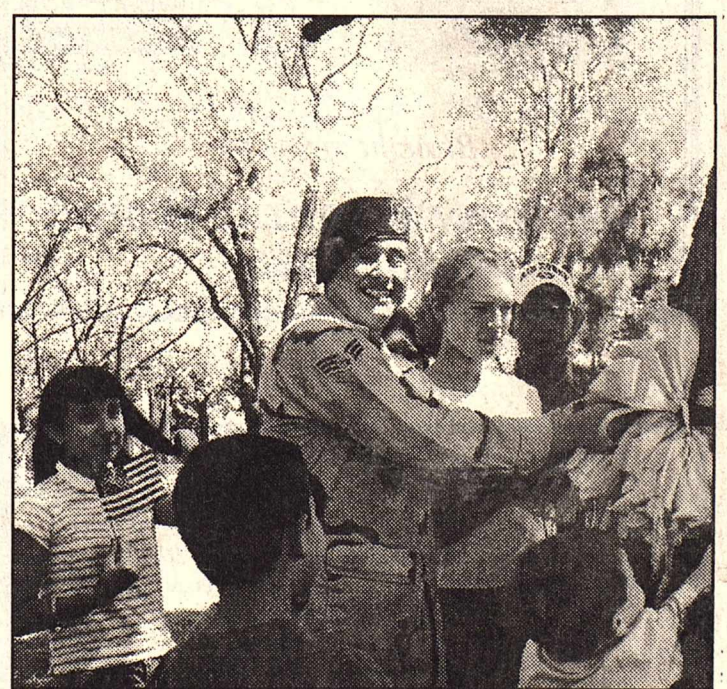
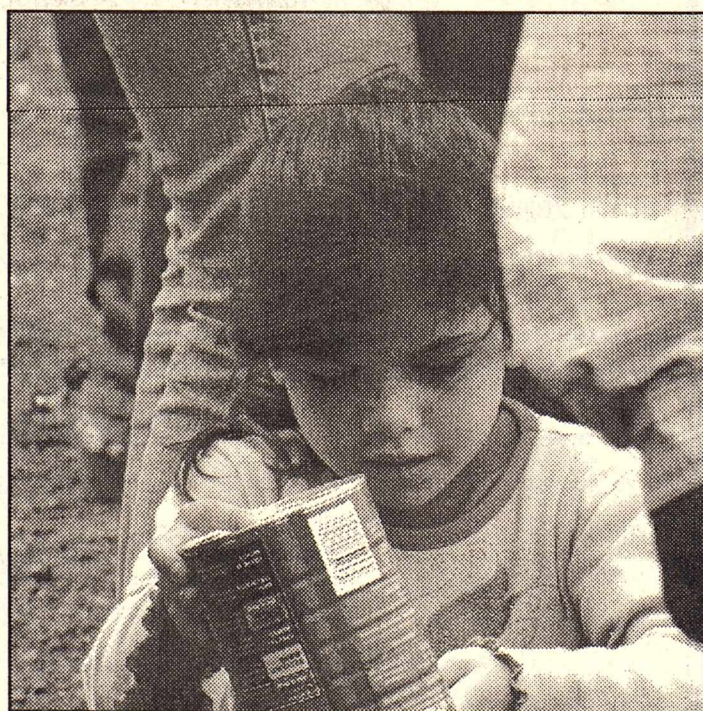
3rd Place- Houston Powers, Cesar Contreras 24.43

4th Place- Casey Gattis, Juan Hernandez 25.14

5th Place- Juan Hernandez, Mickey Sharp 25.66

Doug and Suzanne

Huddleston's goal was to raise money to give as a general donation to the Relay For Life 2005. It took months of planning and things pulled together that day. After giving the money and prizes from the pay outs and money donated from items raffled. Doug and Suzanne wrote the Relay For Life a check for \$5,000.00!!! Their hopes are to have the roping each year and raise even more money. They would like to challenge others to hold ropings and match their money raised for next year's Relay For Life. The BBQ was provided by Stagecoach.



Lionel and Amanda Cervantz, USAF, stopped by to visit family and friends this past weekend. Lionel, is son of Llia and Lionel Cervantz. Stationed near the Persian Gulf, Lionel's duties included; assisting in setting up air/ground defenses, policing captured terrorists and refueling aircraft for missions over Iraq. Lionel and Amanda will report to Nebraska on the 1st of May, from there they look forward to a duty station assignment in either Japan or Spain.

Happy Birthday Storie

and Congratulations on your nephew
Sean Michael McGuire

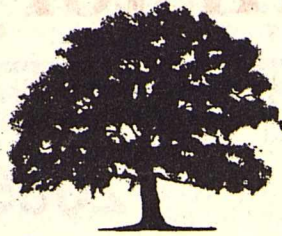
From the Tuesday Night Owls

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



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387-2035

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319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

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

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1705 N. Crockett

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Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

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TEMPLE UNITED**
509 Amistad

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. Milton Black
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

**ST. ANN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Miguel Dinio
229 W. Plum
387-2278

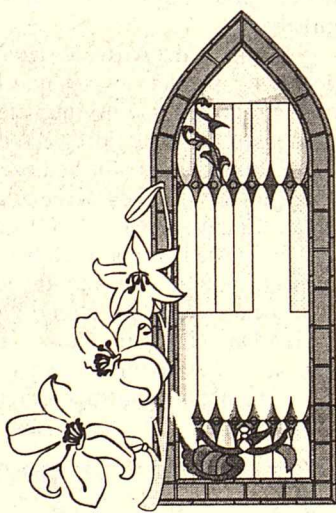
**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
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201 N. Water
387-2466

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

**TEMPLO JERUSALEM
ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**
Enoc Elias Nunez
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387-5713
387-3092

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CHURCH**
Rev. Tom Baden
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DE JESUS, INC.**
Pastor Felipe Martinez
807 Orient



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School Lunch Menu • May 2-6, 2005

Breakfast

Mon. - Toast and jelly, fruit or juice.
Tues. - Banana nut muffin, asst. juice.
Wed. - Eggs and toast, asst. juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice.
Fri. - NO SCHOOL



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, Mexicali corn, broccoli w/cheese sauce, pudding
Tues. - Frito pie/cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread.
Wed. - Grilled cheese, baked potato wedges, orange smiles, spice cake.
Thurs. - Comdog/mustard, macaroni and cheese, green beans, mixed fruit.
Fri. - NO SCHOOL

Anniversary

Happy 60th Anniversary



J.W. and Maida Sutton of Sonora recently marked
their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in
Menard, Texas on April 14, 1945. They have two
children and six grandchildren. Their children are
Eddie Sutton and Janice Sutton Franco.
Eddie and June Sutton and children Stuart and wife
Misty, Justin and Houston along with Janice and
Simon Franco and children Jason, Becca and Brett will
host a family get together in May.

Templo Jerusalem

Assemblies of God
306 W. 4th Street
(325)387-5713
(325)387-3092

Templo Jerusalem gives thanks to the community of Sonora;
churches, institutions, friends, families and all citizens for their
support during the Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser that
took place on Friday, April 8, 2005 in favor of
Mrs. Maria del Carmen Rodriguez. Keep praying for our sister
in Christ.



Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11

May God bless all of you

Pastor: Enoc E. Nunez

Thank-you notes

The Davila Family is very grateful for the donations received from this gracious community, to assist the daughter of Manuel Davila. Your outpouring of support and compassion is overwhelming. A special thanks to the Sanchez and Abbrego families, the La Mexicana staff, Martha Gutierrez and the Pizza Hut Staff. We are blessed to live in such a caring community.

Angel & Christina Davial and family and Sarai and JJ Vasquez

Coming in June - Vacation Bible School

June 6th - 10th

announces May ministries....

May is "Christian Home" Month at First Baptist Church

May 1 • *The Ingredients for a Christian Home*

May 8 • *The Instructions for a Christian Home*

May 15 • *The Individuals in a Christian Home*

May 22 • *God's Pattern for Living*

May 29 • *Dealing with Worry*

May 5 • National Day of Prayer

May 8 • Mother's Day Recognition

Ladies' Bible Study • 4:30 p.m. • Sundays

"Believing God" by Beth Moore (Amy Sykes-leader)

Emmaus Groups • Men's Group • 8:00 p.m. • Mondays

Ladies' Group • 5:00 p.m. • Wednesdays

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study • 10:45 a.m. Worship • 6:30 p.m. Worship

Wednesdays • 6:15 p.m. *Family Night Meal*

7:00 p.m. Team Kid - Preschoolers & Children

Youth Group at Youth Center

Adults - "Wednesday Spark!"

First Baptist Church

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T. Wayne Price - Pastor

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Community Calendar

April 28

Art Exhibit

Chateau Studio • 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

April 30 - May 1

Cinco de Mayo/Car Show

Civic Center/Park

AJRA Rodeo • 10:00 A.M.

County Arena



(915) 387-2861
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The Community Calendar is made possible by:

May 2

Relay for Life Team Captain Meeting

5:30 p.m. • First National Bank

May 20-21

Relay for Life

Bronco Stadium



Member FDIC
229 Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Will you please re-run the article on Besente?

A. Devil's River News, April 22, 1932-We Buried Besente-Editor's Note- Mason Rountree, former Sonora man who has lived in Phoenix for a number of years, is the author of the following story, relating to the incidents attending the burial of an old-time Mexican sheep herder, Besente. Mr. Rountree sent the story to Steve Murphy and Steve asked us to use it.

In the "good old days" we took it horseback and sometimes it would take us all day steady riding to get from one neighbor's to another. But when we did get there we were always welcome. If there was no one at the home we unsaddled, turned our horses in the pasture and cooked our supper and went to bed. Those days a man could lay all the money he had on the table in plain sight, go off and leave it as long as he wanted to, and when he returned his money was right where he left it.

What I intended to tell about was how Bert Bellows, Tede Cope, Judge Woodruff and myself buried old Besente. Tede was pasturing a bunch of goats about seven or eight miles from town and had a Mexican by the name of Besente herding them for him. One day Tede went out to the camp to take Besente some grub. It was Christmas week and Tede decided he would take Besente a quart of Jim Barton's best for a Christmas present. (Jim Barton ran a local bar.) Before Tede arrived at the camp he suspected that something was wrong. Goats were scattered for a mile or two in every direction from the camp and no herder in sight.

Tede drove to the camp and began unloading the grub he had brought for his herder. As he pulled back the flaps of the tent he discovered Besente coiled up in his blanket dead. Now Tede didn't wait to investigate. He knew though, that Besente was dead and that was enough for him. He climbed back in his hack and whipped em up for town. I happened to

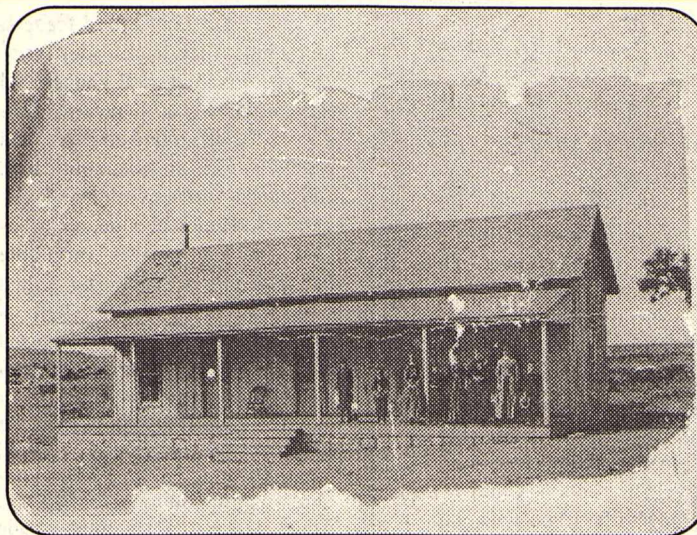
be the first fellow that Tede saw when he got to town and he asked me to go with him to bring Besente in.

We went by to get Judge Woodruff, who as Justice of the Peace, so that he might hold an inquest over the dead body. The Judge did not want to go as it was very cold; snow on the ground, and the Judge had been under the weather for several days. But when I held up the quart of Jim's Best that Tede had meant for Besente, the Judge was ready to go. He insisted on taking a drink immediately, as he did not want to run the risk of taking a fresh cold. All of us felt like we might take a cold, and by the time we reached the tent where Besente lay, we had decided that he had died from "natural causes," and that an inquest was not necessary, so we loaded Besente in the back of the hack and started back to town.

When we reached the town we went by Bert Bellows "undertaking barn" or whatever Bert called it, and had him fix Besente for burial. We had quite a time getting him straightened out so he would lay in a casket. Tede wanted a six hundred dollar casket, but Bert was out of high-priced ones, so Tede compromised on a ten dollar one. Bert went with us to the cemetery to help lay away the remains.

The Rev. Rob't Payne was the only minister that Sonora boasted at the time, and as we had to pass his home on the way to the cemetery, I suggested that we get him to say the last sad rites. But the Judge said, "Hell no, I'll do the talking over this Mexican's grave myself." Tede wanted to stop in town and send telegrams "all over the world" in an effort to locate relatives of Besente, but we talked him out of this, as it was getting a little dark and we were anxious to get Besente buried before it got too dark.

On Tede's first trip to town for help, he had hired two of Besente's countrymen to dig a grave, so everything was in readiness for us to lay him away. Bert and I took the casket from the hack and prepared to lower it into the grave. The Judge was getting ready to say the sad rites, and Tede was tuning up to sing a solo. The Judge started to take



Home of J.Q. Adams - 1891, corner of Oak and Water where the Methodist Church is faced on Oak St.

his place at the head of the grave, but lost his balance, some way, for some reason, and fell into the grave, clinging with all his strength to the edge to keep from going on down and yelling to us not to cover him up. Bert and I dragged the Judge out and placed him at the head of the grave. By this time Tede was in tune (or out) and started singing the middle verse of "Nearer My God to Thee." We let him sing a few stanzas, then asked him to stop so that the Judge might make his talk. Tede didn't want to stop singing. Said he would like to sing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," as that was a favorite of poor old Besente's; but the Judge wanted to talk, so we quieted Tede.

As near as I can remember, this is what the Judge said:

"We have gathered together here to perform the last sad rites of a fellow man. We cannot understand why God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst so noble a character as poor old Besente. It pains me beyond measure to look down upon the still, sad face of one so beloved by all." At this point Tede insisted upon telling what a good and noble man Besente was, and how he was loved by all who knew him. He compared him with Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. He was strictly honest, had never lost a goat since he had been herding. Here Tede was interrupted by the Judge asking for another drink. The Judge took another one and said: "We return this soul to the

earth that gave it. Earth to earth, dust to dust, and ashes to ashes, you are burying the best damn goat herder that ever flipped a tortilla."

I read this story and smile. Now we embalm the corpse, it seems like in the "good old days" the friends of the deceased got pickled instead. We know the date. I searched the court death records and it shows that Vicente, age 57, sheep herder, found by Tede Cope died on December 23, 1909 and was buried in the Sonora Cemetery. The death certificate is signed by Judge Woodruff, acting coroner.

B.F. Bellows (6-20-1844-3-19-1924) was a contractor carpenter who doubled as an undertaker in the town. Tede Cope ran the first picture show, owned the first radio in town and everybody came by to listen to it. Mason Rountree died out in Arizona and unfortunately his wife threw out all his silly old stories and correspondence and burned it in a big pile out back the trailer. She was sick of it cluttering up the whole house. I can't help but wonder how much great Sonora history went up in ashes.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, 307 Oak Street, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or send us an e-mail at schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us at 387-5084 on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8 until 11:45 to ask questions or with rental of the grounds questions. Or just stop by the office and we will be glad to help you. Museum tours are conducted on the same days and times.

WEDDING

Lindsey Bowers bride-elect of Colt Williams

TEAM GRAPHICS 208 E. Main • 387-5017

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Ashley Henson nee T.J. Harris

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Joint committee to iron out state budget

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Big power comes in small numbers in the Legislature.

In case you skipped civics the day the teacher wrote the number of state representatives and senators on the blackboard, the figure is 181 -- 31 senators and 150 representatives. District boundaries change every decade with the latest census data, but the size of Texas' legislative body does not.

The political power of these lawmakers hinges on party affiliation, seniority, savvy and support, but 10 of them have now been conferred with extra clout. The power upgrade comes with appointment to the joint conference committee that will have to work out the differences between the House and Senate's take on the state budget.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has appointed Senators Kip Averitt (R-Waco), Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), Steve Ogden (R-College Station), John Whitmire (D-Houston) and Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) to the committee.

Appointed by House Speaker Tom Craddick are Representatives Dan Gattis (R-Georgetown), Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham), Vilma Luna (D-Corpus Christi), Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) and Sylvester Turner (D-Houston.)

Forewarned, forearmed... According to the Department of Public Safety, which runs the state's concealed handgun licensing program, 30 members of the Legislature are among Texas' 230,000 licensed gun toters.

Most of the legislative pistol packers are members of the House (26) and the GOP (21) and most are male (25.) The joint conference committee that will wrestle with the state's multi-billion dollar budget has only one licensed handgun carrier, Rep. Gattis.

Another of the handgun

license holders is Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (R-Lampasas), author of a bill that would prohibit the DPS from releasing the names of those who can pack concealed heat legally. The measure has passed the House and now is in the Senate.

The list of legislative pistoleros does not include Rep. Fred Hill (R-Richardson). That may explain his recent analogy, one of the more colorful quotes from the floor so far this session: "The time to kill a snake is when you've got the hoe in your hand."

Pricey pride...
Approved April 20 by voice vote, House Bill 137 by Rep. Ken Paxton (R-McKinney) would add the words "Proud to be the Home of President George W. Bush" to the 66 "Welcome to Texas" signs on highways leading into the state.

As introduced, the bill only required an addition to existing signs, but as amended, the bill also provides that the signs be changed in 2009 when the

nation will have a new president. The new text, which would require new signs, would say: "Welcome to Texas - Proud to be the Home of Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush."

The Texas Department of Transportation had not yet released the cost for the new signs that would have to be added after Bush's term ends.

The Senate received the bill April 22 and referred it to the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee.

Water tax down the drain...

The drain plug's been pulled on a proposal by Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) to tax retail water consumption exceeding 5,000 gallons a month.

Minus the tax provision, Armbrister's water use planning bill flowed freely from the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 21, ready for floor consideration.

ANNIVERSARY SALE

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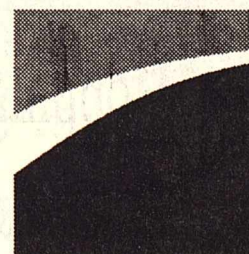
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\$75 / month
(Additional children \$5 / month)

Legal dependents under age 16 may utilize specific areas and programs while parent or guardian is at the Health & Wellness Center.

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Senior citizen (60 & Over), corporate, and pre-pay discounts available.

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To find out more or reserve your membership, call: 387-2348

Chamber Chatter



by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

Well it looks like the whole town of Sonora is getting ready for another big week-end. This coming weekend of April 30th and May 1st brings the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Sutton County Car Expo and the AJRA Rodeo. We will have many out of town visitors this weekend so please help us welcome them with open arms!

The Sutton County Park is going to be filled with more wonderful food and shopping than ever before for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration & Sutton County Car Expo. This is a list of just some of the wonderful food: fajitas, hamburgers, brisket burritos, shrimp cocktails, barbeque on a bun, car-ruchas, roasted corn, tripas, carne asada, tortas, snow cones, tacos tapatillos, lemonade, water, soft drinks, paletas, curly fries, elephant ears, corn dogs, hot dogs, nachos, frito pie, popcorn, pickles, tamales, ice cream, corn in a cup, fruit cups, menudo, guizo, pecan candy, cupcakes, Mexican candy, cobbler, and pineapple drinks. There will also be food booths setting up early both mornings to sell breakfast tacos, doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. We will have to diet all week to be able to enjoy all this wonderful food. The food booths will be set up both Saturday and Sunday as will the retail booths.

There will be retail booths selling pottery, handmade crosses, jewelry, gifts, decals & window

stickers, windchimes, bird feeders, rain gauges, hair accessories, neck coolers, novelties, cell phones and service, hats, caps, purses, sunglasses, t-shirts, wind spinners, and angels as well as toys, sportcards, and games for the children. Rides will include a giant slide, an inflatable obstacle course, inflatable jumping games, plinko game, and rock wall climbing. There is something for all age groups and all tastes. This is truly a family event.

Don't forget the Cinco de Mayo Parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Sonora and concluding at the Sutton County Park. There will also be another parade after dark on Saturday night. It will begin at the Sutton County Park and proceed down Crockett to Main Street and back again. This evening parade is something to behold and is called a Sonic Cruise Night. All the vehicles that are equipped with specially designed decorative lighting will be participating in this colorful spectacle.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce is proud to be only one of the many sponsors for this event and we would like to give our appreciation to all the other sponsors and to the hosts of these events. A special thank you to St. Ann's Catholic Church and Lino's Custom Stereos. Lino & Pat Villanueva, Jo Ann & George Hernandez, Juanita & Ramon Estrada, Mike Villanueva and many others have worked very hard to bring a top quality event like this one to Sonora and we are grateful.

Happy Birthday

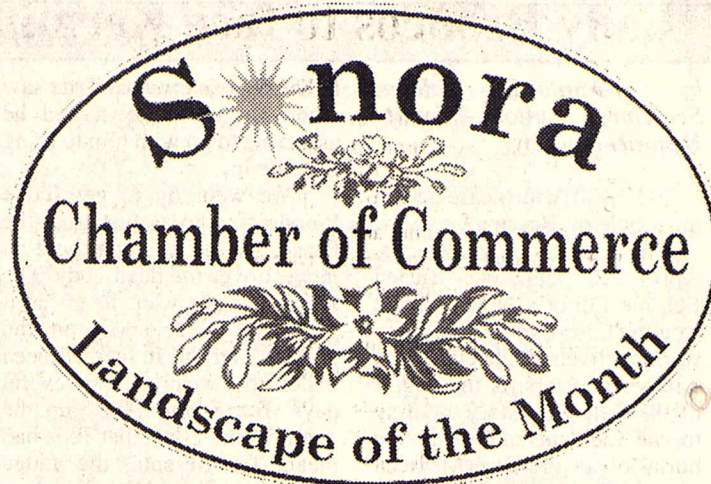
April 27
Lou Chavez, Melinda Patlan, Tanner Esparza, Melissa Acosta, Roxanne Talamantez, Michelle Weingart, Theresa Duran, Mona Prieto

April 28
Calli Keener, Meredith Earwood, Storie Sharp, Tom Lock, Joe Michael Jr. Debra Martinez, Kameryn O'Brien, Hector Menedez

April 29
Max Reyes, Candise Patlan, Jacob Narciso Lira, Chang Hernandez, Eric L. Geske, Abel McGee

April 30
Andy Galindo, Oscar Chavez Jr., Darin Jackson, Kasey Kearney, Kash McGee, Timmy McDonald, Geneva McGee

May 1
Drew Buitron, Christine Huber, Cody Eoff, Jamie Teasley, Chris Martin, Greg Hill, Grace Ramsey



Chamber of Commerce Introduces New Program

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce "Beach Party" Awards Banquet was an evening of honoring some of Sonora's hard workers and stand-out citizens. It also was an opportunity for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to introduce a new program that the COC Board of Directors has chosen to implement this year.

Under the direction of board member, Susan Hall, the Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the implementation of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Landscape of the Month.

Any chamber member can nominate a member for this monthly award.

This member of the chamber will have made investments to enhance their business for beautification and service to the community.

The decision is based on either landscaping, and/or remodeling of the building; anything that has enhanced the members business benefitting the community.

May 2
Oda Mae Spring, Chris Martin, Libby Torres

May 3
Clayton Sahr, Leanna Cervantez, Phillip Stephens, Lisa Paredes

May 4
Keeley Moore

May 5
Michael Chavez, Hillary Lawson, Luis Lira, Jalen Lopez, Yvonne Reyna, Herman Perez

May 6
Peter Duran, William Renfro, Stephanie Mercado, Trini Sentena, Darby Ramsdell, Skylar Mogford, Bill Renfro, Fernie Aguirre, Jessica Zaragoza

A committee put together by the COC Board of Directors will make the decision for the monthly award. The beautification Committee has been set at the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Ruthie Bounds; Sutton County Extension Agent, Pasqual Hernandez, and Chamber Board member, Susan Hall.

Each recipient of the Landscape of the Month award will be announced in The Devil's River News, a sign will be placed at their location to display and a plaque will be presented for them to keep.

At next year's annual awards banquet, all 12 of the year's winners will be acknowledged, with one overall Beautification Award and Plaque that will be displayed at the Chamber office.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to implementing this program and looks forward to the benefits that are sure to come from this project.

Main Street Traffic

Sonora Main Street Program Update

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager
The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to all the folks that have come out to welcome our soldiers home these last three weeks. We have had lots of welcome home hugs and wishes at the Old Oak Tree.

We were happy to receive four more dresses, some hats, and shirts for the Tea Cup and Postcard Romance Exhibit which will open May 5, 2005, at the Bank & Trust.

The Bank & Trust will be hosting a reception at the bank on May 5, 2005 starting at 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the Grand Celebration of the completion of the Banks Remodeling. We invite you to share your favorite fashion or tea cup from the past to be in the exhibit. You may call the office at the Mercantile Building (232 Main Street, suite 101) 325-387-2248.

Last weekend we had a two-man and a lady golf tournament and there were lots of out of town guest at our golf course. The weekend of April 2nd tournament had 120 golfers and many guests. The up-coming tournament will be on May 14, 2005 a Two-Lady Shot tournament. We are also having a Scholarship 3, 4, or 5 person tournament on April 30, 2005. If you haven't visited our wonderful Sonora Golf Course you need to stop in and take tour.

We are proud to welcome to town the AJRA Rodeo on April 30, 2005 and May 1, 2005. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program will be one of the sponsors of the AJRA Rodeo this weekend and we invite you to come out and enjoy the rodeo.

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FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 2,100,358.76	\$ 2,017,274.72		\$ 83,084.04	\$ 3,359,315.66
FMC	\$ 80,194.42	\$ 485,808.44		\$ 235,467.84	\$ 330,535.09
Fuel Control	\$ 24,281.40				\$ 24,281.40
Law Library	\$ 6,972.43	\$ 856.89		\$ 1,912.00	\$ 6,817.32
Internal Road	\$ 12,508.10			\$ 7,727.32	\$ 9,780.78
State Bond Fees	\$ 1,277.00	\$ 1,065.00		\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,137.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 187,434.17			\$ 7,437.00	\$ 179,997.17
Sutton County 911	\$ 7,493.48	\$ 1,729.85		\$ 1,715.15	\$ 7,499.18
Appellate Fund	\$ 155.23	\$ 267.30			\$ 422.53
Sheriff's Security Fund	\$ 483,139.96	\$ 20.94		\$ 7,477.00	\$ 475,643.90
Continuance Renewal	\$ 24,807.75	\$ 697,678.55		\$ 496,522.66	\$ 276,053.68
					TOTAL \$ 4,621,528.71
CHECKING ACCOUNTS					
Continuance Renewal	\$ 226,053.68	FMC	\$ 110,666.00	General	\$ 171,633.45
Appellate Fund	\$ 427.53	Sutton County 911	\$ 7,499.18	Sheriff's Security	\$ 25,683.90
Money Market Accounts	(General)	\$ 1,009,700.00	FMC Fund	\$ 219,869.09	\$ 2,129,569.97
CD Accounts	(General)	\$ 1,500,000.00			\$ 1,950,000.00
	(Security)	\$ 450,000.00			
					TOTAL \$ 4,621,528.71

Lady Broncos to face Kermit

by Tryon Fields

With a second place finish in District 2-2A, the Lady Broncos will play the third place finisher out of District 1-1A Kermit for Bi-District. At press time, time and place had not been decided. The game will probably take place on Thursday.

A lack of timely hitting resulted in the Lady Broncos losing their second district ball game. This loss came on Tuesday against the Lady Hawks from Wall. Wall will represent District 2-2A as the district champions. Neither team hit the ball. Both pitching staffs did an excellent job; as Wall had three hits and Sonora had four.

The difference being a lead-off walk issued in the top of the fourth inning, a fielders choice and a double by the Wall batters to score their two runs.

The only time the Lady Broncos threatened the Lady Hawks was in the bottom of the seventh when Meghan Krieg reached on an error and Kimble Luna singled to advance Krieg to second. Krieg then stole third and on a throwing error by the pitcher scored the only Lady Bronco run. Luna was stranded at third to end the game.

The pitching duo of Meghan Krieg and Heather Hughes recorded 12 strike outs between them (Krieg 9, Hughes 3) while giving up the 3 hits and two walks.

Defensively, Sonora could not have played any better. Infield fielding by Jaimee Duran, Heather Hughes, Brandy Neff, Meghan Krieg, and another runner caught trying to steal a base by catcher

Kimble Luna and short stop Kayla Fields kept the Lady Hawks out of scoring position.

On Friday, Sonora closed out district play in Ozona. After a slow start the Lady Broncos pounded out twelve hits and scored 12 runs to defeat the Lady Lions by a score of 12 to 0. Once again, Meghan Krieg and Heather Hughes split the pitching duties with Krieg facing 9 batters and striking out all 9. Hughes would face 6 batters striking out 4 of them. Defensive plays by Kimble Luna and Jaimee Duran would help Krieg and Hughes reach their perfect game.

At the plate Sonora was led by Jennifer Burton, Meghan Krieg and Kimble Luna who all would have a 2 for 3 day. Krieg would also draw a walk and 2 RBI's while Luna would walk once. She and Burton would each have an RBI. Madeline Higdon, Brandy Neff, Desiree Alvarado, Adriana Castillo and Jaimee Duran would each have a single. Heather Hughes would round out the hitting with a triple.

The Lady Broncos take an 18-6 and 1 over-all record as well as a 8-2 district record into the play offs. With the excellent pitching and superb defensive play, all the Lady Broncos need to do is come out of their hitting slump. There is no telling how far this team can go.

Just remember Lady Broncos; You must take each game, one at a time, keep your chin up, and the sky is the limit!

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAY-OFFS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The District 2-AA Results from April 14, 2005

J.V. Boys finished 3rd overall, with 110 points behind Wall with 147 points and Mason with 123 1/2. Finishing behind Sonora were Ozona with 85, Grape Creek with 63 1/2, Reagan County with 47, Junction 39 and Eldorado 2.

Shot Put: 1. Zadrion McGee - 38'

Discus: Travis Valliant - 109'2"

Long Jump: 6. Alonzo Pena - 17'

Triple Jump: 6. Alonzo Pena - 33'10"

High Jump: 2. Jordan Isenhour - 5'4"

Pole Vault: 2. Colton Moore - 10'

3200m Run: 5. Zenon Acosta - 13:30.8

400m Relay: 3. Felipe Silva, Carlos Aparicio, Alonzo Pena, Jordan Isenhour

800m Run: 3. Colton Moore - 2:19.6

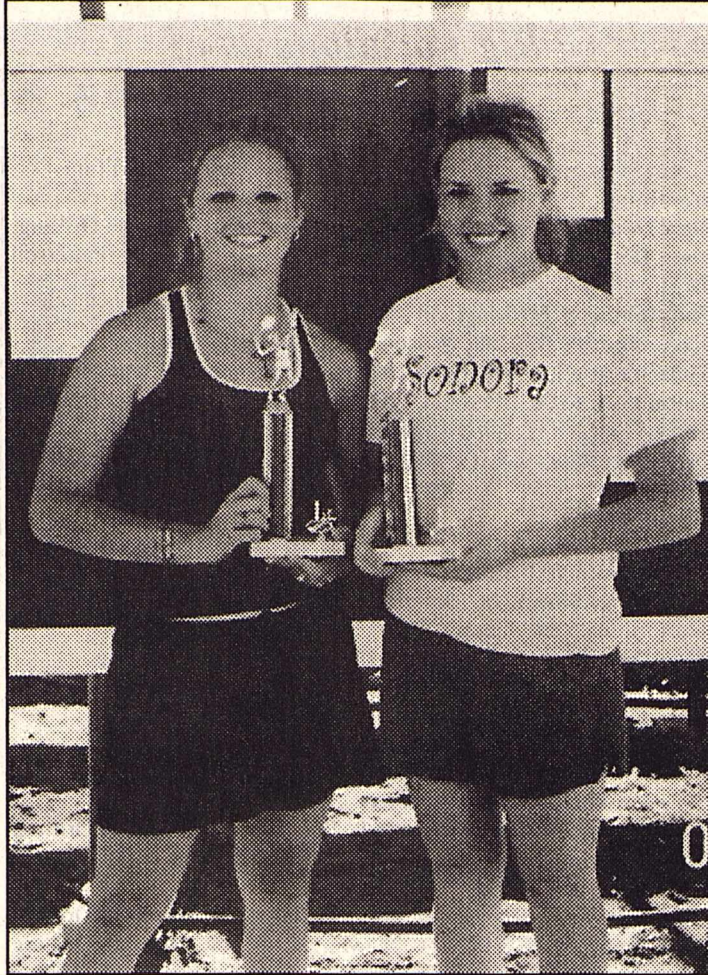
100m Dash: 5. Alonzo Pena - 11.9

200m Dash: 3. Carlos Aparicio - 24.71

1600m Run: 3. Filemon Garza - 5:30.6

1600m Relay: 4. Felipe Silva, Jordan Isenhour, Jose Casillas, Travis Valliant - 3:59.6

800m Relay: 1. Felipe Silva, Carlos Aparicio, Alonzo Pena - 1:40.2



Hedgecock, Word take first at Mason Invitational

Cerisa Hedgecock & Amanda Word took first place at the Mason Invitational Tennis Tournament March 31 and April 2. (6-3, 6-2) (6-1,6-2) (2-6, 6-3, 6-2) (6-0, 6-)

Lady Broncos	Sonora 2, Wall 1	R	H	E
Score	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	0	0	0
Sonora	0 0 0 2 0 0 0	2	4	0
Wall	0 0 0 0 0 0 1	1	5	1

Sonora	AB	R	H	RBI
#6 Fields, K., SS	3	0	0	0
#4 Duran, J., 2B	3	0	0	0
#10 Krieg, M., 1B	3	1	2	0
#1 Luna, K., C	3	0	1	0
#7 Hughes, H., P	3	0	0	0
#11 Neff, B., 3B	3	0	0	0
#9 Burton, J., CF	2	0	1	0
#25 Castillo, A., DH	2	0	0	0
#18 Word, A., LF	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	4	0

Sonora	AB	R	H	RBI
#6 Fields, K., CF	1	1	0	2
#4 Duran, J., 2B	3	0	1	1
#10 Krieg, M., P	3	3	2	2
#1 Luna, K., C	3	2	2	1
#7 Hughes, H., SS	4	2	3	1
#11 Neff, B., 3B	3	1	1	0
#9 Burton, J., CF	2	0	0	0
#25 Castillo, A., DH	3	0	2	1
#18 Word, A., CF1	1	0	0	0
#13 Higdon, M., LF	1	1	1	0
#8 Martin, L., LF	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	13	14	10

Bronco Stats	Sonora 3, Mason 2	R	H	E
Score	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	0	2	9
Mason	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2	9	1
Sonora	0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	3	10	0

Sonora	AB	R	H	RBI
#6 Longoria, A., SS	4	0	1	0
#4 Trevino, L., RF	5	2	4	0
#2 Cearley, C., C	4	0	1	0
#8 Traylor, N., CR	0	1	0	0
#34 Smith, E., 1B	5	0	2	2
#44 Gonzalez, DH	4	0	1	0
#9 Duhon, S., LF-CF	3	0	1	0
#5 Perez, C., 2B	3	0	0	0
#15 Watkins, G., 2B	1	0	0	0
#1 Creek, D., P	3	0	0	0
#3 Parker, C., P	1	0	0	0
#7 Cardona, D., CF-LF	2	0	0	0
#22 Payton, B., LF	0	0	0	0
#16 Solis, R., 3B	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	10	2

E: #11 Balderas 2B: #4 Mcleod 2 3B: #9 Steven Duhon SB-ATT: #9 Ramirez (1-1), #13 Henrich (1-1), #4 Trevino (2-2), #8 Traylor (1-1), #9 Duhon (2-2), #7 Cardona (0-2), #34 Smith (1-1), #6 Longoria (1-2)

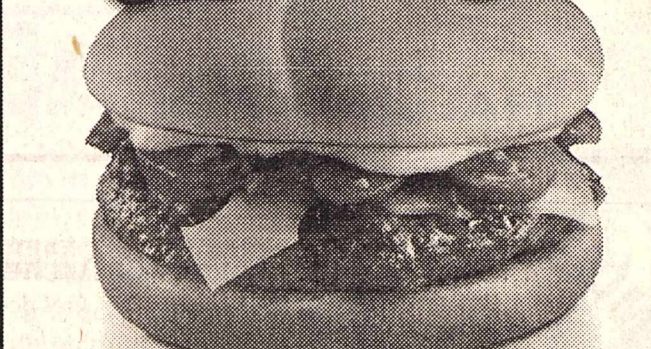
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Caruthers sets pole vault record, Berry wins triple jump

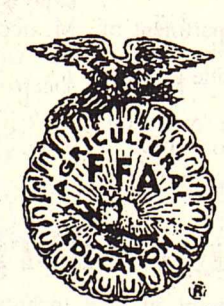
The Sonora High School girls regional qualifiers traveled to Roscoe, Texas last Friday, April 22, 2005, where senior Courtney Caruthers won the gold and set the meet record with a 10' vault! Freshman Kelsey Watkins also participated in the pole vault, finishing 5th with an 8' vault. Mandy Brister was 6th with a 7' vault.

Amanda Berry a sophomore, won the gold in the triple jump, with a jump of 34'8". Amanda also had a personal record in the long jump at 16'8" and placed sixth. Lauren Smith,

a junior, had a personal record of 16' in the long jump to finish 2nd.

These four girls will be competing in the Region IAA track meet in Abilene on April 29th and 30th. Erica Hernandez finished 5th in the 440m Run with 1:07.60, followed by Jessica Chavez at 6th with a 1:11.19. Kyla Turney was 2nd in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 49.22. Amanda Berry was 4th in the 200m Dash with a time of 27.30. Chantel Arispe was 4th in the Discus with a throw of 96'1 1/2"

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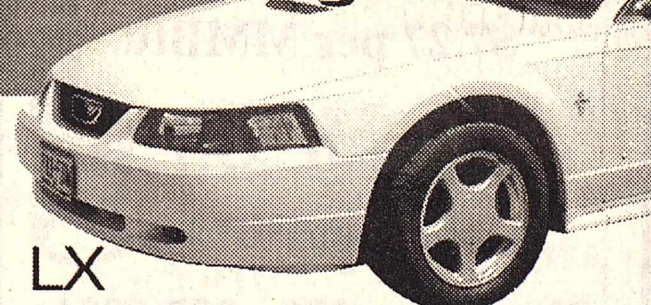
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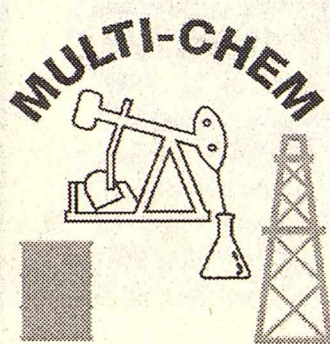
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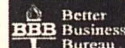
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Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic Set for May 5 in Brownwood

by Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu

BROWNWOOD – Texas Cooperative Extension's 27th annual "Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic" is set for May 5 in the Brown County Fairgrounds Home Economics Building. The facility is located on U.S. Highway 377 South.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program starts at 9 a.m. "The Cow/Calf Clinic is designed for anyone with an interest in beef cattle production," said Scott Anderson, Extension agent in Brown County.

"Each year we work hard to produce a program that is of practical use to cattle producers," he said. "Cattle are actually worth something now, so we will discuss some ways area

ranchers can make a bit more money from their cattle."

Topics of discussion will include: livestock theft prevention, native forage restoration, cattle insect pests, cattle market update and where to put dollars in the cattle business.

The clinic is sponsored by the Extension offices in Brown, Mills, San Saba, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Callahan and McCulloch counties.

Individual registration is \$5 at the door. The fee covers a catered lunch.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for pesticide applicators will be offered.

For further information, contact the Extension office in Brown County at (325) 646-0386.



by Congressman
Henry Bonilla

It seems everyone has been talking lately about the energy problems our nation is facing. Every time we head for the gas station or listen to the evening news we're faced with one very certain reality: we have a problem and we need to get to work on a solution.

Our nation's energy problem has been with us for quite some time. This week the House of Representatives passed an important bill that will provide a commonsense balance of increased energy

production and attention to environmental matters. It is a clear and comprehensive plan, but most importantly it is achievable.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 focuses on energy security, stewardship, and independence. It relies on advancing initiatives that speed the development and marketing of renewable and energy efficient technologies, infrastructure, and products. Specifics of the legislation include: improving our nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability; promoting a cleaner environment; promoting clean coal technologies; and providing

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Creep Feeding Kid Goats



submitted by **Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County**

To creep feed or not to creep feed? Creep feeding is a means of providing supplemental feed for nursing kids. It is an essential component of an accelerated kidding and/or early weaning management program. Advantages of creep feeding include:

1. It increases preweaning weight gain, especially for kids reared as a twin or triplet. In the competitive marketing environment for marketing show wethers some degree of creep feeding is almost as essential.

2. The conversion of creep feed to body weight gain is a very efficient process. Creep fed kids will have a greater weight per day of age.

3. Kids will reach a target market weight and can be marketed at a younger age. For spring-born kids, avoiding the heat of the summer and large market runs may have a positive effect on net profit.

4. Creep feeding reduces the stress associated with weaning. Potential breeding animals and show wether prospects make the transition from milk to a dry much smoother if creep fed prior to weaning.

However, there are other factors to consider. These include:

1. Kids that are creep fed seldom forget what a creep feeder is. If those kids are kept as breeding animals, they sometimes can be a challenge to keep out of a creep feeder.

2. Producers must be conscious of cost of gain. Relatively inexpensive feed and a strong goat market equate to a positive return on the creep feed dollars invested. Feed conversions should be in the 5:1 or less range (1lb gain per 5lb feed consumed.)

3. Be aware of market conditions and weaning weights. In Texas, kids weighing in excess of 80 lbs. are discriminated (price) against by slaughter goat buyers.

4. Creep feeding does not facilitate increased stocking rates. Providing creep to nursing kids has minimal effect on the nutrient requirements of forage intake of lactating does. Kids begin to nibble at feed and hay very early. Some kids may have a functional rumen and be "chewing their cud" by two weeks of age. Therefore, if maximum growth is expected, creep should be available by the time kids are 3-5 weeks old. Creep consumption will be minimal until kids are 8-10 weeks of age.

For additional information on creep feeding goats, visit the Sutton County website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>

Click on "Publications" then "Goats".

North American Hair Sheep Symposium Slated for Oct 6-8 in San Angelo

Writer: Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu

SAN ANGELO – October is months away, but it's not too early to mark your calendars for the North American Hair Sheep Symposium slated for Oct. 7-8 in San Angelo's Spur Arena.

The symposium will be sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University and the Texas Hair Sheep Association.

Registration and commercial exhibitors' set-up starts at 9 a.m. Oct. 6.

"The symposium will target the first-time sheep producer," said Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo and the event's coordinator. "This symposium is for the lay person with little or no sheep-raising knowledge."

The first day will start with a history of the more popular breeds in the U.S. and how they might fit into an operation.

The second day's morning session will be devoted to marketing issues such as buying and selling hair sheep, carcass data, eating qualities and the hide market. The afternoon session will concentrate on general production and budgets.

The final day will deal with selecting a breed and individual animals for breeding stock.

Speakers will include U.S. experts as well as speakers from Mexico and Canada, two countries with a large number of hair sheep. Each session will end

with a question-and-answer speakers' panel.

The symposium will end at noon, Oct. 8 and be followed at 1 p.m. by a hair sheep sale sponsored by the Texas Hair Sheep Association.

"Interest is high in hair sheep production," Craddock said. "Hair sheep are easy to care for. They don't need shearing and since many originated in the tropics, they are more parasite resistant than our traditional breeds. They're appearing in areas where sheep production was unheard of in the past due to internal parasite problems. They also fit the small landowner looking for a low-maintenance livestock species to qualify his property for an agricultural tax exemption."

"Those thinking seriously about entering this growing agricultural segment should make a point to be here in October to learn from the experts."

Commercial exhibit booth space is available at \$200 per booth. Symposium sponsorships are \$100.

Individual registration is \$150 plus \$50 for each additional adult family member. Children 18 and younger can attend for free. The fee covers a complete proceedings CD-ROM and two meals.

Registration deadline is Sept. 15. A spouses' tour is planned for those not attending the symposium.

For more information, contact Craddock at (325) 653-4576.

A Sound Energy Policy

incentives for renewable energies.

I believe a huge answer to our energy crisis is lessening our dependence on foreign oil. The bill will also decrease American's dangerous dependence on foreign oil by increasing domestic exploration and development on non-park federal lands and by authorizing expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to 1 billion barrels. More than 30-years ago OPEC's oil embargo rattled our economy and triggered mile-long lines at gas pumps. Back then, America was 30 percent dependent on foreign oil. Today, we are nearly 60-percent dependent.

As we prepare for the summer season with air conditioning and more vacation driving, we need to pay serious attention to our energy policy and make some substantial changes. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 is a step in the right direction.

Solving our energy problems will be a long journey, but the future will be a lot brighter if we get started now. We have the ability to diminish America's dependence of foreign energy. It is time that we do the right thing—for our children and for the future.

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The bids will be for the 2005-2006 school year. Bid forms are available at the school Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Sealed bids are due at the above address by 3:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 14, 2005. Please mark bid envelope "Food Service Products Bid."
The district has the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Public Notices

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for part-time positions intended for students. The positions consist of maintenance for the Cemetery, Park, Courthouse, and Road & Bridge Departments. There will be one clerical position at the J.P./Auditor's office. Applications for the positions mentioned above may be obtained at the Auditor's office and must be returned by May 20, 2005.
The library will be taking applications for two part-time positions for their summer reading program. Applications for these positions "ONLY" may be obtained at the library.
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2005 Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidates



Julie Nicole Villanueva, a junior at S.H.S., is the 17-year-old daughter of Harvey and Wilma Villanueva. Julie is active in PALS, NHS, and is Jr. Class Treasurer. She is involved in her church youth group, helps out at the annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch, and helps to raise funds for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Julie plans on going to college to study pediatrics.



Kristina Hernandez, a junior at S.H.S., is the 17-year-old daughter of Eloisa and Isabel Hernandez. Kristina is a varsity cheerleader and a varsity basketball player. She is active in NHS, PALS and UIL. In her spare time, Kristina enjoys being with her friends and family, playing basketball, cruising the tow, talking on the phone, chatting on the computer, sleeping eating and just being silly with the girls.



Christine Sanchez, a junior at S.H.S., is the daughter of Mike and Tommie Sanchez. She has one brother, Mikey. Christine is active in FFA, Basketball, golf, softball and the Spirit Crew. Christine was chosen for "Who's Who" for three years, achieved perfect attendance and made the honor roll. Her interests and hobbies are playing sports, hanging out with friends, and spending time with family. She also is part of extracurricular youth groups. Christine plans to go to college to be a lab technician.

F.Y.I.
 Pack 19 will be having the end of year graduation for the Cub Scouts on Sunday, May 1, 2005. The graduation will be held at the amphitheater behind the depot starting at 3:00 p.m. All Tigers, Bears, Wolves, and Webelos are invited along with their parents and relatives. Please come and support the Sonora Cub Scouts

Would you like to start a business but don't know where to begin? The Angelo State University - Small Business Development Center is presenting a FREE seminar titled, "The Essentials of Starting a New Business." This session will cover the requirements of owning a business and the resources available to small businesses. Topics include:
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 * Profitability assessment
 * Financing assessment
 * Choosing a form of organization
 * Naming your business
 Ms. Lisa Michalewicz of the SBDC will be speaking at this seminar.
 The Start Up seminar will be held on Thursday, May 5th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Room 100 (Conference Room). This seminar is Free!
 Please call (325) 942-2098 to register.

Château Studio Art Exhibit, Thursday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., 302 S. Water Ave.

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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. At this time, orders for Project Graduation T-shirts are being taken. Shirts can be ordered until May 1, 2005 at a cost of \$12.00 (payment due at the time of order). If you would like to order a shirt, contact Kay Friess at the Sonora High School or order at Team Graphics.

The Dominion Relay for Life team, "Vanessa's Guys & Terry's Gals" will be holding a Fish Fry on May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Park. The event is being held by National Oilwell, Cactus Flow, HEEP Equipment, Weatherford, Crume Sales, and RJ Sales. Come out for fish, fries and fun, with all proceeds going to the ACS Relay for Life. Tickets may be purchased, \$6 or \$10 for 2, from Dominion team members or for more information call 387-3588 or National Oilwell at 387-6567, or go by the office on Hwy 277 S.

The First National Bank Relay for Life Team will be selling water, pickles and popcorn at the Cinco de Mayo celebration on April 30, 2005 at the Sutton County Park to raise money for the 2005 Relay for Life.

AJRA Rodeo - On April 30 & May 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Sutton County 4-H Club will be hosting a junior rodeo. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the Sutton County 4-H Scholarship Fund. Please call in to sign up for working the concession stand and helping with the event, 387-3101.

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

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

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

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